

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

**Secretaries:** Josie Elsner, Suzy Correia **Religious Ed. Coordinator:** Gracie Nepomuceno

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Mike Carolan **Caretaker:** Rodel Trivino

**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	Clara Peters-Onagoruwa	416-439-1545
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

### Youth Minister

Silvio Escobar.....[silvio.escobar@live.com](mailto:silvio.escobar@live.com)

### Youth Group

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### Young Adults for Christ

Racine Senining.....[stmyac@gmail.com](mailto:stmyac@gmail.com)

## Parish Groups

### Parish Council

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

### Finance Council

Alan King.....416-284-7190

### Screening Committee

Claudine Goller.....416-289-0307

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

## Shout With Joy

Rejoice! It is the word that best embodies the third Sunday of Advent. It's like a beautifully wrapped gift that we can't wait to open. We know we are getting close to Christmas and close to receiving a most wondrous gift: the birth of Christ.

This expectation and the need to prepare ourselves for this wondrous event mark Advent. We are eager to celebrate an event that changed everything and gave all people new hope.

What is more joyous than a newborn... and yet what is more vulnerable? It is in such poverty and vulnerability that Jesus comes.

Advent is about preparing for Christ's coming. We must renew our commitment as Christians to reach out to others, especially the most vulnerable, and to let our "gentleness be known to everyone."

In the Gospel, when people ask John the Baptist what they should do, he says whoever has two coats must share with someone who has none. If they have food to eat, they must ensure the hungry are fed.

As we prepare for Christ's coming, bear in mind that Jesus comes not as a great ruler in flowing robes of gold and silk. He comes as a vulnerable child who requires our concern, nurturing and care.

Jack Panozzo, Toronto, ON  
Excerpted from *Living with Christ*

## Mass Intentions for December 15 - 22, 2018

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Deceased members of the Schuyffel & Kastanis families
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Francis & Sophia Pinto, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Valentine family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Juan C. Miel, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Fe Carlos, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Charlie Medrozo Sr., requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Ida Innasipillai, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Ketheesparan family
	7:00 p.m.	+Francisca Pavalan N. Selvadurai
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Ketheesparan family
	7:00 p.m.	+Steve Goller, requested by the Prayer Group
		+Abelardo Lacson, requested by the family
		+Deceased members of the Imborg, Ferrer & Soreno families, requested by R. Ferrer
		+Thomas D'Souza, requested by the Legion of Mary
		Intentions of the Confraternity of Saint Peter, requested by L. Nelson
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Nemesio, Romeo, Jose & Loga Chua, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Libero Boroni, requested by P. Cogliano
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Mary & Joseph Sebastiampillai & Sebastian Wijaya Sundar and Nishanthan & Amal Rajesparam, requested by the family

## 2018 / 2019 Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Date	Mass time
Tues., Dec. 18 to Sun., Dec. 23	Regular Mass schedule
Mon., Dec. 24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>No 7:30 a.m. Mass</b>
	5:00 p.m. Mass
	7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	9:00 p.m. Mass
	12:00 midnight Mass
Tues., Dec. 25 <b>Christmas Day</b> (Office closed)	8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	<b>No 8:00 p.m. Mass</b>
Wed., Dec. 26 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass (only)
Thurs., Dec. 27 to Sun., Dec. 30	Regular schedule
Mon., Dec. 31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	8:00 p.m. Mass
Tues., Jan. 1 <b>New Year's Day</b> (Office closed)	8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	<b>No 8:00 p.m. Mass</b>
Wed., Jan. 2 and on	Regular Mass schedule

## Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Rodel Torres, Albert Vella, Audrey Caulfield, Antonio & Phyllis Cogliano, Mary Gouveia, Dr. Ben Otto, Rosa Maria Santos, Hanna Hadden, Denise Simone, Ofelia Lim, Gerald Molloy, John Ochangco and Caj Gonsalves. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

## Is God Calling You?

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

In preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Christ, a Reconciliation Service will be held on Wed., Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Several priests will be on hand to help with the many confessions.

## How Should We Prepare for Christmas?

Avoiding the commercialization of Christmas is a real challenge. For Catholics, the liturgical season of Advent helps us focus on the spiritual preparation of Christmas. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming". The catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this "coming": "When the church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming" (No. 524). Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back on Our Lord's first coming when He humbled Himself, becoming incarnate and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the creed that Our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

So here are some suggestions to prepare for Christmas. First, make an Advent wreath which is a circle with no beginning or end: God is eternal and His love for us is everlasting. Second, pray, at a regular time each day. Third, read sacred Scripture and reflect upon the passage that you read. Fourth, go to confession with a thorough examination of conscience. Fifth, teach, especially children about the religious significance of Christmas greenery, poinsettias and window candles. Sixth, preach by actions in your daily life. Finally, give of yourself by doing good works which heal the hurts caused by sin, including our own.

So, prepare this Advent to receive Christ as though He were coming for the first time. Make this Christmas a celebration of the birth of Our Saviour and the great gift of faith we have received. By striving to live in the presence of Christ during Advent, we will receive the best present of all – Our Saviour.

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