

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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“My Lord and My God”

PARISH MINISTRIES & TEAM LEADS

Altar Servers	Inuka Mamuhewa
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Ushers	John Yu
Legion of Mary Sr.	Seth Bueler
Legion of Mary Jr.	Winnie Thien
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee
Liturgical Music	Christopher/Kevin Ku
Cantor	Ryan Wong
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Pastor: Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Parish Manager: Jackie Mackenzie
Parish Staff: Maureen Daunt
Geraldine Rocha
Retired Priest in Residence: Fr. Patrick Gnanapragasam

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday : 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday: 10:00 am. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday: 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Fridays after the 12:10 Mass to 7:00 Evening Mass.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays with evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the priest.

CONFESSIONS

20 Minutes before all Masses on weekdays and Saturdays.

MARRIAGES

An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the priest.
One year advanced planning is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Families should notify the Parish Office in the event of serious illness.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Benedict 905-475-9646
St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225
www.ycdsb.ca

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday January 12 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Marylou Papa

Monday January 12 7:00 p.m.
+Giovanni Mike Robinson
(Allan Dinglasan)

Tuesday January 13 12:10 p.m.
+Father William Breen
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Tuesday January 13 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving for
Sarmiran and Renisha

Wednesday January 14 12:10 p.m.
+Anna Starkiewicz
(Family)

Wednesday January 14 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Margaret Tse (Jefferson Tse)

Thursday January 15 12:10 p.m.
+Cynthia Acayan (Family)

Thursday January 15 7:00 p.m.
+Tony Pinto (Family)

Friday January 16 12:10 p.m.
+Nick and Catherine D'Alessandro
(Family)

Friday January 16 7:00 p.m.
+Sherwin Christopher Digue
(Fernandes Family)

Saturday January 17 9:00 a.m.
+Kelvin Ramatour
(Family)

Saturday January 17 5:00 p.m.
+Beryl Rebeiro
(Atkins Family)

Sunday January 18 8:00 a.m.
+Humphrey Ho-Koon
(Family)

Sunday January 18 10:00 a.m.
Intentions of Jean Philippe, Virginie and Selina
Chan-Yan-Fong and Family

Sunday January 18 12:00 p.m.
+Bill Ladd
(Family)

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

*Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan
to be baptized by him.*

*John tried to prevent him, saying,
"I need to be baptized by you,
and yet you are coming to me?"*

*Jesus said to him in reply,
"Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us
to fulfill all righteousness."*

Then he allowed him.

*After Jesus was baptized,
he came up from the water and behold,
the heavens were opened for him,*

*and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a
dove*

and coming upon him.

*And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased."*

- Matthew 3:13-17



MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS



Red Lamps beside the Tabernacle in
the Sanctuary are lit for a week in
memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please
contact the **Parish Office** for more details.



Memorial Lamp Intentions for this Week

Jan 2nd – Jan 8th

For Repose of the Souls of

**Stanislaus Ignatius Gomes, Mary Hermelinda Gonsalves
Gomes, Jozef & Regina Miszuk, Chester & Henrietta
Miszuk.**

For the Special intentions of,
Andy Pucyk

Requested by the
Pucyk Family

In Memoriam:

Let us pray for our departed loved ones and for those who
have no one to pray for them.

Let us pray for the sick and those in Care Homes or Hospitals.

Nicholas Marshall, Lynn Demers, Grace Li, William Lee Ah-
Chong, Deacon Everis Munroe, Linda Sanguinetti, Cecile
Isaacs-Garel, Andy Pucyk, Mary Josephine Albert, Dennis
Remedios, Eva Lemanac, Conrad Poon, Mary Mangaleswaran,
Yvonne Lamanna & Joe Agosta.

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed
yourselves with Christ."
- Galatians 3:27

January 11, 2026

AT OUR PARISH

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Spring 2026 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Families are asked to register by scanning the QR code provided. **A mandatory parent information meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, following the 7:00pm Mass.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Families wishing for their child to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at St. Thomas the Apostle Church are invited to participate, as the celebrations will take place in Spring 2026. Registration is required via the QR code provided. **A mandatory parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 7:30 pm in the Church.**



2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

You are welcome to pick up your **2026 offertory envelopes** at the side table near the entrance of the church. Please discard any unused **2025 envelopes**. If you receive an **unlabeled envelope** from the Parish Office, kindly print your **full name, address, and phone number** on the envelope during your first few donations. Parishioners wishing to begin using the envelope system may obtain new boxes from the **Parish Office**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE



Rosary Apostolate is seeking volunteers to send the message of the Rosary to children in the schools under our parish.

For more details contact:

Catalina Nicolas at 416 6488905
Rosalia Di Blasi at 416 414 1324

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your parish

FROM OUR PASTOR.....

A Landmark Year in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of our Parish Church

1986-2026

On November 30, 2025, we inaugurated with a Solemn High Mass the **FOURTIETH YEAR** of the dedication of our Parish. It's important that we travel back along the memory lane to recapture the original vision, hope and expectation of the Pastor and the congregation who came together to lay the foundation for this great community in the Northeastern portals of the city of Markham. In this column I shall try to paint in broad strokes some of the glimpses of the past that would serve to enlighten our present spiritual pilgrimage and so enable us to travel enthusiastically into the future. According to available historical records "The Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, Markham, was established by His Eminence, Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter, Archbishop of Toronto, on January 6, 1982. Fr. Siro Lunardon was appointed the founding Pastor, he celebrated the First Mass on January 13, 1982, in the Chapel of the Sisters of St. Mary Leuca and the first Sunday Mass on January 17 in the gymnasium of Mother Teresa Catholic School. More pieces of history later....

Fr. A. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Pastor



Pic #1 Artist drawing of the church. Pic #2: plain ground before building.

26th ANNUAL MISA DE GALLO (Simbang Gabi)



We thank those members of our Parish community who fervently and devotedly organized the nine-day Simbang Gabi Novena with the active presence and support of the daughters of St. Leuca. Our Parish gratefully

acknowledges the generous donation of **\$3,004.00** to our parish. We thank the Lord for the generosity and benevolence of all those who participated and contributed in manifold ways to strengthen our spiritual journey in the Season of Advent. May God Bless us all.