

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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“my Lord and my God” Jn. 20:28

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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

In the case of serious illness, families are requested to notify the Parish Office to arrange the Anointing of the Sick.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Benedict 905-475-9646
St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225

DAY CARE

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday June 29 12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Allyn Dinglasan

Monday June 29 7:00 p.m.

+Sydney and Liliane Chan Lok
(Pat Chong)

Tuesday June 30 12:10 p.m.

Birthday Blessings for Clara Menezes
(Family)

Tuesday June 30 7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Jefferson and Giovanna Tse
(Family)

Wednesday July 1 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Maria Estela Yap
(Family)

Wednesday July 1 7:00 p.m.

No Evening Mass

Thursday July 2 12:10 p.m.

+Sister Prisca Hui
(Josie Szeto)

Thursday July 2 7:00 p.m.

+Suthan Gabriel
(Family)

Friday July 3 12:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Rex Tse (Family)

Friday July 3 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Feast Mass

Saturday July 4 9:00 a.m.

Living and deceased members of the
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their
living and deceased families
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday July 4 5:00 a.m.

+Hilda Ah-Nim
(Ah-Nim Family)

Sunday July 5 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday July 5 10:00 a.m.

+Reinaldo Rocha
(Rocha Family)

Sunday July 5 12:00 p.m.

+Joyce and Leslie S'Souza
(Family)



*Whoever receives a prophet because he is
a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward,
and whoever receives a righteous man
because he is a righteous man
will receive a righteous man's reward.
And whoever gives only a cup of cold
water
to one of these little ones to drink
because the little one is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose
his reward."*

- Matthew 10:41-42



Summer Blessing and Prayer

As we begin the summer season,
St. Thomas the Apostle Church extends
warm wishes to all our parishioners and
families for a wonderful, restful, and blessed
summer.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,

we thank You for the gift of this summer season. Watch over all our
parishioners and their families wherever they may go. Bless those who
travel with safe journeys, protect them from harm, and bring them
home safely.

Grant us a time of rest, renewal, and joy. Help us to grow closer to
You and to continue living our faith in all that we do. Through the
intercession of **St. Thomas the Apostle**, keep our parish community
united in Your love and care.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**May God bless you and your families with peace, good health, and
happiness throughout the summer.**



MEMORIAL LAMPS & INTENTIONS

June 26th – July 2nd

For,

+ William Ladd

Requested by Family

Thanksgiving & Intentions of the Athaide Family

Requested by Lorraine Athaide

Let us Remember

Remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Emma Anievas.

Let us pray for the sick & those in care homes or hospitals.

Nicholas Marshall, Lynn Demers, William Lee Ah-Chong,
Cecile Isaacs-Garel, Andy Pucyk, Dennis Remedios, Eva
Lemanac, Conrad Poon, Yvonne Lamanna, Joe Agosta,
Audrey Carb, Giuseppe Greco, Joe Cherian, Jackie
Mackenzie & Veronica Greif.

OUR PARISH MATTERS.....

THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE



On Friday, July 3, at 7:00 pm we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle** with **Benediction**, followed by the **Feast Mass** and a reception. Please join us for this special celebration as we seek the prayers of our patron saint for our parish community. **All are welcome.**

Knights of Columbus ShareLife BBQ – July 5



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **ShareLife Charitable BBQ** on **Sunday, July 5**, following all three Masses.

\$5.00 includes a sausage, chips, and water. **100% of the proceeds will be donated to ShareLife.**

Please join us for food, fellowship, and an opportunity to support this worthy cause.

COFFEE AND COOKIES AFTER MASS



We thank the youth group for volunteering to serve coffee and cookies after Mass on Sundays. Their service will resume on Sundays starting September 2026.

SUMMER BULLETIN NOTICE



During the summer months, an abbreviated version of the parish bulletin will be published. This summer bulletin will include Mass Intentions, Memorial Lamps, and other important parish information.

The regular parish bulletin will resume on the weekend of August 29–30, 2026.

We wish everyone a safe, restful, and blessed summer. May God keep you and your families in His loving care throughout the season.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the needs of your parish.

From Our Pastor ...

St. Thomas: An Apostle of Faith and Courage

St. Thomas envisaged an intensely personal confirmation of what was narrated to him about the Risen Lord. He felt that the language of the narrative defies normal human understanding. Today we live in a world that is largely shaped by science, technology, skepticism, critical thinking, and relentless search for empirical knowledge to supplement the human thirst for intellectual fulfillment. Thomas reminds us that sincere questioning is not opposed to faith nor can honest doubts become an obstacle to deeper conviction when they are pursued with sincerity of heart.

Thomas sought a personal encounter with an authentic personal experience rather than remaining with details of hearsay. Thomas teaches us that faith is not an assent to a statement or a formula, but an inner acceptance of a dynamic relationship rooted in interior personal experience. Received from God as a gift, faith is open to growth day by day.

After encountering the risen Christ, Thomas made one of the most profound “personal” professions of faith firmly recorded in the New Testament: “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). Thomas could have stated now I believe “you are God and Lord” instead he made it intensely personal, affirming his acceptance in the first person, proclaiming, MY GOD! MY LORD. His transformation shows that uncertainty and struggle can lead to a stronger and more mature faith.

History and tradition associate Apostle Thomas with a larger and older world of many religions and cultures and is known today as Saint Thomas of India. Akin to Apostle Paul, Thomas envisioned the universality of Christianity and planted the faith to take root amidst many religions and diverse cultures and in that he was a pioneer who respected cultural diversity, interreligious, and peaceful coexistence.

Recent archaeological findings in Tamil Nadu and Kerala have revealed ancient commercial marine routes linking Assyria, Persia, Western Asia, Palestine, and Arabia. Proclaiming Christ in that interconnected world, Thomas manifested openness to different cultures, peoples, ethno-linguistic diversity, and the courage to cross boundaries to promote the Gospel of salvation.

Apostle Thomas followed Christ even when it involved danger of death. When Jesus decided to return to Judea, Thomas said, “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (John 11:16). His courage challenges modern society to stand for truth, justice, and conscience even when it is costly.

St. Thomas is not merely an apostle who doubted and then arrived at true faith; rather he is the apostle who searched, encountered, believed, and witnessed. His life reminds us that the deepest answer to human doubt is not engagement in arguments but a personal encounter with Truth itself. Let us endeavour to seek that Truth which will set us free. Amen

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Pastor