

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Willyans Rapozo SCJ

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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.



## Youth Ministry

### Youth Group

Drusilla Lobo.....[youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca](mailto:youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca)

### Young Adults for Christ

Andy Rodrigues .....[stmyac@gmail.com](mailto:stmyac@gmail.com)

## Parish Groups

### Parish Council

Mike Carolan.....416-282-4750

### Finance Council

Alan King.....416-284-7190

### Screening Committee

Claudine Goller.....416-289-0307

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Martel Gordon-Tennant.....416-439-7827

## Easter Triduum – A Journey Towards New Life

The Easter Triduum is at the core of our Christian faith. We begin these three very special days with the remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. On Holy Thursday Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist giving Himself in the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation, His own Body and Blood. On the same occasion, through the gesture of washing His apostles' feet, we understand His New Commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you". Love is service; love is life-giving!

After sharing the meal with Jesus, we are asked to accompany Him to the Mount of Olives and keep vigil, as He suffers in His agony. The bare altar and emptied tabernacle remind us that Jesus was arrested and died for us. Good Friday is the only day in the year that we do not celebrate Mass anywhere in the world. Rather, we celebrate the Solemn Passion of the Lord contemplating the wood of the cross on which He was suspended. Everyone is invited to adore the Crucified and grieve His death with prayer, fasting and penance.

Then, the day of our liberation comes. Saturday evening we celebrate the Vigil of vigils, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We light the Paschal Candle representing the Living Christ, Light of the World. After a long while we sing "Glory" and "Alleluia" to the Lord for He rose from the dead and is present in our midst. Newly blessed water fills the baptismal font where the catechumens receive the Sacrament of Baptism, are sealed and confirmed by the Holy Spirit and welcomed to the Lord's table. With lit candles, the newly baptized renew their commitment with Jesus.

This is the beauty of the Paschal Mystery, a continuous journey of suffering, dying and rising again with Jesus. Filled with faith, joy and hope, let us experience it and welcome the new life conquered by the Risen Lord.

*Fr. Will, SCJ*

## Mass Intentions for April 15 - 22, 2017

Holy Saturday No Intentions		
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Manuel Remedios, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Rosario Pena, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
<b>NO 8:00 p.m. Mass</b>		
Monday	9:00 a.m.	+Felicidad Kee, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in purgatory, requested by M. Ciuffreda
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Fr. Antony Bruno
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Nicasio & Anacleta Jarquio, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Ida P. Innasipillai, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Grace Duverney, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Eva Marie Braganza, requested by C. & A. Fernandes
		+Atputhathan, Leela & Anthonipillai, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Vincent James, requested by the family
		+Elizabeth Baker, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Michael & Lalaine Cukjati
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Custodio Rodrigues, requested by the family
		+Miguel Seperino Joven



## ShareLife



### Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world...

St. Anthony's parish in the Diocese of Guntur in India has nine mission stations which are between 10-15 kilometres

away from the parish. There are nearly 350 Catholic families and five hundred children going to school from these areas. As the mission stations are a distance from the parish, the faithful do not experience many religious activities. Father Mayakuntala Kumar, pastor of the parish, with the support of the Pastoral Mission Fund and ShareLife, is conducting a Children Faith Formation Camp to help the children to become rooted in the Catholic faith. With our support, Father Kumar is helping to evangelize the faith not only for today, but for the future as well.

To date we have collected \$31,579.41 which is 48% of our goal of \$65,000.00. Thank you to all those who have generously donated!

**Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017.  
Please give generously.**

## Is God Calling You?



"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as

priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, please contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## TCDSB Budget Consultation

April 26, 2017

The entire Catholic community is invited to provide input into the 2017-2018 TCDSB budget by completing a brief on-line survey that can be found on the board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org). The deadline for submissions is April 26, 2017. We thank you for your interest and involvement.

## Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Elias Joseph, Josie Habr, Esperanza Cabrera, Gladys Divinagracia, Yvonne Rampersaud, Phyllis Cogliano, Dominic, Rita Croft, Itoua Steve, Henry Sharp, Vijaya Swamy, Mikayla Haswell, Albert Vella, Bella Passanha, Denise Wilde and Kenny Corraya May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

## Retreat for Catholic Parents of Lesbian Daughters and Gay Sons

Saturday, June 3, 2017

A Day of Reflection will be held for Catholic parents of lesbian daughters and gay sons on Sat., Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre (2325 Liverpool Rd.). For more information, call John Montague at 416-523-6449.

## Estate Planning Seminar

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Catholic Cemeteries and the estate planning team will hold a seminar on Sat., Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King Cemetery (7770 Steeles Ave. E.) about such topics as: powers of attorney, Catholic traditions around funerals and others. For more information, please call Frank at 416-733-8544 ext. 2023.

## "Call for Conscience"

Now that Canada has legalized assisted


suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized

euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. To learn more visit

[www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca), join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.








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