

St. Thomas More Parish

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

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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.....youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca

Young Adults for Christ

Andy Rodriguesstmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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Screening Committee

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Love Your Enemies

On top of the mountain, Jesus continues revealing to His disciples the true meaning of God's Law. As heirs of the Old Testament, they have been taught to love their neighbours and despise their enemies. That is how they understood the Law of Mount Sinai, given by God through Moses. Now, Jesus challenges them to show a deeper and free love for everyone. Thus, they shall truly be holy and perfect as their heavenly Father.

"If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." This instruction sounds unfair and exaggerated. However it reminds us that revenge will never help us to solve problems. Instead of uniting people and fostering peace, it generates hatred. There is a cycle of violence in the world that can only be overcome through love and forgiveness. So Jesus insists that it is necessary to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. The truth is that if you use some extra kindness with those who are difficult, little by little you may transform them through the power of your love. Try it!

God's infinite love should be our model. Jesus calls us to mirror our love in God's love which surpasses human standards. "God makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous," He states. God is generous and nothing can change His lavish way of encouraging his sons and daughters. Even when we sin and go astray, He reaches out to us and longs for our return. His love is revealed through a close relationship with complete freedom. And this is the way He wants us to love each other.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for February 18 – 25, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Tom & Rita Biordi, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Petronila De Guzman, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Adoracion & Eliseo Madulid, requested by the family
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mylene H. Tamayo & family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Boniface Hetti, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Yusuf Patel, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Ernesto Sangalang, requested by M. Asuncion
	7:00 p.m.	+Jovita Sagmit, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Steve Goller
	7:00 p.m.	+Carlos Jardinero, requested by the family
		+Romeo Guevarra In thanksgiving, Tisseverasinghe +Jun Fronda Dizon & Remedio Dancel, requested by L. Simon
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Conrado Medina, requested by the Obien family
	7:00 p.m.	+Lawrence Rodrigues, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Lucian Jeyarajah, requested by the family

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 1, 2017



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.

Meeting for All Ushers

Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m.



A meeting for all ushers will be held on Tues., Feb. 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory basement.

Legion of Mary Annual Acies

Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

The Legion of Mary would like to invite all auxiliary Legion members to the Annual Acies function (which means "Consecration of Legionaries to Our Lady") on Sat., Mar. 18th at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church (3170 St. Clair Ave., E.).

Is God Calling You?

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Praying for the Sick

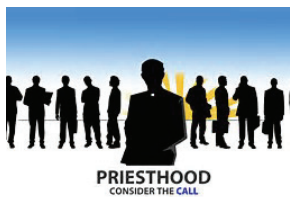


We are praying for the sick of our parish: Albert Vella, Bella Passanha,

Denise Whyte, Kenny Corraya, Phyllis Cogliano, Yvonne Rampersaud, Dennis Hookimaw Sr., Peter Iliev, Rita Croft and Henry Sharp. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

The Come and See Weekend

March 17 to 19 at St. Augustine's Seminary



Single Catholic men 17 years and older are invited to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ, leading to a better discernment of

God's call for their lives. There will be time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Tax Receipts for Family of Faith



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The Family of Faith campaign will be issuing 2016 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2017. These receipts are not issued by our parish.

Tax receipts will be issued for the value of gift amounts received and postmarked on or before December 31, 2016. If you are one of the many donors who prefer to receive your tax receipt via e-mail, please contact the Donations Processing Centre via campaign@archtoronto.org. Please provide your full name, address and the name of your parish.

Parish Spiritual Statistics

Sacrament	2015	2016
Baptisms	151	83
First Communions	84	51
Confirmations	78	136
R.C.I.A. (new Catholics)	6	7
Marriages	14	12
Deaths	28	21

Lenten Reflections



The parish will hold reflections during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall on the following dates:


- Tuesday, March 14
- Wednesday, March 22
- Wednesday, March 29

We will have our own Priests of the Sacred Heart during this time to help with your Easter preparation.

Dynamic Women of Faith

Saturday, March 25, 2017


Dynamic Women of Faith will be hosting its 8th Annual Conference for Catholic Women on Sat., Mar. 25th. Topics include: Call to Holiness, Why Minister to Moms? and more. Speakers include Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Deacon Robert & Mrs. Gabrielle Suthers and Dorothy Pilarski. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be celebrating the opening Mass. For more information, call 905-279-7702 or visit www.dynamicwomenoffaith.com.



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