

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	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

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Lissette.....stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com

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

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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Reminders to be Prepared

Today we begin the new liturgical year. We will spend the year, like every liturgical year, following the life of Jesus from the time of John the Baptist's preaching to the great salvific events of Jesus' Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and giving of the Holy Spirit. Each liturgical season helps us meditate upon and pray over the life of Jesus, whom we strive to imitate as disciples.

Today's Gospel paints a frightening picture of huge natural calamities heralding the end. We pray not to have to live through such events. Similarly, as Advent progresses we will hear the call of John the Baptist to repent and amend our ways. Being honest with our sinfulness in the face of such preaching can be depressing.

But do not stop at the frightening side of these modes of preparing ourselves. Realize that we are being called to look beyond them to see the light, the beauty of God's promise. "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Our Redeemer is coming; indeed, he is in our midst. Regardless of what we must go through, whether it be disaster or the slavery of sin, our merciful and loving God is waiting to wrap warm and tender arms around us, the in-God's-only-Son Beloved.

Fr. Mark Miller, CSSR

Excerpted from *Living with Christ*

Mass Intentions for December 1 - 8, 2018

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Gertrude & Basil Panditharatne, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Deceased members of the de Guzman & Uy families
	10:00 a.m.	+Maruja De Leon, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Abelio & Antonio Beites, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Steve Goller, requested by P. Walke
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Marina David, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Irene Estepa Turner, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Mary Scallen, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Paul James, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Rowena Sarmiento Torres, requested by the Lim & Torres families
	7:00 p.m.	+Silvia & Babu Gregory, requested by the James family
		In thanksgiving, Umadhay family
		+Souls in purgatory, requested by M. Palumbo
Friday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Luisa Cobrana and family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the sick & dying
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Lucienne Nelson



First Sunday of Advent

Parish Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.



Our Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will lead the first Parish Advent Retreat, entitled "A Light for All Nations", on Sat., Dec. 15

so that we can prepare ourselves to celebrate the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please save time during your busy Christmas preparations to attend. Tickets for \$5.00 each (for lunch) will be sold at the parish office (during office hours) or after all Masses this weekend.

Legion of Mary



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A patrician meeting is held every second Saturday monthly in the Knights of Columbus

room from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The meeting is open to all parishioners who are interested to learn more about the faith and the Church in order to build up religious knowledge, develop skills to explain one's beliefs and then animated for apostleship. Please call the office for details.

Poinsettias For Sale

Weekend of December 1 / 2

Our Young Adults for Christ will be taking orders for poinsettias this weekend, Dec. 1/2, after all Masses. These poinsettias, in memory of our deceased loved ones, will be part of the Christmas altar display. Two sizes are available to order at a cost of \$10.00 and \$20.00. Please support them as they fundraise for their activities.

Advent Project



One activity to do during Advent is to read to your children stories of the saints: St. Francis and the first Christmas crèche, St. Boniface and the first

Christmas tree and St. Nicholas who is Santa Claus.

Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 19th 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.

Is God Calling You?



"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down

with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. 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.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

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

The Angel Tree

Weekend of December 1 / 2



The Angel Tree will be set up this weekend Dec. 1 / 2. The age and sex of each child is indicated on each "angel". You are encouraged to take

one "angel" and purchase an appropriate gift (worth \$20), wrap it and securely attach the "angel" to the wrapped gift. We are also asking for donations of boxes of chocolates, cookies or candies. Be sure to bring the gifts before Sun., Dec. 9th so that your "angel" will not be disappointed when the gifts are distributed.

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