

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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*My Lord and My God*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Father Joseph
Lectors Anna Torres	Ushers John Yu
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto
R.C.I.A.	Juliette Huang
Legion of Mary	Winnie Thien
Legion of MarySr:	Seth Bueler
Men's Group	Lloyd Mascarenhas
Seniors	Les Rodrigues
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Phillip Lee
FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang
Musician/Organist	Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku

**Pastor:** Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan  
**Retired priest in residence:** Fr. Patrick Gnanapragasam

**Parish Manager:** Jackie Mackenzie  
**Parish part time staff:** Maureen Daunt  
Geraldine Rocha

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2 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.

## CONFESSIONS

Before all Masses on weekdays and Saturdays.

## DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays before & after evening Mass.

## BAPTISMS

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

## 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

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### Mass for the Intentions Week

<b>Monday December 29</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
For the People of the Parish	
<b>Monday December 29</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
No Evening Mass	
<b>Tuesday December 30</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
+David Jose (Family)	
<b>Tuesday December 30</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
No Evening Mass	
<b>Wednesday December 31</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Pat Stuart	
<b>Wednesday December 31</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
New Year's Eve – For the People	
<b>Wednesday December 31</b>	<b>11:00 p.m.</b>
New Year's Eve – For the People	
<b>Thursday January 1</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
New Year's Day – For the People	
<b>Thursday January 1</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
New Year's Day – For the People	
<b>Friday January 2</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+John Mackenzie (Jackie Mackenzie)	
<b>Friday January 2</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Vocations to the Priesthood	
<b>Saturday January 3</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Living and deceased Members of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their living and deceased Families (Jackie Mackenzie)	
<b>Saturday January 3</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
For the intentions of Florita Dinglasan (Allan Dinglasan)	
<b>Sunday January 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
For the People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday January 4</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Rex, Margaret, Jefferson and Giovanna Tse	
<b>Sunday January 4</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
+Rosalyn Ver (Ver Family)	

“He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a Nazorean.*”

- Mathew 2:23



*“The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. No one has ever seen God; it is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.”*

— John 1:14-18

### NEW YEAR GREETINGS!



As we welcome the New Year, we give thanks to the Lord for His Goodness and benevolence and the many blessings of the year past. May the days ahead be filled with renewed hope, deepened faith, and the peace that comes from walking in God’s love. May the light of Christ guide and strengthen you and your families throughout the coming year.

**With New Year blessings,**

Rev. A. Joseph Chandrakanthan,

Rev. Patrick Gnanapragasam,

Jackie MacKenzie, Maureen Daunt, Geraldine Rocha & Ian Mamuhewa.



### 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

**Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

**In Loving Memory of,**

**Chevalier Amuthu Adaikalamuthu, and Theresa, Marcelin & daughter Margaret Kanthimathy**

**Requested by**

loving daughters and sons

### *In Memoriam:*

Let us pray for our departed loved ones and for those who have no one to pray for them. Especially Rev. Frank Kelly & Pat Devlin.

### *Let us pray for the ailing 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.

December 28, 2025

## AT OUR PARISH .....

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Confessions 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

#### HOLY MASSES AT

5:00 pm, 11:00 pm (Benediction & Mass will  
Follow)

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS AT

10:00 am  
&  
12:00 pm



### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



The Sacrament of Confirmation  
will be celebrated in Spring  
2026 at St. Thomas the Apostle

Parish. 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 Parish 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.



### 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. With PAG & Donate now,  
Total for December 21<sup>st</sup> is \$ 8,263.00

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



During the Octave of Christmas, we  
celebrate the Feast of the Holy  
Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.  
This feast reminds us that God chose  
to enter the world within the love  
and simplicity of family life. In the  
home of Nazareth, Jesus grew in  
wisdom and grace under the loving  
care of Mary and Joseph, who  
trusted God's will even in times of

uncertainty. The Holy Family is honoured as the model for  
all Christian families, showing us that holiness is nurtured  
when God is placed at the centre of our lives. Through faith,  
mutual love, sacrifice, and obedience, the Holy Family  
reveals how everyday family life can become a path to  
holiness.

**As we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
let us unite our hearts in prayer.**

*Heavenly Father,  
you chose to reveal your Son within the love of a family.  
Through the example of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
teach our families to place you at the centre of our lives.*

*Grant us patience in times of trial,*

*understanding in moments of difficulty,  
and love that reflects your mercy and grace.*

*May our homes be filled with prayer, peace, and unity,  
and may the Holy Family guide and protect all our families.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*



### SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED TO PREPARE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

We are grateful to our Lectors, Altar servers, Ushers,  
Organists, and Cantors as well as to the Daughters of St. Mary  
of Leuca for the beautiful altar decorations, and to all who  
helped decorate the Christmas tree and our Church. Your  
generous service and dedication helped make this Christmas  
season truly prayerful and joyful for our parish community.



### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KOC is continuing to fundraise by  
collecting EMPTIES, such as: Beer cans  
wine bottles, spirits (Vodka, rum  
or Whiskey & etc.) **Drop off location for  
empties downstairs by the kitchen.** All proceeds will go to  
St. Thomas the Apostle & the Charities of KOC.