# St. Thomas More Parish

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# Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ Associate Pastors: Rev. Martin Kadamattu SCJ, Rev. Antonio Resende Pereira SCJ Priests of the Sacred Heart Secretaries: Josie Elsner, Suzy Correia Religious Ed. Coordinator: Gracie Nepomuceno Pastoral Council Chair: Mike Carolan Caretaker: Rodel Trivino Office hours: Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New Parishioners are requested to register in the parish by phone or email.



# Mass Schedule

 
 Sunday
 Masses

 Saturday
 5:00 p.m.

 Sunday
 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 8:00 p.m.

 Spanish 2:00 p.m.

# Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday7:30 a.m.Tuesday to Friday7:00 p.m.Saturday & Holidays9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office. Baptisms are scheduled monthly on the third and fourth Saturdays in English; on the second Saturday in Spanish.

Marriage: Contact the parish office one year in advance.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: If any family member with a serious illness or preparing for surgery wishes to celebrate this Sacrament, please call the parish office.

L	iturgical Ministries	
Lectors	Lorna D'Souza	416-431-7685
Eucharistic Ministers	Clara Peters-Onagoruwa	416-439-1545
Music Ministry	Donald Torres	647-449-6583
Altar Servers	Reston Senining	647-834-5546
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis Cybulskie	416-494-8858
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Nora Lovgren	416-439-1545
Communion to the Sick	Hy Francis	416-284-7851
	<u>Schools</u>	
St. Thomas More Elementary School	2300 Ellesmere Road	416-393-5322
St. Edmund Campion Elementary Sc		416-393-5356
St. John Paul II Secondary School	685 Military Trail	416-393-5531

# Youth Ministry

Youth Minister	
Silvio Escobar	<u>silvio.escobar@live.com</u>
Youth Group	
Lissette <u>stthomasmorey</u>	outhgroup22@gmail.com/
Young Adults for Christ	
Racine Senining	<u>stmyac@gmail.com</u>
Parish Groups	
Parish Council	
Mike Carolan	416-282-4750
Finance Council	
Alan King	416-284-7190
Screening Committee	
Claudine Goller	
St. Vincent de Paul Society	
Martel Gordon-Tennant	416-439-7827

#### Forgiveness

In this Sunday's Gospel, the scribes and Pharisees brought before Jesus a woman who was caught committing adultery. How they caught her in the act is questionable, and we also don't want to know how they did it. Presumably, they spied on her and then caught her in the act and then dragged her before Jesus. What the scribes and Pharisees did was really deplorable. Besides putting the woman to public shame and humiliation, they were also using the situation as a test to look for something to use against Jesus. And these kinds of deplorable acts continue to this day and age.

There are some people who use social media to publicly shame and humiliate others who make a mistake. We may wonder on what grounds and with what rights they have to do this. Maybe that's why Jesus bent down and starting writing on the ground. Jesus could be telling us that we all stand on the same ground and we have no right to judge and condemn others. And with that, He also gave a ground-shaking teaching: *"Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."* 

The Gospel passage also highlighted the tendency to make shame and humiliation a public affair, but when it comes to forgiveness, nobody seemed to be interested. It was just between Jesus and the woman; everyone else left. But we need to hear about forgiveness and the world needs to hear about forgiveness. Forgiveness is the sign of God's love and mercy in the world. The world would be a more beautiful place when we talk to each other about forgiveness instead of talking about each other's failings. Where there is forgiveness, no more stones will be thrown. And it was because God forgives us that the large stone over the tomb was rolled away. No stone is large enough to block the power of God's love and mercy.

So, our reflection is: do we have someone who is waiting for forgiveness from us? What will we do about forgiveness before we enter Palm Sunday? *Fr. Aegidius SCJ* 

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	requested by Sharon 8
	Josie
:00 p.m.	+Isabella & Dominic
	Lopez, requested by
	Robin & Tina
	+Percival & Marjorie
	Henry and William,
	Bernard, Winston & Iol
	Josiah and Melissa
	Hutchison, requested
	by the family
	+Mattia, cousin & Graz
	Muliett, Rita Degabrella
	requested by the family
	+Brigida Cheng
	+Marina David,
.00	requested by the family
:30 a.m.	+Jim McGuckin,
	requested by B. & C.
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	Maureen De Silva,
:00 a.m.	requested by the family +Gertrudes Garcia,
	:30 a.m. :00 p.m.



# you can work wonders!

#### Living the Gospel by supporting those with disabilities

Ben, a 66 year-old with a developmental disability, lives with his 90 year-old mother. Without any other family, she didn't have a plan to take care of him after she no longer was able to do so. She turned to Mary Centre, a ShareLife agency, which matched Ben with a respite worker. This worker gradually introduced Ben to residents of one of Mary Centre's group homes. Now that he has befriended its residents and staff, Ben will find the eventual transition less overwhelming. He has already developed a sense of belonging to his future community.

#### May 5 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

#### YAC Fundraiser – Easter Flowers April 6 / 7 and April 13 / 14 weekends

Our YAC are taking orders for Easter flowers after all Masses this weekend, April 6/7 and next weekend, April 13/14. These flowers will be part of our Easter altar display in memory of your beloved deceased. The cost is \$15.00.

#### **Reconciliation Service**

Wed., Apr. 10 at 7:30 p.m. (English) Tues., Apr. 9 at 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Lenten confessions will be held on Wed., Apr. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in <u>English</u> and on Tues., Apr. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in <u>Spanish</u>. Many priests will be available for confessions.

#### Seniors' Mass & Luncheon Wednesday, April 10 at 11:00 a.m.

On Wed., Apr. 10 we are celebrating our monthly Seniors' Mass beginning at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. All seniors are most welcome!

#### Volunteer Appreciation Week April 7 – 13, 2019

#### Leaders of our ministries and groups are part of the Archdiocesan "Strengthening the Caring Community" program. This entails keeping an updated list of their members along with submitting the Archdiocesan forms. If anyone is interesting in joining as a parish volunteer, please call the parish office. Thank you!

# Holy Week Schedule for 2019

# <u> Palm Sunday – April 14</u>

Vigil Mass on Saturday: **5:00 p.m.** Masses: **8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 8:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.** (Spanish)

# <u>Holy Thursday – April 18</u>

NO 7:30 a.m. Mass Misa de la Cena del Señor: 5:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (English): 10:00 – 11:00 p.m. (Spanish): 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

# <u>Good Friday – April 19</u>

Spanish Via Crucis: **9:00 a.m.** Pasion y Muerte del Señor: **10:00 a.m.** Solemn Celebration of the Passion and Death of the Lord: **12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross: **7:00 p.m.** 

# <u>Holy Saturday – April 20</u>

**NO** 9:00 a.m. Mass Vigilia Pascual: **5:00 p.m.** Resurrection Vigil / Easter Eucharist: **8:00 p.m.** 

## <u>Easter Sunday – April 21</u>

Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. (Spanish) NO 8:00 p.m. Mass

> <u>Easter Monday – April 22</u> Mass: 9:00 a.m. (only)

## Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Audrey Caulfield, Denise Simone, Hanna Hadden, Catalino Bicos, Candida Garcia, Albert Vella, Phyllis & Antonio Cogliano, Joanna Alexander and Gerald Molloy. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

#### Stations of the Cross Fridays at 6:20 p.m. during Lent

The Stations of the Cross are held every Friday in Lent at 6:20 p.m. after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which begins at 6:00 p.m. Mass follows at 7:00 p.m.

