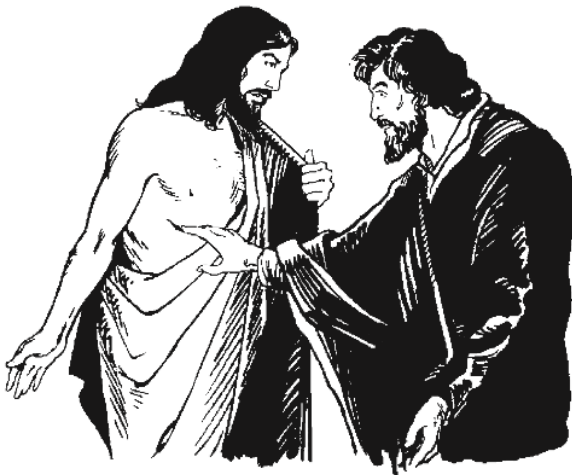


# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDATE SUNDAY)

### Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday December 15** 12:10 p.m.  
Living and deceased Members of the Qong and  
Cheng To On Families  
(Patricia Chong)
- Monday December 15** 7:00 p.m.  
+Tony Pinto (Family)
- Tuesday December 16** 12:00 p.m.  
+Eva Ho Koon (Family)
- Tuesday December 16** 7:00 p.m.  
+John Dunphy  
(Family)
- Wednesday December 17** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Angelyn, Christine, Corazon &  
William Lee Ah-Chong  
(JP and Virginie Chan)
- Wednesday December 17** 7:00 p.m.  
+Darren Ho  
(Josie)
- Thursday December 18** 12:10 p.m.  
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family  
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family  
(Family)
- Thursday December 18** 7:00 p.m.  
Thanksgiving for Rachel Lo
- Friday December 19** 12:10 p.m.  
+Lai-Ying Poon  
(Jefferson Tse)
- Friday December 19** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of Sheila De Gannes  
(Family)
- Saturday December 20** 9:00 a.m.  
+Humphrey Ho-Koon  
(Family)
- Saturday December 20** 5:00 p.m.  
Marcus Cheng  
(Cheng Family)
- Sunday December 21** 8:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday December 21** 10:00 a.m.  
+Mary and Rohib Elias  
(Family)
- Sunday December 21** 12:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Rex,  
Margaret, Jefferson and Giovanna Tse



#### THE CANDLE OF JOY

O Lord, as we light the third candle of Advent, we pray for joy in our world. May this light remind us to rejoice and welcome the coming of Christ our Savior.

**“The blind regains their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear... and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”**



- *Matthew 11:5*

On this Gaudete Sunday, Jesus reminds us that the signs of God's kingdom are already unfolding in our midst. His works of healing, mercy, and hope reveal a Savior who enters our world to restore what is broken and lift up the weary. As we rejoice in the nearness of Christ, may our hearts be opened to recognize His presence in the ordinary moments of our lives and to share His joy with all whom we meet.



#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> – Dec 18<sup>th</sup>



**For the Repose of the Souls of,**

**Joseph Wong,  
Anne Wong,  
William Wong,  
Richard Wong,  
Fat-Lin Lee,  
Yan-Tai Hung**

Requested By,  
Lily Wai

#### *In Memoriam:*

Let us pray for our departed loved ones and for those who have no one to pray for them & *especially* for Gaetano Giovenco, Natalia Giovenco, Kelvin Ramoutar & Angela Zomparelli.

***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.

December 14, 2025

## AT OUR PARISH .....

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

*Confessions at 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm*



**HOLY MASSES AT  
5:00 pm, 8:00 pm,  
& 12:00 – Midnight**

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES AT

**8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm**

#### 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**



#### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Join us this Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. From 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm at our Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$20 (\$15 Early Bird before Nov. 30)

Enjoy a festive lunch, karaoke, carol singing & fun games.

For ticket information, please contact,  
[Oasis.st@outlook.com](mailto:Oasis.st@outlook.com)

#### **MISA DE GALLO NOVENA HOLY MASS AT OUR PARISH**



Will be held for 9 days  
from December 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30 am.

**A personalized Simbang**

**Gabi book now available to order!** For more information, please see the flyers available in the foyer after every Mass.

#### THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your parish. With PAG and Donate Now, Total for last week is \$7,524.00

### OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE ....



#### **THE JOY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

Our earthly pilgrimage is a dynamic journey toward divine joy because we believe and proclaim with unwavering hope and confidence that God is with us. He is Emmanuel. When Paul wrote

to the people of Philippi from his prison cell, he had every reason to be sorrowful, bitter and distraught, but the spirit of the letter loudly echoes just the opposite! The power of joy in Paul. He is urging the Philippians to be joyful. Rejoice in prayer. Rejoice in suffering. Rejoice in faith. Rejoice in service. Rejoice that the Gospel is preached! Rejoice and joy appear fourteen times in that letter as if Paul is cheering his dear friends in Philippi not to be disappointed or distressed. The central point of the Letter is "I do rejoice; do you rejoice?"

In the Catholic liturgical calendar, on "two specific Sundays—Gaudete Sunday (the third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (the fourth Sunday of Lent)" when rose-colored vestments are worn by the priest as a sign of joy at the liturgical celebrations. It is a brief period of a joyful interruption in the otherwise penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, symbolizing anticipation and spiritual rejoicing while preparing midway through the feasts of Christmas and Easter respectively.

The Pauline theme of "Rejoice in the Lord always" beckons us to be joyful in our expectation of Christ's Nativity and His second coming.

Fr. A. Joseph Chandrakanthan  
*Pastor*

#### **CHRISTMAS CARDS & CAKES FOR SALE**



The Knights of Columbus will have Christmas. Cards and Cakes for sale at the Church foyer after All Masses on Weekends.



#### **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.