

St. Thomas More Parish

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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 Friday 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Holidays 9:00 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.

Liturgical Ministries

Lectors	Ven Faundo	416-299-4404
Eucharistic Ministers	Felipe and Grace Mantes	416-759-2335
Music Ministry	Donald Torres	647-449-6583
Altar Servers	Reston Senining	647-834-5546
Ushers/Greeters	Aduino Bertazzon	416-438-0507
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Nora Lovgren	416-439-1545
Communion to the Sick	Hy Francis	416-284-7851

Schools

St. Thomas More Elementary School	2300 Ellesmere Road	416-393-5322
St. Edmund Campion Elementary School	30 Highcastle Drive	416-393-5356
St. John Paul II Secondary School	685 Military Trail	416-393-5531

Youth Ministry

Youth Group

Drusilla Lobo.....drusilla17lobo@hotmail.com

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Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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Touching Jesus' Sacred Wounds

After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles who hid themselves in the house for fear of persecution. The Risen Lord, though, brings them hope and peace. While the doors were closed, He entered the room, stood before them and greeted them saying: "Peace be with you!" Just as in Genesis God breathed into Adam the breath of life, now Jesus breathes into them the Holy Spirit and gives them the power of forgiving and retaining sin. It is the new creation established by the Lord who is merciful and restores our broken being to grant us fullness of life.

Today's Gospel tells us that Thomas missed this very important moment in the life of the apostles. His suspicion is a result not only of lack of faith but especially of his absence from the community. Where was he when he should be gathered with his brothers? Whenever we distance ourselves from the community of the witnesses of the Risen Lord and become isolated, we are left to stumble and doubt that Jesus is with us. Sometimes we behave like Thomas: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." We want to see to believe!

By allowing Thomas to touch the wounds of His Crucifixion, Jesus touched Thomas' wound of unbelief. Jesus' wounds are healed and no longer cause harm. They are now "Sacred Wounds" through which we have been healed, said the prophet Isaiah. This encounter between Thomas and Jesus leads to a powerful transformation. Thomas professes: "My Lord and my God." Today, as we approach the Eucharist and are able to touch the Risen Lord, let us ask Him to dispel our doubts, heal our wounds and increase our faith. *Fr. Will, SCJ*

Mass Intentions for April 2 - 9, 2016

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Joshua Harry
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raffaele, Sebastiana & Maria Privitera and Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Crispinina Saguban, requested by E. Andrade
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Porferio & Ofelia Bondaon, requested by the family
Monday	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Angela Wallinson
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Claudia Chua & Marina Catalig, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Clarine Perera, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Winivee Faundo, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Marcelina Umayam, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Bill Cascagnette, requested by A. & S. King
		+Souls in purgatory, especially members of FOSS, requested by E. Myers
		+Isidro & Candida Salalila, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Shihan De Silva, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Visy Umayan
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Clare O'Reilly, requested by the family

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Thelma Chang, Margaret Gajewski, Rita Croft, Nan Nixon, Henry Shart, and Denise Wilde. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

ShareLife



Working wonders in our community...

Terry obtained his Master's Degree in music and philosophy earlier in life and was successful in careers in spirituality with the Carmelites as well as in the hospitality industry. While working, he became addicted to alcohol. Recognizing the seriousness of his problem and in order to return to work successfully, Terry would need to be involved in a long term recovery program. He chose the spiritually enriched program St. Michael's Homes offered and as a result, Terry became focused and deeply connected with the staff at St. Michael's and was able to continue on the right path. He looks forward to the day soon when he can confidently leave and be successful once again in the hospitality industry, and an inspiration to those around him. ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's Homes helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and extensive support.

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016.

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Children Ask Pope Francis



Dear Pope Francis,
My mum is in heaven.
Will she grow angel wings?
(from Luca, age 7, Australia)

Dear Luca,

No, no, no! Your mom is in heaven—beautiful, splendid and full of light. She hasn't grown wings. She is still your mom, the person you know, but she is more radiant than ever. And she watches you and smiles at you as her son. Your mom is happy whenever she sees you behaving well. And if you don't behave, she still loves you and asks Jesus to help you become a better person.

Think of your mother like this: beautiful, smiling and full of love for you.

Pope Francis

First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 10th and Sunday, April 17th

Our parish children have been preparing to receive their First Holy Communion over the past several months. They will be receiving this sacrament at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Apr. 10th or Sun., Apr. 17th. Please pray for these children as they grow in their faith.

Totus Tuus is Coming Back!

Totus Tuus is a week-long Archdiocesan program (geared both to children in grades 1-6 during the day and grades 7-12 in the evening) whereby seminarians and students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games. It will be hosted here on July 10 - 15. More details to come.

Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?

It is important to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario as part of the application for employment, there must be a letter of reference from the pastor. If anyone is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School they must arrange to speak with the pastor at least 6 months before seeking a reference letter.

Food for Thought

As I write these final words, my heart is filled with joy. I am at peace.

It is the first day of November, and fall is giving way to winter. Soon the trees will lose the vibrant colors of their leaves and snow will cover the ground. The earth will shut down and people will race to and from their destinations bundled up for warmth. Chicago winters are harsh. It is a time of dying. But we know that spring will soon come with all its new life and wonder.

It is quite clear that I will not be alive in the spring. But I will soon experience new life in a different way. Although I do not know what to expect in the afterlife, I do know that just as God has called me to serve him to the best of my abilities throughout my life on earth, he is now calling me home.

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