

# St. Thomas More Parish

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**Secretaries:** Josie Elsner, Cathy Dessailly **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.



*prepare the way...*

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Minister

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### Screening Committee

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

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

## Be Open to God's Way

Imagine what it must have been like for Joseph to hear Mary's extraordinary tale of her mysterious pregnancy. Joseph was "a righteous man." He believed in, *longed* for, the coming of the promised Messiah of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. Then to be asked to accept that God was about to fulfill that promise in such an unforeseen and scandalous way? And yet Joseph, awakening from a dream welcomed the unexpected into his life.

Fast forward thirty years and we see the child born to Mary and Joseph spending much of his time doing the unexpected and the scandalous. Whether sitting at table with sinners and prostitutes or embracing lepers and tax collectors, Jesus would challenge people's ideas of what God was like.

Today's readings confirm that God comes to us in ways that can confuse or challenge us. At this time of the year, we might expect to encounter God in cozy family gatherings and beautiful liturgical celebrations. We might not recognize him in the shivering street person or the cranky relative everyone wants to avoid.

Our celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas is an invitation to open ourselves to new possibilities and new ways of seeing God. May we, like Joseph, welcome him with open and generous hearts...in whatever guise he appears.

*Teresa Whalen Lux, Regina SK  
Excerpted from Living With Christ*

## Mass Intentions for December 21 - 28, 2019

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Noreen Achue, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Hermingilda Cuffie, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Michael & Lalaine Cukjati
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Marian Ferrer Patagan & Avelina Bayog, requested by R. Ferrer
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by the family
Tuesday <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:00 p.m.	Intention of Noel Correia
	9:00 p.m.	+Angelo Nepomuceno, requested by G. Nepomuceno
	12:00 midnight	+Eliseo & Adoracion Madulid, requested by the family
Wednesday <i>Christmas Day</i>	8:30 a.m.	+John & Lily Finney, requested by R. Hassan
	10:00 a.m.	+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, the Valentine family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Ceasar & Blanch Braganza
	7:00 p.m.	+Joseph Appiah, requested by S. McDoom
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Rajamani James, requested by the family

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

The great saints of the church speak of an intermediary coming of Christ, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us.



## 2019 / 2020 Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Date	Mass time
Sun., Dec. 22 4 <sup>th</sup> 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	<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
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
	<b>No 8:00 p.m. Mass</b>
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	<b>No 7:30 a.m. Mass</b>
	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
	<b>No 8:00 p.m. Mass</b>
Thurs., Jan. 2	Regular Mass schedule

## 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. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

## Marriage Preparation Course

St. Rose of Lima Parish has a Marriage Preparation Course from Jan. 19 to Feb. 20, 2020. For information, call 416-438-6729.

## Sacramental Prep News

### CONFIRMATION

- Dec. 22 – no class
- Dec. 29 – no class

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**PUBLIC SCHOOL** and baptismal prep students *only*

- Dec. 28 – no class
- Jan. 4 – class as scheduled

### ECFL – Early Catholic Family Life Program

Winter session to start in February!



Children who attended the summer session

**are invited** to participate in the

### **Christmas Nativity Pageant**

*December 24 during the 5:00 p.m. Mass.*

For details and rehearsal schedule, call 647-299-2189 or contact the ECFL Team at [askstmp2016@gmail.com](mailto:askstmp2016@gmail.com)

## I Believe

I believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.

I believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.

I believe that the finest carols are often sung by the poorest voices; from hearts made warm by the wonder of the child Jesus.

I believe in the angel's message that we should not be afraid – that the child in Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities. I believe in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas – that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the one born in the manger, for He lives today and everyday as surely as He lived then.

I believe in going away from Christmas as the Wise Men went: "another way". I want to be different when these days are past more in touch with God, more thoughtful, more caring. And I believe God will help me now and in the time ahead. Amen.

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