

St. Thomas Parish, Kaki

St. Thomas Church, Kaki is situated in Lanka Block of Purana Kaki Panchayat territory of Hojai district, Assam. It was erected in the year 2012 by Archbishop John Moolachira, widening its territory by adding to it some of the villages of Derapathar parish and appointed Fr. Luke Maniangatt as its first parish priest.

The contribution of Fr. G. K. Prakash, a veteran missionary, towards the making of the mission remains significant. He had been visiting this mission from Nagaon parish since the year 2000. He went about preaching the Word of God and baptising some of the local Assamese people. It was during those days he negotiated and bought a plot of land measuring about 18 bighas, in view of setting up a mission. In the year 2006, with the intention of opening a school, he constructed a building with six classrooms.

Presently, there are seventy six families from four villages who were part of Derapathar mission. There are also four Manipuri families who have accepted the Catholic faith. The parish organises regular celebrations of sacraments and faith formation programmes.

The mission campus consists of a small church, school, convent and boarding for boys and girls. The present parish priest is Fr. Paul Tirkey. The Congregation of the Sisters of Fervent Daughters of Sacred Heart of Jesus helps to carry out the missionary activities of the parish.

The education ministry of the parish has been enabling the rural folk to gain education. Its services to raise the standard of the society have been fruitful over the years. The mission has immense possibilities for expansion and growth that would enhance the lives of the people.

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