

St. Thomas More Parish

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

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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	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

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

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Silvio Escobar..... silvio.escobar@live.com

Youth Group

Drusilla Lobo.....youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca

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Racine Senining.....stmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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New Heavens and New Earth

In today's Gospel we encounter John the Baptist as an example of how to prepare for the coming of Christ. This interesting character was recognized as a strong preacher who announced the advent of the Messiah with his words and deeds. God has sent His messenger to urge the people to convert and welcome His Son. Fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy, John cried out in the wilderness, "Prepare the ways of the Lord, make straight his paths." Many heard his message and came to receive a baptism of repentance. Such was John's success that he needed to clarify, "one mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The preacher cannot become greater than the message. Those who are entrusted with the task of announcing the Good News must remember that they work for the glory of God and not for themselves. Their only desire should be to make Jesus Christ known, loved and accepted as the Redeemer of every creature. This is what St. Peter proclaimed when he said that "the Lord does not delay his promise, but he is patient with you". The Lord will come and there will be "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells".

Today we are called to listen to the witness of these holy men who did not regard themselves more important than the Lord. They invite us to open our hearts to Jesus who is the foundation of our faith and hope. We are also called to follow their example and remind people that Jesus is coming to save us. He is the reason for the season and nothing else should take His place. We hope for the day when Christ will rule every heart and the world will be transformed into a Kingdom of peace and justice for all.

Fr. Willyans, SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 9 - 16, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Gertrude & Basil Panditharatne, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Angel R. Bautista, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Sr. Agnes FSGM, requested by M. O'Donnell
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in purgatory, especially members of FOSS, requested by E. Tobon
	7:00 p.m.	+Elizabeth Baker, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Frank Bruns, requested by F. Bruns
	7:00 p.m.	+Mariano Ocampo, requested by the Huang family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Michael McGrath, requested by M. O'Brien
	7:00 p.m.	+Flora Perez, Salvador de Guzman, Felix & Victoria Gabat, requested by the family
		+Annonciata Mukankusi, requested by R. Ferrer
		+Maria Paul, requested by A. & S. King
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Nicasio & Anaclea Jarquio, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Vijaya Swamy, requested by the James family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Emiliana Ayco, Jose Barnachea & deceased family members and friends, requested by Nina & family

A selfish heart loves for what it can get. A Christ-like heart loves for what it can give!

Advent Reflections

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.



To prepare ourselves spiritually for the feast of the Birth of Jesus, Connie Price, from the Archdiocese, will lead us in reflections on

Wed., Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Confessions for Advent

Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.



In preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Christ, a Reconciliation Service will be held on Wed., Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Many priests will be on hand for confessions.

Help Needed

The Maintenance Committee is looking for volunteers who are familiar with trade, building and grounds keeping knowledge. The Committee helps to maintain our church buildings and grounds. The meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For information, call Mike at 647-286-1304.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Steve Goller, Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Antonio Antonio, Daphne Chater, Albert Vella, Phyllis Cogliano, Yvonne Rampersaud and Kaumudi Passanha. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Ushers Needed



Ushers are needed for the Sunday 8:00 p.m. Mass. If you are interested, please call Dennis at 416-494-8858 for more information.

St. Valentine's Dinner / Dance

Saturday, February 10, 2018

The social committee would need assistance with the St. Valentine's Dinner / Dance, which will be held on Sat., Feb. 10, 2018. Please call Mike Carolan at 647-286-1304 for more information.

2017 / 2018 Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Date	Mass time
Sat., Dec. 16 & Sun. Dec. 17	Regular Mass schedule
Mon., Dec. 18 to Sat., Dec. 23	Regular Mass schedule
Sun., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	No 8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Mass
	7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
	9:00 p.m. Mass
	12:00 midnight Mass
Mon., Dec. 25 Christmas Day (Office closed)	8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
Tues., Dec. 26 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass (only)
Wed., Dec. 27 to Sat., Dec. 30	Regular schedule
Sun., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	No 8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
	7:30 p.m. Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
Mon., Jan. 1 New Year's Day (Office closed)	8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
Tues., Jan. 2 and on	Regular Mass schedule


Vocation Seeds

John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at vocations@archtoronto.org.

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