# St. Thomas More Parish

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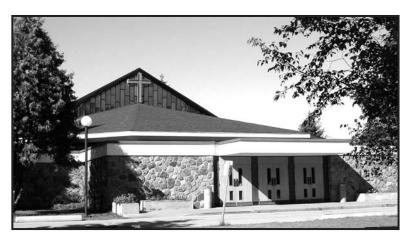
Pastor: Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

Associate Pastor: Rev. Martin K. Antony SCJ Priests of the Sacred Heart

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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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Communion to the Sick

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**

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## Gaudete- Rejoice

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent, popularly known as "Gaudete Sunday." The term "Gaudete" simply means "to rejoice." As we come closer to the feast of Christmas, the Church encourages us to rejoice because God is about to fulfill His promise to us. However, this does not mean we have come to the end of our preparation during this season of Advent. Instead, it is a way of urging us to be more focused and courageous. It is also a way of assuring us that our preparations will soon be rewarded.

In today's gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that He has worked: "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them." "And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." With this response, Jesus is saying that God has fulfilled His promise in Him, and that is the reason why we have to rejoice. Yet, Jesus invites John and the other listeners to make their own determination. Jesus also praises John for his role in preparing the way for Him. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the kingdom of God will be as great as John in Heaven

Let us spend the remaining days of this Advent season preparing "our way" before the Lord comes this Christmas. Remembering always to keep Jesus first in our lives, others second and ourselves last, like John the Baptist, we too can be messengers sent by God to prepare others for the coming of the Lord by becoming holy, humble, and disciplined.

Our reflection is: Are we ready to welcome Jesus and be his messengers in the world?

Fr. Aegi Warsito (SCJ)

December 10 – 17, 2022		
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Mr. K.K. Thomas,
Saturday	3.00 p.m.	requested by the family
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Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Frank Bruns, requested
		by F. Bruns
	10:00 a.m.	+Victor Tai-Young,
		requested by the family
	11:30a.m.	Intentions of the Parish
		Community
	8:00 p.m.	+Klaus Emig, requested by the Parish Choir
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in Purgatory, esp.
Wioriday	7.50 a.m.	FOSS members,
		requested by E. Tobon
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Mariano Ocampo,
Tucsuay	7.50 a.m.	requested by the family
	7:00 n m	+Alejandro Libaque,
	7:00 p.m.	requested by the family
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Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+ Roland Attong,
	7.00	requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Pasquale Palumbo,
		requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Adam Benedict Befetel,
		requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Stephen, Achoy and
		Petruccia Luesue,
		requested by the Patel
		family
		+Kyle Angeletti
		+Felipe Mantes,
		Claudine Goller, Wilfred
		O'Conner, and Vineu
		Mascarrias, requested by
		Clara Peters
		Intentions of Rita and
		Alfred family
		+Robert Gaudette,
		requested by F. and L.
		West
		Intentions of Lim Hong
		Kwong
		+Pamela and Jimmy
		Yeo, requested by
		Merlyn Tindale and
Full all extra	7.00 -	family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Mike Madigan,
		requested by S.
	7,00 =	McPherson
	7:00 p.m.	+Kenn Shah, requested
Coturdo	0.00 0	by S. McDoom
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Rogelio M. Limos,
		requested by Aclan
		family

# Advent and Christmas Schedule

#### Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday Dec 20 at 7:30 p.m. (English) and on Wednesday, Dec 21 at 7:30 p.m. (Spanish). There will be many priests available to hear confessions. This is an excellent way to prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

# Christmas eve Mass- The Vigil of the Christmas Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass 9:00 p.m. and 11:30 pm

# Christmas Day- The Nativity of the Lord Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (English) and 2:00 pm (Spanish)

# New Year's Eve Mass Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. 2022

5:00 p.m. (English) and 7.00 p.m. (Spanish)

## New Year's day Mass Jan 1, 2023

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (English) and 2:00 pm (Spanish)

# **Angel Tree**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be offering assistance to those in need, in our Parish.

They will not be setting up the Angel Tree nor accepting any gifts of food, toys

or clothing. Instead their Christmas help will be in the form of cash vouchers for the local grocery store along with gift cards for the families with children.

The Society needs your continued financial and spiritual help during this time and especially at their Christmas collection this weekend, December 10 and 11, 2022. Thank you.

### **Sacramental Prep News**



#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

 Registration is now open. Please contact the Parish Office.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Registration is now closed

**R.C.I.A.** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

• Registration is now closed.

### Poinsettias for Sale



Our Young Adults for Christ will be taking orders for poinsettias. Envelopes are available in the foyer of the church.

These poinsettias, in memory of our deceased loved ones, will be

part of the Christmas altar display. Two sizes are available at a cost of \$10.00 and \$20.00. Please support our Young adults as they fundraise for their activities.

## Prayers Needed for the Sick



Please join us in praying for the sick Sheri-Anne Asaro, Sharmi Basnayaha, Willy Bautista, Aduino Bertazzon, Raul & Sera Colaco, Phyllis Cole, Alison Dantas, Frank

Del Luca, Jill & Matthew Downs, Georgia Dynes, Lee Esmonde, Crizza Jane Gabon, Brayden Gangaram, Veronica Harding, Elias Joseph, Mary Lavrisa, Don Lee, Jack Muir, Victoria Munson, Galdwin Nicholas, Alba Parada, Fr. Ralph Panonsa, Denisse Ramirez, Brian and Evelyn Rozario, Silvia Ruscica, Linda Klein, Alfred Fernandes, William Passanha, Lim Hong Kong, Robert hill, Olivia Lam, Myrna Perpose, Suma Reddy and Theresa Tomaschek. May they be supported by our prayers, our ministry and by God's grace.

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Each moment carries a message,
a lesson for us.

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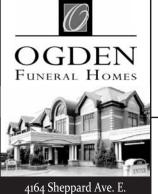
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