

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	Aduino Bertazzon	416-438-0507
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

Youth Group
 Drusilla Lobo.....drusilla17lobo@hotmail.com
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 Mike Carolan.....416-282-4750
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First Sunday of Lent

When Jesus heads out to the wilderness, he is accompanied by the Holy Spirit, the source and author of mission. Here, Jesus is challenged to make choices about his identity and how he would live his mission.

Each test the devil poses begins, "If you are the Son of God." Citing scripture, Jesus responds, "It is written." Jesus is tested to see if he is totally committed to God's mission for him; tested to believe that he can serve God without suffering; tested about his attitude toward power and wealth. In summary, Jesus claims the primacy of God and of God's reign.

The first reading from Deuteronomy reveals the liberating love of God in history, while Saint Paul reminds us that, for us as disciples, "the word of faith that we proclaim" comes from the heart of God and must find a home in our hearts.

From my time in Peru, I can still hear the reflections of the native theologian Gustavo Gutierrez, who would remind us that we go to the word of God to read it and it reads us; we go to it with our questions and it in turn questions us; we go to it as the revealed word of God and it reveals us to ourselves. Such is the power of the Word of God. May God's Word and God's Spirit renew our discipleship during Lent.

Father Jack Lynch, SFM

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Ofelia Lim, Nita Hazell, Roslyn Leigh Patrick, Tirso Manadero, Erlinda De Vera, Erlinda Cal, Rita Benedict, Erin Joseph, Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Tilly Graham, Mary Anderson, Ruth Aranjuez, Sharon & Anita Jandoo and Freddie Empensando. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Mass Intentions for February 13 - 20, 2016

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Vincent James, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Sundari Kudumula, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Selton & Lilly Fernando, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Eric & Arunthathi Joseph, requested by the Benedict family
Monday	9:00 a.m.	+Maria D'Souza, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Eric & Antonette De Souza, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+John Richard Finney, requested by L. Finney
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Tyrone Felix-Wallinson
	7:00 p.m.	+Ida P. Innasipillai, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Frank Reilly, requested by B. Reilly
	7:00 p.m.	+Santiago Mantes, requested by the family
		+Consolacion Juniosa, requested by the family
		Intentions of Bridget Ode and family
		Intentions of Fr. Damian Young-Sam-You
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+James Brennan, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Adoracion & Eliseo Madulid, requested by E. Alon
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Deceased members of the Marin and Neaves families & souls in purgatory, requested by N. Marin

Stations of the Cross



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.

Family Day

Monday, February 15th

The parish office will be closed on Mon., Feb. 15th for the Family Day holiday. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. only. Regular office and Mass schedules resume on Tues., Feb. 16th.

Lenten Workshops

The parish will hold workshops during Lent on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall as follows:

- Wednesday, February 24
- Wednesday, March 2
- Wednesday, March 9
- Wednesday, March 16

We will have various speakers during this time to help with your Easter preparation.

Circle of Conversation

Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Priests of the Sacred Heart invite everyone to a Circle of Conversation around welcoming and accompanying Syrian refugees within the context of the Islam and Christian faiths with Samira Kanji, the President and CEO of the Noor Cultural Centre and Ghalia Dbiwe, Ghalia Bdiwe, a Syrian journalist. The Circle of Conversation will be held in our parish hall on Mon., Mar. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Do You Have Daytime Availability?

Volunteers are needed for the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you are available during the day to assist those who are in need in our area, the Society would be most appreciative for your help. For more information, please call 416-439-7827.

Workshop on the Art of Discernment

Given by a team of religious men and women and a married couple. It will take place at Loretta College, 70 Mary Street, Toronto on March 5th, 2016, at 9:00 until 4:30 p.m. The suggested donation is \$25. (with lunch included). Please contact Frances Harrison-Atell at fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca or 416-467-8070. The registration deadline is February 26th, 2016.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 14th after morning Masses



On Sun., Feb. 14th after all morning Masses the Youth Group will be having their annual Pancake Breakfast! Enjoy some pancakes, bacon and free coffee, tea and juice. All monies raised will help support the youth to attend the World Youth Day in Poland this summer.

Come & See Weekend

Office of vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, Feb. 26 (7 p.m.) to Sunday, Feb. 28 (1:30 p.m.). Provides a time to pray, to learn what seminary formation is about and time to interact and socialize with the Seminarians and Priests of the Seminary. The weekend offers opportunities for Communal Prayer, Mass, Adoration & Confession

Mass in a Moment

The Eucharistic Prayer Part II

The Eucharistic meal is a sacrificial meal, a meal that is both sacred and sanctifying. In his words over the bread and wine of the Last Supper, which we recall during the Eucharistic prayer, Christ eternally bound the Christian Eucharistic meal to his sacrificial outpouring of his life for the life of the world. In the celebration of the Eucharist, Christ unites our sacrifice on the cross. At the same time we proclaim and celebrate the eternal covenant that God established in the Blood of Christ himself. "Lord, look upon this sacrifice which you have given to your Church: and by your Holy Spirit, gather all who share this one bread and cup into the one body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise.

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Lent: what to give up

- Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred; return good for evil.
- Give up negativism; be positive.
- Give up complaining; be grateful,
- Give up pessimism; be an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgements; think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry; trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope.
- Give up anger; be more patient.
- Give up pettiness; be more mature.
- Give up gloom; enjoy the beauty around you.
- Give up jealousy; pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping; control your thoughts.
- Give up sin; turn to virtue.

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