

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	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.....youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca

Young Adults for Christ

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Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

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Screening Committee

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Jesus is Our Joy

Today is the Sunday of Joy. As we approach the celebration of Jesus' birth, our hearts rejoice with the signs of His coming. God promises through the prophet Isaiah that those who longed for this day shall obtain joy and gladness. Sorrow and sighing shall flee away. We have the privilege to experience this mystery in the community. Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us – who came, comes and shall come to redeem us and transform our lives forever.

At the end of the Old Testament, John the Baptist represents the people of Israel who expect the coming of the Messiah. According to the Scriptures, the Anointed One shall bring peace and freedom to the oppressed for there is no joy without justice. John was chosen to prepare His ways, proclaiming a time of repentance. He cried out in the wilderness that the day of the Lord is near. His fearless voice was heard by those who trusted in God's Word. God does not disappoint us!

Now, imprisoned for the sake of the Lord, John the Baptist sends his disciples to inquire of Jesus if He is truly the Messiah. They brought him an encouraging answer, "tell John what you hear and see; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the dead are raised and the poor have Good News brought to them." John rejoices; the dream has come true.

Joy flows naturally from the hearts of those who find the Lord. It is also our best testimony! The disciples of Jesus are called to evangelize with joy! Let us allow Jesus to turn our sorrow into joy and let this gladness shine for everyone.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 10 – 17, 2016

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Valentine family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Fil Freitas, requested by T. Freitas
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Bridget Ode & family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Octavio Bulaong, requested by the Mababangloob family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in purgatory, especially members of FOSS, requested by E. Tobon
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Frank Bruns, requested by F. Bruns
	7:00 p.m.	+Mariano & Maria Luz Ocampo, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by M. Johnston
	7:00 p.m.	+Paulette Bischoff, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+ Nicasio & Anacleta Jarquio, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Tom & Rita Biordi, requested by the family
		+Maria D'Souza, requested by her daughter
		+George & Nicole Habr, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Pepito Aviles & Jose Saa, requested by L. Aviles
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving and +Esther Amaechi, requested by the T. Amaechi family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Fe Carlos, requested by the Joven family

Day of Confessions

Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30 p.m.

In preparation for Christmas, the parish will hold a reconciliation service on Wed., Dec. 21st at 7:30 p.m. with many priests to assist with confessions.

2016/2017 Christmas & New Year's Mass (and Office) Schedule

Date	Mass time
Sun., Dec. 18	Regular schedules
Mon., Dec. 19 to Fri., Dec. 23	Regular schedules
Sat., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve (Office closed at 12:00 noon)	No 9:00 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Mass
	7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	9:00 p.m. Mass
	12:00 midnight Mass
Sun., 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
Mon., Dec. 26 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass (only)
Tues., Dec. 27 (Office closed)	Regular Mass times
Wed., Dec. 28 to Fri., Dec. 30	Regular Mass times and office hours
Sat., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve (Office closed at 12:00 noon)	NO 9:00 a.m. Mass
	5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
	7:30 p.m. Mass
Sun., 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
Mon., Jan. 2 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass (only)
from Tues., Jan. 3 and on	Regular Mass schedule and office hours

Did you know?

The Government of Canada passed legislation legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other province or country does this. To write directly to the Ontario government, please visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Collection

Weekend of December 10/11

There is a special collection this weekend to help support the work of the Society which provides assistance to the needy families in our community. Envelopes are available in the pews or you may use those provided in your box of Sunday offertory envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Eve Live Nativity Scene

Parents of children who wish their child to participate in the Christmas Eve live Nativity scene at the 5:00 p.m. Mass are asked to call the parish office (416-439-1545). Children would be in costume as shepherds, the Three Kings, angels, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Denise Wilde, Tom Shaw, Yvonne Rampersaud, Phyllis Cogliano and Albert Vella. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Is God Calling You?


"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

ShareLife

We are called to be the hands of Christ to those in need. For some, this may mean volunteering at a food bank or supporting parish outreach programs.

Many of us lead busy lives, where the time to be actively involved is not available. This is where ShareLife comes in. Through our support, we provide resources to over 40 agencies.


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