

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

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| Lectors | Lorna D'Souza | 416-431-7685 |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Clara Peters-Onagoruwa | 416-439-1545 |
| Music Ministry | Donald Torres | 647-449-6583 |
| Altar Servers | Patrick Pillainayagam | stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com |
| Ushers/Greeters | Percy D'Mello | 647-404-5394 |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word | Nora Lovgren | 416-439-1545 |
| Communion to the Sick | Hy Francis | 416-284-7851 |

Schools

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| St. Thomas More Elementary School | 2300 Ellesmere Road | 416-393-5322 |
| St. Edmund Campion Elementary School | 30 Highcastle Road | 416-393-5356 |
| St. John Paul II Secondary School | 685 Military Trail | 416-393-5531 |

Youth Ministry

Youth Chaplain

Fr. Antonio Pereira SCJ stthomasmore@rogers.com

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

Parish office.....416-439-1545

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

The Second Sunday of Advent

Our Gospel, for this Sunday, talks about Saint John the Baptist who proclaims baptism of repentance which leads to the forgiveness of sins. Who is John the Baptist? Why is he important to us especially in this season of Advent?

John the Baptist is a messenger. He is a messenger because he applies the Old Testament prophecies to Jesus. His life, however, presents still a much greater message for it foreshadows the implications of loyalty to God's work: simplicity of lifestyle and fearlessness in preparing the path for the coming of God's kingdom. He is also a man of prayer and that is why he is close to God. Therefore, John is part of the good news through faithfulness to his mission.

As we know, John the Baptist is an authentic person. He lives what he preaches. By his lifestyle, his dress and eating habits, he shows that the meaning of life is not to be found in the abundance of material possessions but in relationship with God. Simplicity of life and detachment from unnecessary cares and worries of social life frees the heart for a personal relationship with God. To go into the desert is the first step in true repentance. It means abandoning our usual hiding places and putting ourselves in a situation where God can easily reach us. He is authentic because there is nothing shady about him. He was genuine and his lifestyle lent credibility to his preaching.

He is our model to make this Advent season fruitful and meaningful. Our reflection is: Is there something of Saint John the Baptist in us at all: a messenger, a man of prayer and an authentic person? Why?

Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 4 – 11 2021

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Intentions of Chaves and D'Mello family |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +Rafaele, Sebastiana, Maria Privitera, Moses and Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family |
| | 10:00 a.m. | +James Joven, requested by the family |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Intentions of the parish community |
| | 8:00 p.m. | +Rowena S. Torres, requested by the family |
| Monday | 7:30 a.m. | +Gladys Menzes, requested by Sharon and Lawrence D'Souza |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | +Gwen Whittle, requested by M. Fernando |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Gwen Whittle, requested by the Patel family |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | In Thanksgiving, Noel De Juan and +Anastasia De Juan, requested by N. De Juan |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Holy souls in Purgatory, requested by M. Palumbo |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | +Hedy Luna, requested by the Luna family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | In thanksgiving, Karen Pereira |
| | | +Ivy Francis Lobo, requested by Peter Almeida |
| | | +Rogelio Gulapa, requested by R. Dimaranan) |
| | | +Ursula C. Onnes, requested by the family |
| | | +Rosenda Torres, requested by the D'Mello family |
| | | +James Falloon, requested by H.Davey |
| Friday | 7:30 a.m. | Intentions of Gilroy D'Mello |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Mr. K. K. Thomas, requested by the family |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | +Victor Tai-Young, requested by the family |

2022 Sunday Offertory Envelopes



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The 2022 Sunday offertory envelope sets are available in the church foyer. Please pick up a set from one of the ushers or at the parish office.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m.



An Advent Reconciliation Service (confessions) will be held on Wed., Dec. 15th beginning at 7:30 p.m. in order to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. followed

by confessions with several priests on hand to hear them.

Registration for the Sacraments of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION



We are now taking registrations for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Please come to the parish office during regular office hours and bring your child's BAPTISM CERTIFICATE and \$20.00 for the First Holy Communion preparation. For the sacrament of Confirmation, please bring your child's BAPTISM CERTIFICATE, your child's sponsor's BAPTISM CERTIFICATE and \$30.00.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 416-439-1545 or at stthomasmore@rogers.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Wish

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be providing help at Christmas to the needy in our parish. Due to restrictions resulting from Covid-19, we are restricting social contact and will mail food vouchers for families and gift cards for children. If you would like to help us, we ask that your kind assistance be a cash donation to the society to help cover the cost. We thank you for your generosity and wish you all a Blessed, Merry and Safe Christmas.

Sacramental Prep News Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration is now open.

CONFIRMATION

- Registration is now open.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Registration is now closed.

Resumption of Weekly Devotions

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays



We are now resuming our weekly devotions as scheduled (before the pandemic) at the evening Masses:

- Tuesdays with devotion to St. Anthony
- Wednesdays with devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Thursdays with the recitation of the Rosary

Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick: Helen Lazo, Emmanuel Fernando, Elias Khowry, Oliver, Ryder, Mary Lavrisa, John Difalco, Beatriz Tjong, Anita P. Sumabat,

Paul Paboudjian, Elinor & Jose Antonio Layos, Pedro Chu, Dr. Christopher Chang, Mike Madigan, Elisa Dalmacio, Gloria Paraan, Rulfino Dalmacio, Lilia Fernandes, Maritess Paraan, Mary Romadenko, Nancy Skiba, Bradley Solomonsz and those with COVID-19. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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