

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	Lorna D'Souza	416-431-7685
Eucharistic Ministers	Clara Peters-Onagoruwa	416-439-1545
Music Ministry	Donald Torres	647-449-6583
Altar Servers	Patrick Pillainayagam	416-439-1545
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 Road	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

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Rejoice, Jesus is Coming!

Recently a flyer arrived in our mailbox proclaiming, "Holiday Magic starts with believing." That got me thinking. What is the magic of this season? Advent is a time of waiting; we are waiting for the coming Messiah. At Christmas we will celebrate Christ's birth. God promised through the prophets that a Saviour would be sent for humankind.

John the Baptist asks his followers to determine whether Jesus is the one whom God will send. Jesus points to what he himself says and does as evidence of who he is – "the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them." Do I believe what I see and hear? Do I trust the words and deeds of God?

Today is also known as Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday, taken from the first words in today's Entrance Antiphon. Isaiah prophesies "the desert shall rejoice and blossom." Why should we rejoice? Because Jesus is coming for each one of us! He is our hope and our light. By entering our humanity he brings eternity to our reality.

With Christmas days away, may we slip away for a moment to focus on the real holiday magic of this season. May our hearts be ready to welcome Jesus as God's eternal gift to the world.

*Gerry Sobie, Castlegar, BC
Excerpted from Living With Christ*

Mass Intentions for December 14 - 21, 2019

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Arlene Spencer, requested by R. Hassan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rafael, Sebastiana, & Maria Privitera and Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family
	10:00 a.m.	+Nicasio & Anacleta Jarquio, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Gliceria Talag, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Kenn Shah, requested by S. McDoom
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Francisco Lagundi, requested by M. & A. Lagundi
	7:00 p.m.	+Fe Carlos, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Bernard Liefeldt, requested by Christine & Anita
	7:00 p.m.	+Charlie Medrozo Sr. and Jovita & Antonio Sagmit, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+David Tavares, requested by the Mababangloob family
	7:00 p.m.	+Matilda Peneau, requested by the Courneya family
		+Fr. Boulais & Dr. Robinson DaCosta, requested by the family
		+Johny Chummar, requested by the family
		+Philomina George, requested by the family
		+Reena Rhyman, requested by the family
+Maria Lily Wardoyo, requested by the family		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Loga, Nemesio, Romeo & Jose Chua, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Jong & Ruan Datan
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Kenneth Ahong, requested by E. Ahong

2019 / 2020 Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Date	Mass time
Sun., Dec. 22 4th Sunday of Advent	8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	8:00 p.m. Mass
Mon., Dec. 23	7:30 a.m. Mass
Tues., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	No 7:30 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Mass
	7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	9:00 p.m. Mass
	12:00 midnight Mass
Wed., 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
Thurs., Dec. 26 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass (only)
Fri., Dec. 27 to Sun., Dec. 29	Regular schedule
Mon., Dec. 30	7:30 a.m. Mass
Tues., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	No 7:30 a.m. Mass
	6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	8:00 p.m. Mass
Wed., 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
Thurs., Jan. 2	Regular Mass schedule

Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m.

A Reconciliation Service will be held on Wed., Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Several priests will be on hand to help with the many confessions.



Sacramental Prep News

CONFIRMATION

- Dec. 15 – regular classes as scheduled
- Dec. 22 – no class

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PUBLIC SCHOOL and baptismal prep students *only*

- Dec. 21 – regular class as scheduled

ECFL – *Early Catholic Family Life Program*

Winter session to start soon!



Children who attended the summer session **are invited** to participate in the

Christmas Nativity Pageant.

For details and rehearsal schedule, call 647-299-2189 or contact the ECFL Team at askstmp2016@gmail.com

Daily Advent Reflections

Are you looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together? Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily. To access free daily *FORMED* Advent reflections copy this address into your browser: https://leaders.formed.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Bulletin_Insert_Advent_2019.pdf.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Geraldine Balarajah, Maurice Archer, Mikayla Haswell, Bashir McDoom, Phyllis & Anthony Cogliano, Tom Shaw and Graeme Caulfield. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Rejoicing Amidst the Darkness

Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trials of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

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