

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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Andy Rodriguesstmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Third Sunday of Advent

How amazing it is to think that in today's second reading, Paul was actually writing from prison. While we may not know his exact circumstances, we can imagine that imprisonment in the first century undoubtedly meant horrible living conditions, likely in darkness, with very little to eat. In spite of this, however, Paul exudes a profound sense of joy and peace and gratitude in his Letter to the Philippians. How is that even possible?

It is possible because Paul knew to the very core of his being that God was with him, as real as the chains that bound him. Knowing that God was present sustained Paul and filled him with joy, even in the very midst of suffering.

God is just as real and as present in our world today as he was for Paul. In today's gospel, however, John the Baptist challenges us to make that presence known and felt in everything you have, he tells us. Be fair and honest in everything you do. Be satisfied with what you have, not always grasping for more.

In less than two weeks, we celebrate the coming of Emmanuel. In a world much in need of joy and peace, our lives must be the witness that God is with us, here and now. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!

Teresa Whalen Lux, Regina, SK

St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection

Weekend of December 12 / 13, 2015

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. Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for Dec. 12 - 19, 2015

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory, FOSS members, requested by E. Toban
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Frank Bruns, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Mariane Ocampo, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	Intentions of Archdiocese of Toronto & Fr. John Duffy
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Corrie Fullgraf, requested by the Gollers'
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Nicasio & Anaclea Jarquio, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Maria D'Souza, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Purita Hinola, requested by R. Ferrer
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, requested by the Manakaran Kiddinar family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Fe Carlos, requested by the Joven family
	7:00 p.m.	+Ida P. Innasipillai, requested by the family, +Fiore Benito Franchi, requested by the DeRoche family, Intentions of Leoncio Cabrera, Intentions of Sara Zsazs
Friday	7:30 a.m.	For the intentions of Jeya Kumaran family & the Udayakumaran family, requested by Sinnamma
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Bridget Ode & family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Visaya Kumaran family & the Tabbalalin family, requested by Sinnamma

Penitential Service



Thursday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m.
The parish will hold a Penitential Service on Thurs., Dec. 17th at 7:30 p.m. to prepare for Christmas. There will be many confessors, including Spanish speaking priests.

Family of Faith



Family of Faith

The Family of Faith campaign is nearing its conclusion at St. Thomas More Parish. In addition to

providing the resources to support our own parish needs, the campaign will help the Church of Toronto meet six critical priorities:

- Providing financial support to parishes
- Developing leaders through Catholic formation and engagement
- Restoring St. Michael's Cathedral
- Investing in our youth, young adult ministry and campus chaplaincies
- Having a fund to aid existing church properties that need maintenance to keep them safe and secure
- Helping to continue to build new churches throughout the archdiocese

As of this week, 43 families have made pledges, averaging \$5,827 per gift. Thank you for your generosity! The Family of Faith campaign will help our parish, too. For each dollar pledged, our parish will receive 25 cents. If we exceed our goal, we will keep 75 cents of every dollar above goal. With the parish share of the money raised, we plan to obtain a religious education coordinator along with a youth minister on staff and renovating the sanctuary (altar area). We hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their response to the urgent needs of the Church, here and throughout the archdiocese. Please continue to pray for the campaign's success!

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total	%
\$570,000	\$142,500	\$250,550	44%

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Lydia De Leon, Freddie Empensando, Mar Pablo, Ruth Aranjuez, Rowena Torres, Reynaldo Mendoza, Esperanza Cabrera, Hanna Turik, Arlene Spencer, Elsie Miller, Venetia Sharma and Marlene Murphy. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

******You are tallest when you kneel to pray******

2015/2016 Christmas & New Year's Mass (and Office) Schedule

Date	Mass time
Sun., Dec. 20	Regular schedules
Mon., Dec. 21 to Wed., Dec. 23	Regular schedules
Thurs., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve (Office closed at 12:00 noon)	No 7:30 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Mass
	6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
	8:30 p.m. Mass
Fri., 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
Sat., Dec. 26 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Mass
Sun., Dec. 27 (Office open 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)	8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 8:00 p.m. Masses 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
Mon., Dec. 28 to Wed., Dec. 30	Regular Mass times and office hours
Thurs., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve (Office closed at 12:00 noon)	NO 7:30 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	7:00 p.m. Mass
Fri., Jan. 1 New Year's Day (Office closed)	NO 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
from Sat., Jan. 2 and on - regular Mass times and office hours	

Jubilee of Mercy – Archdiocese

Churches, Doors of Mercy will be available to allow people who cannot travel to Rome to make a Jubilee pilgrimage. Designated churches are: St. Paul's Basilica & St. Patrick's, Toronto, Merciful Redeemer & St. Maximilian Kolbe Mississauga, St. Anthony of Padua, Bramalea, St. Patrick's, Brampton, St. Theresa's, Scarborough, The Martyrs' Shrine, Midland & Marylake Shrine in King City.

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