# 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

Youth Minister
Silvio Escobar <u>silvio.escobar@live.com</u>
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Young Adults for Christ
Racine Seniningstmyac@gmail.com
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Parish Council
Mike Carolan416-282-4750
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#### "Do Good To Those Who Hate You, Pray For Those Who Abuse You"

#### (Luke 6:27-38)

What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace – treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated – with loving kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us.

Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return? Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil.

But the problem is: how can we possibly love those who cause us harm and ill-will?

With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices, and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace have power to heal and to save from destruction.

So, our reflection is: do we know the power of Christ's redeeming love and mercy? Can we put in practice this teaching in our daily lives when we encounter our family's members, friends, neighbours, and so on...?

Fr. Aegidius SCJ

#### Mass Intentions for February 23 - March 2, 2019 Saturday 5:00 p.m. +Joseph Mallia, requested by the family +Geronimo Timuat, Sunday 8:30 a.m. requested by the family +John and Lily Finney, 10:00 a.m. requested by R. Hassan 11:30 a.m. Intentions of the parish community 8:00 p.m. +Basil Benedict, requested by R. Ferrer +Lucian Jeyarajah, Monday 7:30 a.m. requested by the family Tuesday 7:30 a.m. +Milagros Biclar, requested by J. Carrillo 7:00 p.m. In thanksgiving, the Barboza family Wednesday 7:30 a.m. +Deceased members of the Monje family, requested by the family In thanksgiving, 7:00 p.m. Wasana Gamage +Patria Hernandez, Thursday 7:30 a.m. requested by the family Intentions of Hy Francis 7:00 p.m.

		In thanksgiving, the	
		Dejamco family	
		+Giovanna & Giuseppe	
		Cataudella, requested	
		by the family	
		+Anna Giordanella,	
		requested by friend	
		+Emmanuel	
		Rajaratnam, requested	
		by the family	
		+Armando Teixeira,	
		requested by the family	
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of McLeod	
		Robin	
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Rena	
		Enrera	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Cecilia Ambrose,	
		requested by the James	
		family	

# First Friday Adoration

Friday, March 1, 2019



There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day on Fri., Mar. 1. Come and spend some time in adoration.

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### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6, 2019



Catholics worldwide will observe Ash Wednesday on Wed., Mar. 6, 2019. Fasting and abstinence from meat is practiced this day for those aged 15 to 59 years old. Substitutions for this penance

include works of charity and exercises of piety such as visiting the sick.

#### Help is Needed



The Archdiocese is requesting that all parishes join "Project Connect" which requires that our parish website be part of

the archdiocesan wide connection. This way, information from the Archdiocese is current along with our own. For this to become a reality, we are requesting help from our parishioners who are familiar with this type of work. Please call the parish office (416-439-1545) if you can assist us with this issue.

#### **Calling For Volunteers**



Our group of volunteers is looking for new members. The group meets every second Saturday of the month to be spiritually nourished with a Bible

reading and discussion followed by fellowship. Please call the parish office (416-439-1545) for more information.

#### Is God Calling You?

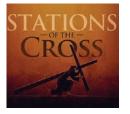


The Lord calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If

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

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:20 p.m. during Lent



During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday beginning at 6:20 p.m. after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which begins at 6:00 p.m.

#### Lift Jesus Higher Rally

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



The 27<sup>th</sup> 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 bus transportation and tickets, please call Tina Lopes at 647-871-8462.

#### Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Phyllis & Antonio Cogliano, Joanna Alexander, Gerald Molloy, Denise Simone, Audrey Caulfield, John Ochangco, Christina & Ilyana Partheepan, Ofelia Lim, Catalino Bicos and Hanna Hadden. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

#### 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 (after the 7:00 p.m. Mass) in the parish hall. Please call the parish office for information.

#### "Where There is Darkness"

Wednesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

This is a movie about a true story of a beloved priest whose life was taken by a young man. It is a story of mercy and forgiveness. The screening will be held at the Eglinton Cineplex on Wed., Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets (\$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 15) can be purchased through Lisa Francis at 647-456-5316 or at Imf.jn316@hotmail.com.

