

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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Parish Groups

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 Mike Carolan.....416-282-4750
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Urgent Time of Conversion

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the fig tree which should have borne fruit but after three years was still barren. Since the tree had not been fruitful, the landowner had decided to cut it down. A good agriculturist would never allow an unproductive tree to waste the earth’s elements and harm other trees. The gardener though intercedes for this tree – “Let it alone for one more year” – he would have tried his best to save it, but if it then produced nothing, the landowner would have finally had it destroyed.

We may think that this man was quite impatient; he should have waited a little longer. However, these three or four years represent the length of our lives which is unknown and mysterious to each of us. Conversion is always urgent! We cannot wait for tomorrow because it may be too late. I know people who insist on committing the same sins presuming that one day they would repent and ask for God’s forgiveness. I’ve seen brothers and sisters who consciously do wrong with the purpose of going to confession afterwards. Be careful; it does not work like that! God is merciful and patient, but He is also just and does not waste time.

Conversion is about a sincere transformation; the once barren tree was now fruitful and lush. The Lord did not need to cut it down anymore for it had really changed and was contributing to the beauty of the garden. So go and be a “fruitful tree” as soon as possible! Repent and believe in the Gospel. Today is the acceptable time; today is the day of salvation!

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for Feb. 27 – Mar. 5, 2016

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Hy Francis
	10:00 a.m.	+Felix Wallinson, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Consolacion Juniosa, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Daniel O'Donnell & family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Ciaran O'Donnell & family
	7:00 p.m.	+Lydia De Leon, requested by the Ministry to the Sick members
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Aseervatham Theopillai, Ratnam Sebamalai & Elizabeth Gnanapiragasam, requested by the Janakan family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Quentin O'Donnell & family
	7:00 p.m.	+Delfin Reyes, requested by the family
		+Helen Chai-Wahking, requested by the family
		Intentions of Jean Carvin
		Intentions of Gisele Leocadie Somboko
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of McLeod Robin
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the sick
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Francisco Lopez, requested by the family

Lenten Workshops



The parish will hold workshops in the parish hall during Lent with various speakers for your Easter preparation on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Acts of Charity for Lent

Proposed by Pope Francis

- Smile, a Christian is always happy!
- Thank someone (even if you don't have to).
- Tell others how much you love them.
- Greet people you see every day in a joyful way.
- Listen to the other with love, without prejudice.
- Stop to help. Be attentive to the needs of others.
- Lift up the spirits of others.
- Celebrate someone's talents or successes.
- Select those things which you're not using and give them to the needy.
- Help when needed so that someone may rest.
- Correct with love, do not remain silent out of fear.
- Have a good rapport with those close to you.
- Clean what you use in the house.
- Help others overcome obstacles.
- Call your family.

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.

First Friday Adoration

Friday, March 4, 2016

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fri., Mar. 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please come and spend some time in adoration.

Easter Lilies

February 27 / 28 and March 5 / 6

Our Young Adults for Christ will be taking orders after all Masses this weekend, Feb. 27 / 28, and next, Mar. 5 / 6, for lilies in memory of your deceased loved ones. The lilies will be part of our Easter altar display. Proceeds will go toward their activities.

Thank You for Your Support!

Thank you to all parishioners who attended our annual Pancake Breakfast! We were able to raise approximately \$300.00 which will help our youth to attend World Youth Day 2016 in Poland. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Denise Wilde, Sebastian DeSilva, 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 Jaundoo and Freddie Empensando. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Mass in a Moment

The Blessing

God is the origin of all blessings. In the first few chapters of the Bible God is the only one who blesses, who "speaks well of". And God's blessing is life-giving. But, even in the earliest biblical times, the people of God felt free to invoke God's blessings on one another. Heads of households and community leaders like Isaac and Aaron of old, offer us early examples of blessings. Jesus even commanded his followers to bless those who hate, revile and persecute them. The Christian custom of blessing before parting is old indeed. We remember that even though the family or community is dispersed, our bond of unity is empowered by God and is not to be taken lightly, not forgotten, forsaken or violated in any way. Let us look for opportunities to bless one another throughout our day, every day.

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