

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	Aduino Bertazzon	416-438-0507
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 Group

Drusilla Lobo.....youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca

Young Adults for Christ

Andy Rodriguesstmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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He is Coming... Prepare His Way!

As the last prophet of the Old Testament, John the Baptist announces the coming of the Kingdom of God and denounces whatever is contradictory to this kingdom. His example of an ascetic life in the wilderness has drawn many people to him. They wanted to hear his preaching of repentance, to confess their sins and to be baptized as a sign of radical conversion and preparation for the coming of the Lord. John urges them to bear fruit of righteousness so the "One who is to come" will baptize them with Spirit and fire.

Isaiah, another important prophet, proclaims that a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse. A new king will arise, full of the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of God. He is to reign with justice and equity; His word, the rod of His mouth, will strike the earth. He will establish harmony in all God's creation. Animals, wild and tame, will live together in peace; adversaries will no longer hurt or destroy. This shall be a sign of God's glory. In the letter to the Romans Paul encourages the community to welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed them. With one voice, we will glorify the Father!

Today, these three men of God help us to understand the meaning of the Advent season. It leads us to the great mystery of the Nativity of our Lord. This event has marked our history forever. Jesus is the true King who expects from us a commitment to His cause of justice. His incarnation in the flesh has transformed our old inflexible self into creative and life-giving people. To prepare the way of the Lord, to make His paths straight, is to allow Him to change our ways entirely, even if it causes discomfort. Let us listen to His voice and He will bring us justice, freedom and peace.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 3 –10, 2016

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Sylvia Gregory & Aloysius Maria Anandan, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raffaele, Sebastiana & Maria Privitera, Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family
	10:00 a.m.	+Bernard Collins & Geetu Sharma, requested by the Collins family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Mary Sebastiampillai, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Sister Mariani
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Paul James & Bert Lee, requested by the James family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Rowena Torres, requested by N. Torres
	7:00 p.m.	+Nelson Gozun, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Lucienne Nelson
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Rick & Connie Chua
		+Celene Ann Hying, requested by L. Francis
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by M. Johnston
	7:00 p.m.	+Anastacia De Juan, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Bondoc family

Advent Reflection

Wednesday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m.

During the season of Advent our parish is holding a recollection on Wed., Dec. 7th at 7:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves spiritually for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults

Saturday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m.



"Do You Hear What I Hear?" is the theme for an Advent Retreat to be held for young adults in the parish facilitated by the Priests of the Sacred Heart on Sat., Dec. 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The

Retreat includes talks, praise & worship, confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Please register at stmyac@gmail.com or youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca or call 416-439-1545.

Poinsettias For Sale

Weekend of December 3/4



Our Young Adults for Christ will be taking orders for poinsettias this weekend, Dec. 3/4, after all Masses. These poinsettias, in memory of our deceased loved ones, will be part of the Christmas altar display. Two sizes are

available at a cost of \$10.00 and \$20.00. Please support them as they fundraise for their activities.

Angel Tree

Weekend of December 3/4

The Angel Tree is set up again this weekend. 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 \$15), 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 Fri., Dec. 9th so that your "angel" will not be disappointed when the gifts are distributed.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Tom Shaw, Yvonne Rampersaud, Phyllis Cogliano, Albert Vella, Giovana Scala and Ann Fernandes. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Collection

Weekend of December 10/11



There is a special collection 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.

Christmas Eve Live Nativity Scene



Parents of children who wish their child to participate in the Christmas Eve live Nativity scene at the 5:00 p.m. Mass are asked to call the parish office (416-439-1545). Children would be in costume as shepherds, the Three Kings, angels, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.

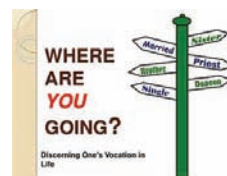
Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide Did you know?



Since Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide in June 2016, 374 people across the country have already died by lethal injection.

Meanwhile, only 30 % of Canadians have access to quality palliative (end of life) care. Please visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca to learn more and write directly to the Ontario government.

Vocation Seeds



"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.



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