

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	Lorna D'Souza	416-431-7685
Eucharistic Ministers	Clara Peters-Onagoruwa	416-439-1545
Music Ministry	Donald Torres	647-449-6583
Altar Servers	Patrick Pillainayagam	416-439-1545
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 Road	416-393-5356
St. John Paul II Secondary School	685 Military Trail	416-393-5531

Youth Ministry

Youth Chaplain

Fr. Antonio Pereira SCJ stthomasmore@rogers.com

Young Adults for Christ

Racine Senining.....stmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

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Screening Committee

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Love and Pray for our Enemies

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is telling us directly to make friends always and avoid creating enemies. He says, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." Jesus asks us to do two things.

First is to love our enemies. Jesus is telling us to do good to our enemies. This implies avoiding revenge and not thinking of retaliation. We should open our hearts to understanding, forgiveness, and never let ill feelings reside in our hearts. It means our hearts should never be closed to them and to create all possibilities to foster friendship.

Second is to pray for them. What Jesus wants here is to wish them good and to see goodness in them. We should think of their well-being and not close our minds to them, because we believe in their goodness.

With this, Jesus is teaching us to avoid biases and prejudices. He urges us to get rid of the "likes and dislikes" attitude. It means, we don't love only those whom we like or only those who are lovable, but we love those who are not good to us. We help not only those who are dear to us, but our love should be for all. Our help should transcend our motives and emotions. Our mercy must not be reserved for those who are near to us. Our treatment must be equal. Therefore, we must love and pray for everybody.

What then are the demands of love in today's Gospel?

First is not to reciprocate evil with evil. Love means to return good for evil, blessing for curse, and prayers for those who inflict pain on us. **Second is not to resort to violence.** Love means being ready to sacrifice and to renounce retaliation. To love to the fullest is to even give up certain rights of our own. **Third is not to restrict doing good deeds.** Love is to do good things at all times and for everyone. Love is to give the best and to the maximum.

Our reflection is: what is the difficulty that we have to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us?

Fr. Aegi, SCJ

Mass Intentions for February 22 – 29, 2020

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Jose Maria Ezpeleta and Cecilia & Casitmir Pais, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Juliana Uy, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Lily & John Finney, requested by R. Hassan
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Alfie Lambe (Servant of God), requested by the Legion of Mary
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Lucian Jeyarajah, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Milagros Bicular
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Bible Study members
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Deceased members of the Kovacs family, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Eliseo & Adoracion Madulid, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in purgatory, especially members of FOSS
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Patricia Hernandez
		+Ramon V. Jarquio, requested by the family
		+Virginia Bartolome, requested by the Samonte family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Hy Francis
	7:00 p.m.	+Joseph Emmanuel Rajaratnam, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Felix Wallinson, requested by the family

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 23 after morning Masses



The Youth Group will be having their annual Pancake Breakfast this Sun., Feb. 23rd after all morning Masses.

Enjoy some pancakes, bacon, coffee, tea and juice. Come out and support our young people.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26



Catholics worldwide will observe Ash Wednesday on Wed., Feb. 26, 2020. This 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.

Thank You!!



Our priests wish to thank all those who helped in any way with the annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance fundraiser. The volunteers, especially the organizing committee, were well organized and hard working. We also thank each of the many generous benefactors. Together they raised over \$12,000.00 for our washroom project!

Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m.

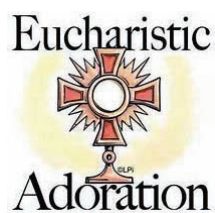


Fr. Paul Tennyson SCJ, one of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (from Ottawa), will lead a Parish Lenten Retreat Day,

entitled "The Journey Home" on Sat., Mar. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets for lunch (\$5.00) are available at the parish office and after the weekend Masses.

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament During Lent

Thursday, February 27 to Wednesday, April 9



During Lent the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each weekday, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for adoration. Please use the hall entrance (by the washrooms) to enter the church.

Sacramental Prep News

Email: askstmp2016@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- February 29 – Classes as scheduled
- March 7 – Classes are CANCELLED

CONFIRMATION

- March 1 – Classes as scheduled

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

- February 28 – Class as scheduled
- March 1 at 2:30 p.m. – Rite of Election
Durham and Scarborough Zones –
St. Barnabas Parish, 10 Washburn Way,
Scarborough

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome

October 9 – 22, 2020



Our parish is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome from Oct. 9 to 22 at a cost of \$4,590. per person.

Father Aegi is the spiritual guide and Connaissance Travel is making the arrangements for the trip. Please call the parish office for more information.

Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Maxwell Collins, Maurice Archer, Benedicta Gonsalves, Phyllis and

Anthony Cogliano, Robin Lopes, Mikayla Haswell, Bashir McDoom, Alicia Alvares, Ferdinand Manadero, Alessandra Lupo, Graeme Caulfield and Lee Cummings. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Seminar

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Christ the King Catholic Cemetery (7770 Steeles Ave. E., Markham) is holding a seminar on Sat., Mar. 7th at 9:00 a.m. to address topics including Powers of Attorney, a proper Will and our Catholic traditions about funerals. For more information, please call 416-733-8544 x 2023.

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