

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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*“My Lord and My God”*

## PARISH MINISTRIES & TEAM LEADS

Altar Servers	Inuka Mamuhewa
Lectors	Anna Torres
Communion Ministers	Winnie Thien
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
St. Vincent de Paul	905 474 1224 ext. 230

**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.

## CONFESIONS

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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **Mass for the Intentions Week**

<b>Monday January 26</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
Intentions of Melania Szeto	
<b>Monday January 26</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Bernard Benavidez (Family)	
<b>Tuesday January 27</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Maria, Anthony Philip and Florie Anna D'Souza	
<b>Tuesday January 27</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Analicia Pinto (Family)	
<b>Wednesday January 28</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Selvathy John Anthony and Ignatious Junam (Family)	
<b>Wednesday January 28</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Angela Ferri (Family)	
<b>Thursday January 29</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Maisie, Charles and Trevor Daunt (Family)	
<b>Thursday January 29</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Loretta D'Sylva (Family)	
<b>Friday January 30</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family	
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family (Family)	
<b>Friday January 30</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Thanksgiving – Mendumeto and Martinez Family	
<b>Saturday January 31</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
+Pat McKenna (Family)	
<b>Saturday January 31</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Intentions of Diane and Desmond Atkins (Family)	
<b>Sunday February 1</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
For the People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday February 1</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Intentions of Teresa McKenna (Jackie Mackenzie)	
<b>Sunday February 1</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
+Teresa Chiu (Jefferson Tse)	

*From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

*As he walked by the Sea of Galilee,*

*he saw two brothers, Simon who  
is called Peter,  
and his brother Andrew,  
casting a net into the sea; they  
were fishermen.*

*He said to them,  
“Come after me, and I will make  
you fishers of men.”*

*At once they left their nets and  
followed him.*

*He walked along from there and  
saw two other brothers,  
James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.  
They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee,  
mending their nets.*

*He called them,  
and immediately they left their boat and their father  
and followed him.*

*- Matthew 4:17-22*

#### **Memorial Lamp Intentions for this Week**



**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**

**+ Filomeno Tavares**

Requested by  
Geraldine & Tavares Family

**+ John Gravel,**

**+ Clifton Abraham Isaacs & Ruby Rose Isaacs**

Requested by  
Cecile Isaacs – Garel & family

In the memory of servant of God,  
Rev.Fr. William Breen,

+ Patricia Mckenna & + Eileen Logtenberg

Requested by  
Jackie Mackenzie

#### ***In Memoriam:***

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

#### ***Let us pray for the ailing and those in care homes or hospitals.***

Nicholas Marshall, Lynn Demers, William Lee Ah-Chong,  
Cecile Isaacs-Garel, Andy Pucyk, Mary Josephine Albert,  
Dennis Remedios, Eva Lemanac, Conrad Poon, Yvonne  
Lamanna & Joe Agosta.

## AT OUR PARISH .....

### THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



Sincerely thanks all parishioners for their generous Christmas donations. A total of **\$8,249.40** was collected. Your kindness and support brought hope and assistance to many families in need within our parish.

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY

 Marriage Sunday celebrates the Sacrament of Marriage and honors couples whose faithful witness strengthens our Church community. A special Mass will be celebrated **Sunday, February 8 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**, presided over by **Bishop John Boissonneau**. Couples celebrating **25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ anniversaries** will be recognized. All are welcome to attend or participate via livestream.



### 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

### 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.

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your parish.

### PASTOR'S NOTES ON OUR CHURCH'S HISTORY

#### THE BEGINNINGS OF THE BASIL BREEN ERA

Celebrating the Feast of the Pentecost on May 25, 1983, three months before leaving the new parish, Fr. Siro Lunardon baptized a sizeable number of converts. The Parish community gave them a grand welcome. Fr. J. Basil Breen took charge of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish on September 28, 1983, at the instruction of Cardinal Emmett Carter, then Archbishop of Toronto.

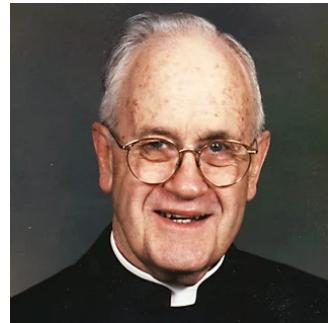
The multi-pronged and unenviable trajectory of Fr. Basil's pioneering ministry defies easy imagination. He was entrusted with the formidable task of overseeing and steadily advancing the construction of a new church building from its very foundations on a one-acre parcel of land designated for this purpose. This process unfolded in close consultation with the architect, Mr. Domenic Amato, who had already devoted weeks and months to preliminary studies assessing the suitability of the site. Within a short time, Mr. Vince Citriniti of A.M. Citriniti Co. Ltd. commenced the landscaping and excavation work necessary to lay the foundation for the edifice that proudly stands today as St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

As his First Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper Jackie Mackenzie recalls, the biggest pastoral challenge confronting Fr. Basil Breen was the monumental task of building a parish community in the absence of a parish church, a proper office space. He used his residence as office and for other pastoral and administrative meetings. Preparing and administering the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony; and responding to the evangelizing and catechetical needs of a rapidly growing population—many of whom were new Canadians from diverse ethno-cultural backgrounds expressing their desire to become Catholics—was a daunting responsibility. Fr. Breen met these demands with an exceptional tranquility that was inseparable from both his sacerdotal ministry and his personal character.

*To be continued .....*

#### Fr. A. Joesph Chandrakanthan

*Pastor*



*Pic #1: Rev. Fr. Basil Breen*