

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	stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com
Ushers/Greeters	Percy D'Mello	647-404-5394
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Nardina Grande	416-419-8254
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 Minister

Mel Perpose.....melperpose@gmail.com

Young Adults for Christ

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

Parish Groups

Parish Council

Clara Peters-Onagoruwa.....416-439-1545

Finance Council

Alan King.....416-284-7190

Screening Committee

Parish office.....416-439-1545

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Martel Gordon-Tennant.....416-439-7827

Temptation

We are now in the first Sunday of Lent. It is a time for conversion and spiritual renewal in preparation for the celebration of Easter. The readings for this Sunday all talk about temptation and give us examples of success and failure in overcoming temptations. The question is: where do temptations come from?

They certainly do come from Satan, as related in today's Gospel. But that is not the only source of temptation. Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. That desire conceives and brings forth sin, and when sin reaches maturity, it gives birth to death. Temptations come from Satan and our own fallen nature. How then do we overcome these temptations?

There are three main exercises that keep us plugged into Jesus and help us overcome ordinary temptations. The first is fasting. By fasting, we gain control over our bodily appetites, instead of them controlling us. In today's Gospel, Jesus sets us an example through His fasting. When we fast, we discipline our bodies through the foods that we eat or abstain from eating. For example, we deny ourselves a sumptuous meal and eat simple foods instead. The second is almsgiving. By giving alms, we become more detached from money or worldly things and more attached to Jesus, who gives us the strength to overcome temptations. For example, we can save and collect our small change in a bowl during Lent and then donate it to a charity at the end of the season. The third is prayer. Prayer directly plugs us into the Lord. As soon as we are tempted, we should flee to the Lord, and show Him all of our temptation in all its ugliness, so that He can help us.

Our reflection is: Are we ready to commit to these three spiritual practices during Lent? What temptations are we dealing with in our life right now? How do we overcome them?

Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for February 25 – March 4, 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Anne Bertazzon requested by Carol Sevigny
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+James Joven requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Ofelia Lim requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+Myrna Perpose, requested by C. Dessailly
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Hy Francis requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving to St. Vincent
	7:00 p.m.	+Felix Wallinson, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Rene Terry Goddard, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Souls in Purgatory, requested by M. Palumbo
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Hernani Yambot, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Zenaida Salazar req by Torres Family
		+Myrna Perpose, requested by the Torres Family
		+Myrna Perpose, requested by Percy and Anita
		Intentions of Serviam Group, our priests and priestly vocations
		Intentions of Linda and Ernest Caramancion requested by Larry and Marie Neeff
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Daniel and Judith Lorza, requested by V. Rey
	7:00 p.m.	+Basil Benedict Sr., requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Pascoal Lino DeSouza, requested by the family

1st Sunday of Lent, Feb 26th, 2023

Support our Lenten ShareLife Appeal

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife.

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing.

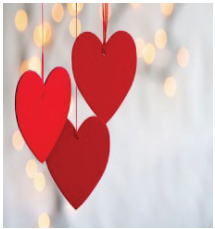
Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families. Please give generously once again this year.

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Valentine's Dance Party



A big thank you to all of the many people who helped make our annual parish Valentine's dinner and dance a big success. A special thanks to the volunteers, the sponsors, youth and young adults and everyone who donated

to this event. We raised \$12,408.83 in funds that will go towards all the renovation projects that the parish will be undertaking. Once again, thank you for your kind donation.

Turkey & Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

The Turkey and Syria relief appeal supports those affected by the deadly earthquake on February 6, 2023. Your gift will fund relief efforts administered through CNEWA, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need and Canadian Jesuits International.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>

By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Thomas More – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

Sacramental Prep News

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration is now closed.

CONFIRMATION

- Registration is now closed.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Registration is now closed.

Prayers Needed for the Sick



Please join us in praying for the sick Sheri-Anne Asaro, Sharmi Basnayaha, Willy Bautista, Aduino Bertazzon, Naly Chia, Phyllis Cole, Frank Del Luca, Jill & Matthew Downs, Georgia Dynes, Lee Esmonde, Alfred Fernandes, Anna Ferreira, Crizza Jane Gabon, Brayden Gangaram, Veronica Harding, Elias Joseph, Linda Klein, Mary Lavrisa, Don Lee, Jack Muir, Victoria Munson, Robert Hill, Noli Mababangloob, Lynette Nicholson-Phipps, Angelo Pagnello, Alba Parada, Denisse Ramirez, Brian and Evelyn Rozario, Silvia Ruscica, Olivia Lam, William Passanha, Lim Hong Kong, Suma Reddy, Theresa Tomaschek Sr., Lina Vitello and Ellie Vitello. May they be supported by our prayers, our ministry and by God's grace.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Trip and Rome



Our Pastor Father Aegidius will be leading a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome from October 7-20, 2023. All Parishioners are invited to join

the Pilgrimage. For full details including the cost of the trip, please pick up a brochure from the Parish office 416-439-1545.

Walking with Christ- Lenten Retreat 2023




Sat, March 4th, 9 am (Morning Mass) till 2:30pm at St Thomas More Parish.


Speakers: Fr. Peter McKenna (SCJ), Fr. Martin Kadamattu Antony (SCJ), Fr. Aegidius Warsito (SCJ).

Please bring your own Lunch. Coffee, tea, water and Light snacks will be provided.

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