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## SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)  
8:30 a.m. English Mass  
9:30 a.m. Low Mass  
(Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)  
11:00 a.m. Sung English Mass  
12:30 p.m. Sung Mass  
Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More  
(Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter)

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Before every Mass on Sundays  
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

## WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday  
10:00 a.m. Saturday

## MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

**BAPTISMS:** On Sundays by appointment.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:** 647-727-8758

## PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Peter Bishop: 416-535-7646

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-8544

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MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

11: 00 A.M. SUNG ENGLISH MASS  
Advent I

**Entrance Hymn:** 310 – Come, thou long-expected  
Jesus

**Entrance Antiphon:**

[Choir] To you, I lift up my soul, O my / God (†). \* In  
you, / I have trusted; \*

[All] **let me not be / put to shame.**

[Choir] Nor let my enemies exult / ov-er me; \*

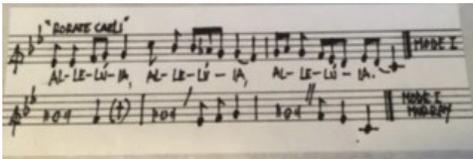
[All] **and let none who hope in you be / put to shame.**

**Kyrie:** Mass XVII

**Proper Responsorial Psalm Refrain:**

[All] **“RESTORE / US, O GOD; \* LET YOUR  
FACE SHINE, THAT WE / MAY BE SAVED.”**

**Gospel Acclamation:** “Rorate Caeli,” Mode I



[Choir] Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

[All] **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

[Choir] “Show us your steadfast / love, O Lord,

[All] **and grant us / your sal-va-tion.”**

[All] **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Credo:** 202 – *Kyriale Romanum* III

**Offertory Hymn:** 302 – Saviour of the nations, come

**Sanctus:** 203 – Mass XVIII

**Agnus Dei:** 204 – Mass XVIII

**Communion Antiphon:**

[Choir] “The Lord will bes/tow His bounty,

[All] **and our earth shall / yield its increase.”**

**Communion Motet:** *Day by day* – Martin Howe

**During the Communion:** The Advent Prose (Mode I)  
Refrain:

[All] **DROP DOWN, YE HEAVENS, FROM  
ABOVE, AND LET THE SKIES POUR DOWN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**Hymn after Communion:** 537 – Alma Redemptoris  
Mater (Mode V)

**Concluding Hymn:** 301 – O come, O come,  
Emmanuel

**Organ:** Chorale Prelude, “Wachet auf, ruft uns die  
Stimme”/“*Sleepers wake, a voice is calling*”  
(*Schübler Chorales, BWV 645*) – J. S. Bach

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

**St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor**

8:00 Special Intention, req. by Sophie Kotwa

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 (+) Joan Manville, req. by Pat Russo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 (+) Nikolaj & Maria Leben, req. by Antonia Leben

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

**St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**

8:00 (+) Anna Nguyen-Thi-Gia, req. by Nhu Tong

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

**Immaculate Conception**

8:00 In thanksgiving, req. by Ezman family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:00 (+) Friends and relatives of parishioners

5:00 (+) Paul & Joan Pimento, req. by Pimento family

PARISH FINANCES FOR NOVEMBER 26

Regular Collection:\$3,701

(Weekly Budget: \$2,700)

Maintenance & Debt: \$145

Month-to-Date: \$2,780

(Monthly Budget: \$3,500)

LAST CALL!!

**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
WITH FR. MARTIN HILBERT**

**January 28 to February 3, 2018**

We will also visit Teotihuacan, Puebla, and Taxco. These sites are all under 200 km from Mexico City, so we will not be spending much time on the bus! The cost, including all taxes, surcharges, and tips is \$2,289. Flyers are at the entrances of the church.

**PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND & ROME WITH  
FR. DAVID ROCHE**

**April 22 to May 3, 2018**

This pilgrimage begins in the Holy Land and ends up in Rome, with a general audience with the Holy Father. The cost is \$3,790, which includes all taxes and tips. Flyers are at the back of the church or online:

<http://oratory-toronto.org/pdf/Holyland.pdf>



### MAINTENANCE & DEBT FUND - TODAY

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses.

### CHRISTMAS CAKE SALES – TODAY

Campaign Life Coalition will be selling Christmas cakes after all Masses in the narthex. These are traditional cakes made by Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey. The Bar Cake (600gm) is \$18 the Deluxe Cake (1kg) is \$25. New this year is Abbey Gift Basket for \$30.

### ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

**Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m.**

Come join us for Service of Advent Lessons and Carols with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. It may be accessed by going to the parish website: [stmtoronto.ca](http://stmtoronto.ca)

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2018

**Offertory envelopes for 2018** are available for pick up. They are in alphabetical order. Please check that you have picked up **YOUR** box of envelopes.

**For the first few donations of 2018, please print clearly on the envelope your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS.**

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**On December 9 & 10** weekend, there will be a special collection at all Masses for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your donation will provide food for those in our area who find themselves in need of help over the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity.

### FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD 2018

Students aged 14 to 18 are invited to write a 500-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2018. The theme is "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" (cf. Exodus 15:6). Students should read the Scripture passage from Exodus 15: 1-21 and respond to the following question in the essay:

***Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.***

Winning essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. **Deadline for entries is January 8, 2018.** For more information on entering the contest please visit: <http://bit.ly/studentwritingawarddetails>

### ADVENT FAMILY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Advent Family Day of Recollection will be on **December 9**, beginning with Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Church. The day includes talks for adults, adolescents and children and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. Babysitting will be provided.

**Candidates for Confirmation at St Vincent's are required to attend as part of the spiritual preparation for Confirmation.**

**Singles as well as families are welcome to the Day of Recollection.**

### BOOKSTALL IS OPEN!!

**There are Sunday Missals, calendars, Christmas cards and other items for sale at the bookstall.**

### CHRISTMAS

**This year Christmas falls on a Monday.**

The obligation to attend Holy Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation applies to both Christmas and January 1, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (these are the only Holy Days of Obligation in Canada). For this year, that means each Catholic must attend a Mass for the Sunday (either Saturday evening or Sunday) AND a Mass for the Holy Day (either Sunday evening or Monday) for each of those two weekends. Watch the bulletin in future weeks for a more detailed schedule.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Through the centuries, the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses,



as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: *The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.*

The "splendor of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son". The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love". (CCC 491-492)

***There will be a Solemn High Mass at Holy Family Church on December 8 at 6:00 p.m.***

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