

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	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

Youth Minister

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

Screening Committee

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Clay in the Potter's Hands

As we begin the Advent Season the readings of this Sunday exhort us to keep alert for the coming of the Lord. He is like a master who went on a journey and will come back at an unexpected hour. All his servants must be awake when he comes. In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul affirms that we lack no spiritual gift necessary for this time of expectation. The Lord prepares us through the Holy Spirit who strengthens our hope and renews our faith.

In the First Reading the prophet Isaiah cries out to God, "tear open the heavens and come down". God's people are experiencing a time of desolation. They believe that God has hidden His face from them as they went astray and sinned against the Lord. Despite their sorrow they did not lose their faith in God's love. Showing their deep confidence they proclaim, "O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand."

Advent is a time of preparation for a new beginning. Once again, the Lord will come to save us with His justice. We recognize our need of change and God does not ignore our repented hearts. He wants to recreate us just as clay in the hands of a potter. Made into new vessels, we are called to leave behind our self-sufficiency as we surrender to God and become channels of His love.

Fr. Willyans, SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 2 - 9, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Deceased members of the Schuyffel & Kastanis families
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rafaele, Sebastiana & Maria Privitera and Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family
	10:00 a.m.	+Tom & Rita Biordi, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Cuccio Cogliano, requested by P. Cogliano
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Bernadus, requested by M. O'Donnell
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Julia Lechner, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Mary Sebastiampillai, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Imre Lechner, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Paul James, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Benedict Sandrasagara, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+D' Virginia, requested by the James family
		Intentions of Yvonne Rampersaud
		+Maurice McCullough, requested by A. & S. King
		+Asuncion M. Tagle, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Lucienne Nelson
	7:00 p.m.	+Anastacia De Juan, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, the Valentine family

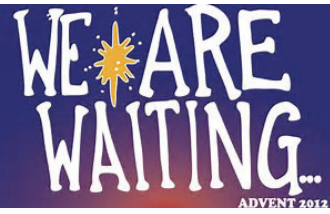
Advent Reflections

Wednesday, December 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m.

To prepare ourselves spiritually for the feast of the Birth of Jesus, Connie Price, from the Archdiocese, will lead us in reflections on Wed., Dec. 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Youth Annual Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 9, 2017



Youth (13 – 18) and young adults (19 – 39) are invited to join us on Sat.; Dec. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for our Annual Advent Retreat.

Come and spend a day with other young people and reconnect with our Lord as we await the joyful day of His Birth. There will be games, music and meaningful talks to listen to. Lunch will be provided as well as snacks. Registration is FREE.

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. Please call Mike at 647-286-1304 for more information.

Praying for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Veena Moretto, 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 by the grace of God.

Angel Tree

Weekend of December 3, 2017

The Angel Tree is set up again this weekend, Dec. 2/3. The age and sex of each child is indicated on each “angel”. You are encouraged to take one “angel” and purchase an age-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. 10 so that your “angel” will not be disappointed when the gifts are distributed.

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.

Confirmation – Rite of Enrolment

Weekend of December 9 / 10, 2017

Children who are preparing for Confirmation will take part in the Rite of Enrolment on Sat., Dec. 9 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass or on Sun., Dec. 10 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray for these children as they journey in their faith.

St. Valentine’s Dinner / Dance

Saturday, February 17, 2018

The social committee would need assistance with the St. Valentine’s Dinner / Dance, which will be held on Sat., Feb. 17, 2018. Please call Mike Carolan at 647-286-1304 for more information.

Christmas Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society

Weekend of December 9 / 10

A special collection will be held next weekend to help support the work of the Society which provides assistance to the needy families in our community. Envelopes will be available in the pews or you may use those provided in your box of Sunday offertory envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

Vocation Seeds

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master’s return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God’s “particular task” for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus hold monthly meetings on the second Tuesday. The next meeting will be held on Tues., Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus room.

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