

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 | 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

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| 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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Silvio Escobar.....silvio.escobar@live.com

Youth Group

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

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A Time of Repentance

Lately I've been feeling that a lot of things are off track in the world. Despite our having enough food to feed the planet, millions are starving. Even in Canada, a land of plenty, countless families rely on food banks. We know we need to care for the Earth, our common home, but we buy too much stuff and fill our world with garbage and pollution. Despite seeing the damage conflict causes, we think peace is out of our reach.

Baruch and John the Baptist speak of the Lord making the crooked straight and the rough ways smooth; this gives me hope that we can find some balance. John the Baptist invites the people of his day, and us, to turn back to God and prepare the way of the Lord – not only during Advent, but all year long.

As followers of Christ, we are meant to live in ways that make the crooked straight. Of course, it's not always easy. It means doing things differently. We may even need to spend time in the wilderness – disconnected from social media, the Internet, malls and TV – to adjust our attitudes and rediscover what's important. But when we do, we will truly understand that, as today's psalm tells us, "The Lord has done great things for us," and we will be "filled with joy."

Anne Louise Mahoney, Ottawa, ON

Excerpted from Living with Christ

Singing hymns of praise to God is said to be praying twice. Only in the Mass do most of us ever have this chance to "pray twice".

Mass Intentions for December 8-15, 2018

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | +Anastacia De Juan, requested by the family |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +Rafaele, Sebastiana & Maria Privitera and Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family |
| | 10:00 a.m. | In thanksgiving, Shiromi & Terrence Thambyrajah |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Intentions of the parish community |
| | 8:00 p.m. | +Vince Malandrino, requested by Sam & Frank |
| Monday | 7:30 a.m. | +Steve Goller, requested by S. Fox |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | +John Johnston, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Pasquale Palumbo, requested by the family |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | +Cirila Cruz, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Souls in purgatory esp. deceased members of FOSS, requested by Emma Tobon |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | In thanksgiving, Theffany Alexander |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Mariano Ocampo, requested by the family |
| | | +Frank Bruns, requested by F.Bruns |
| | | +Steve Goller, requested by R. Ferrer |
| | | +Thomas D'Souza, requested by the Legion of Mary |
| | | +Judy Badian, requested by Fe Alba |
| Friday | 7:30 a.m. | +Athanasius D'Cruz & V.S. Michael Pillai, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Marcelino Pablo, requested by the Lim family |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | +Nicasio & Anacleta Jarquio, requested by the family |

2018 / 2019 Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

| Date | Mass time |
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| Tues., Dec. 18 to Sun., Dec. 23 | Regular Mass schedule |
| Mon., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve | No 7:30 a.m. Mass |
| | 5:00 p.m. Mass |
| | 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass |
| | 9:00 p.m. Mass |
| | 12:00 midnight Mass |
| Tues., 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 |
| | No 8:00 p.m. Mass |
| Wed., Dec. 26 (Office closed) | 9:00 a.m. Mass (only) |
| Thurs., Dec. 27 to Sun., Dec. 30 | Regular schedule |
| Mon., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve | 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass |
| | 8:00 p.m. Mass |
| Tues., 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 |
| | No 8:00 p.m. Mass |
| Wed., Jan. 2 and on | Regular Mass schedule |

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.

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.

Is God Calling You?

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 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.

Legion of Mary

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.

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.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

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

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Virgin

Join us for Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, beginning Wednesday January 9, 2019 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am or Friday January 11, from 7 pm to 9 pm and continuing every Wednesday and Friday for 8 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, call Renate at 905-686-0745 or Michelle at 905-686-3259 or email gsmiministry@gmail.com. Study guides \$35 (optional).

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