

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

Young Adults for Christ

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

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

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

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptizer, who appears in today's gospel, gives us a clue to the secret of human greatness. To be genuinely loved by others, to receive the affection and appreciation that we all crave, we simply must forget ourselves and dedicate our lives to some thing or someone that transcends our selfish interests and human pride. We have to give ourselves over to something that is superior. All of the really great people we've known, if we think about them, are people who have been astonishingly careless about their own importance. In fact they really don't even know that they are important. They lose themselves and forget themselves into what is, for them, supremely important... Really great people are often surprised when people pay them tribute.

John the Baptist was a great man. Jesus Christ said of him: "Of all of the men born of women, none was greater than John the Baptist." And what did John the Baptist say about Jesus? "I must decrease, He must increase." In other words, John the Baptist's awareness was centered on the presence of God in our midst. Ordinary eyes couldn't perceive the Presence of God in the midst of our humanity, but John the Baptist's eyes could. (Fr. Charles Irwin).

Fr. Jim, SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 16 - 23, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Ida P. Innasipillai, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Fe Carlos
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Juana Repalda, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Geraldine Ervine, requested by M. O'Brien
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Agnes Pogue, requested by the Rodrigues family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Bernadus family, requested by M.O'Donnell'
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Sophia & Francis Pinto, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Paulette Bischoff, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Nemesio Jr, Romeo & Jose Chua, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Olga Camara, requested by A.& S. King
		+Lionel D'Souza, requested by the Mababangloob family
		+Dra Wanelisa Navarro, requested by The Nikken Group
In thanksgiving, Thelma Chang		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Law Ji Cecilia, requested by C. Cheung
	7:00 p.m.	+Louis Nympe, requested by L. Nelson
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Ernesto Santos, requested by the family

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.

2017 / 2018 Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Date	Mass time
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

Major Relic of St. Francis Xavier

January 12 – 14, 2018

The forearm of St. Francis Xavier, a first degree relic, will be coming to Toronto. It will be hosted on:

- Jan. 12 by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
- Jan. 13 by St. Francis Xavier Church
- Jan. 14 by Our Lady of Lourdes Church

For more information please see:

www.cco.ca/relic.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word program which is held during the 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday. The readings of the Mass are explained to the children at their level of understanding.

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.

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.

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 and by the grace of God.

Vocation Seeds

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at vocations@archtoronto.org.

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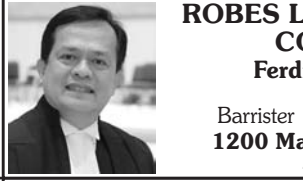
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