

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	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

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

Drusilla.....stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com

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Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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Compassion in Action

In today's Gospel Jesus shows compassion (in action) towards a man with leprosy. As in many other occasions, the Lord was approached by someone who had been marginalized because of his infirmity. The leper was considered impure and had to observe very rigid rules. According to the Ancient Law described in the First Reading, he should cry out: "Unclean, unclean" if anyone was approaching him. He was obligated to live alone and distant from healthy people. Despite all prohibitions, this very man chooses to approach Jesus and cry out for mercy, "If you choose, you can make me clean."

The Gospel says that Jesus was "moved with pity" and stretching his hands, touched and cured him. The Lord is never indifferent to those who suffer, no matter what kind of suffering it might be. His mercy is not impotent; rather, it is revealed through a movement of love towards the leper. Jesus Himself could be considered impure by touching a man with leprosy. Nevertheless, He said, "I do choose!" He accepted the risk in order to alleviate his sorrows and give him dignity.

In our days we may find people who are facing social, financial or even religious exclusion as this leper did. Following Jesus' example, we are called to look at everyone who has been discriminated against and show them mercy in action. We are called to go beyond a mere feeling of pity. We are called to take the risk and to do whatever we can to alleviate their crosses. It is easy to give little alms and to say, "I will pray for you", just to get rid of someone who is annoying. Being compassionate, though, means something more profound. Today the Gospel challenges us to show compassion in action; to give some of our time, our attention, our smile and our love to those who come to us.

Fr. Wilyans, SCJ

Mass Intentions for February 10 - 17, 2018

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Virginia D'Souza
	10:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving to St. Anthony
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Alfredo Trono, requested by R. Sazon
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Teodora Yambot, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Genie Rey
	7:00 p.m.	+Eugene De Abreu & Leonard Ramos, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Deceased members of the Kovacs family
	7:00 p.m.	+Mark Landis, requested by R. & I. Lanzadaras
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Don Frattaroli, requested by the Kelly family
	7:00 p.m.	+Maria D'Souza, requested by the family
		Intentions of Michael & Lalaine Cukjati
		+Rosa Bonanno, requested by the Lumbo family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Selisa, Felipe, Rosita, Fermin & Lucio Lucas, requested by the family
		+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Rena Enrera
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	+Maree Kelly, requested by H. Pugliese
	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Candida Dizon

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word program which is held during the 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday. The readings of the Mass are explained to the children at their level of understanding.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14, 2018



Ash Wednesday
Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.
—Ecclesiastes 3:20

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast (less food for those who are between the ages of 14 and 59

years) and abstinence (no meat for adults). This begins the season of Lent, a time of penance when we make more time for prayer, works of piety and charity. Some examples include praying the Stations of the Cross, visiting the sick and elderly, praying the rosary, reading the bible and giving alms to those in need. Ashes will be distributed at the 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses.

Please observe the parking signs on our property and on the streets since infraction tickets will be issued as they were last year.

Is God Calling You?

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Parish Spiritual Statistics

Sacraments	2016	2017
Baptisms	83	127
First Communions	51	85
Confirmations	136	41
R.C.I.A. (new Catholics)	7	10
Marriages	12	10
Deaths	21	38

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 6:00 p.m.



Each Friday evening during Lent the Stations of the Cross will take place at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Lenten Retreat Day

Saturday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.



Our Priests of the Sacred Heart will lead a Parish Lenten Retreat Day on Sat., Mar. 17 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending with Mass at 5:00 p.m. Lunch will also be included (\$5.00).

Ushers Needed



Ushers are needed for the Sunday 8:00 p.m. Mass. If you are interested, please call Dennis at 416-494-8858 for more information.

Prayer and Life Workshops

Tuesdays beginning Tues., Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

A Prayer and Life Workshop is a series of sessions that helps you learn and deepen the art of prayer through different methods of prayer. It emphasizes the importance of silence in prayer and through messages and practice most participants are able to achieve inner healing. This learning has a very practical character, like a workshop: by praying we learn to pray.

In every session we meditate on readings of the Word, practice a prayer method and listen to a message from the founder, Fr. Ignacio Larrañaga, OFM Cap. The Workshop consists of a two-hour weekly session for a period of 15 weeks and a final one-day retreat. The instruction is free and all workshop materials have a cost of \$15.00. For information and to register call Ana at 647-631-5115 or 905-787-1415. For more information, visit the website at www.tovpil.ca/ontario.


Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Neil Abray, Pierre-Claver Kayumba, Erinberto Austria, Yvonne Rampersaud, Phyllis Cogliano, Albert Vella, Daphne Chater, Basil Benedict, Nalini Sookdeo, Gerald Gomes, Christian B. Padua, Ivan Henriques, Steve Goller and Henry Sharp. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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