St. Thomas More Parish

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ Associate Pastors: Rev. Martin Kadamattu SCJ, Rev. Antonio Resende Pereira SCJ Priests of the Sacred Heart Secretaries: Josie Elsner, Suzy Correia 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.

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 Friday7:30 a.m.Tuesday to Friday7:00 p.m.Saturday & Holidays9:00 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.

L	iturgical Ministries	
Lectors	Lorna D'Souza	416-431-7685
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
	<u>Schools</u>	
St. Thomas More Elementary School	2300 Ellesmere Road	416-393-5322
St. Edmund Campion Elementary Sc		416-393-5356
St. John Paul II Secondary School	685 Military Trail	416-393-5531

Youth Ministry

Absurdities

The Gospel this Sunday tells us that Peter had worked hard all night and he caught nothing. We can imagine how Peter felt when Jesus asked him to put out to deep water for a catch because it was so absurd. It was the wrong time for fishing, and it was coming from someone who knows nothing about fishing. Certainly, he could just tell Jesus to *"Go!"* but the strange thing was that as much as he tried to explain the situation to Jesus, in the end he relented and did what Jesus told him to do.

So, into the depths he went and out of the depths came an absurdity that brought him to his knees. I mean, just where did all that fish come from, and it was so much that it filled two boats to sinking point! It took two boats full of fish to make Peter the fisherman realize he was a poor fisherman and a sinful man.

God uses such absurdities to make us realize who He is and who we are, and it is still happening today. God can be called the *"God of absurdities"* and He would use absurdities to make us realize **He is the God of Holiness** and that His *"absurdities"* are much greater than our intelligence and our capabilities. But all that is to make us realize that He is holy, and that like Peter, we can only kneel down in humility.

God may not call us to do absurd things like going fishing in the middle of the ocean at midday, but He is calling us to do simple things with love and humility. Simple things like offering peace and forgiveness and reconciliation as we meet up with our relatives and friends. By doing simple things with love and humility, others will see the holiness of our God. That may sound rather absurd, but let us remember, that with God, absurdities can become realities.

Fr. Aegidius SCJ

Mass Intentions for February 9 - 16, 2019 Saturday 5:00 p.m. +Teodora Yambot, requested by the family Sunday 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Carole Gaudette 10:00 a.m. In thanksgiving, Michael & Lalaine Cukjati Intentions of the parish 11:30 a.m. community 8:00 p.m. +Mary Ruth Bauer, requested by Frank & Vi Monday 7:30 a.m. +Mary Ruth Bauer, requested by the Seven Oaks Volunteer Executive 7:30 a.m. +Deceased members of Tuesday the Kovacs family. requested by the family 7:00 p.m. In thanksgiving, Kenny Enrera 7:30 a.m. Intentions of Genie Rev Wednesday 7:00 p.m. +Mary, V. & deceased members of the John family, requested by the family 7:30 a.m. +Souls in purgatory, Thursday requested by A. Wells 7:00 p.m. Intentions of Maureen Johnston +Aurora Cirera Tan, requested by the family +Lena Fernandes, requested by A. & L. D'Souza +Vincent James. requested by the family +Fernando Monje Jr.

Seniors' Mass & Luncheon Wednesday, February 13 at 11:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.



Friday

Saturday

On Wednesday, February 13 we are celebrating our monthly Seniors' Mass beginning at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon in

requested by the family

requested by M. Palumbo

Intentions of Lourdina

+Souls in purgatory,

requested by P. & L.

+Basil Benedict,

Rodrigues

Corsano

the parish hall. All seniors are most welcome!

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.



The 27th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is scheduled for Sat., Mar. 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. It includes Mass to be celebrated by His

Eminence Cardinal Collins. For tickets and transportation information, please call Tina Lopes at 647-871-8462. More information is also available on the flyers posted in both foyers.

Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 16, 2019



Come out and celebrate the love we share as brothers and sisters in Christ at this

year's Valentine's Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and \$15.00 for children aged 12 years and under. All proceeds from the dance will go towards our rectory renovations due to the spring flood. So come join us for a night of fellowship and fun! For information or tickets, please call the parish office at 416-439-1545.

Is God Calling You?



Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond

wholeheartedly. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris, at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Food for Thought

Love each other as God loves each one of you, with an intense and particular love. Be kind to each other: It is better to commit faults with gentleness than to work miracles with unkindness.

Mother Teresa (1910-97)

Bishop Barron's Series - "The Mass"

Tuesday, February 26 - Tuesday, April 9



A seven-week program following Bishop Barron's series entitled "*The Mass*" will be held every Tuesday from

February 26 to April 9 (at 7:40 p.m. after the 7:00 p.m. Mass) in the parish hall. Please call the parish office for more information or to register.

Thank You!!



We are very grateful for all the help that our volunteers provided on Saturday, February 2nd to clear the snow away from the walls of the church and rectory to prevent further

damage to the buildings.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Christina & Ilyana Partheepan, Catalino Bicos, Hanna Hadden, Elba Moreno, Candida Garcia, Lee Cummings, Sharon Harvey and Ofelia Lim. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Upcoming Events

The following are upcoming events:

- Wednesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin de Porres Church (4179 Lawrence Ave. E.) for the Taize Prayer meeting. For information, call Coco at 905-686-1670.
- Friday, March 15 Sunday, March 17 at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.) for the "Come and See Weekend" for single Catholic men to discern God's call to the priesthood. Please register at <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>
- Saturday, March 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Dynamic Women of Faith Conference at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre (4300 Cawthra Rd.). For information, call 416-907-1042. To register, go to http://dynamicwomenfaith.com.

