

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	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 Minister

Silvio Escobar.....silvio.escobar@live.com

Youth Group

Lissette.....stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com

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Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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

Screening Committee

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To be Salt and Light of the World

This Sunday's Gospel tells us about the task of those who want to be followers of Jesus: **to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.**

First, salt flavours things and makes food tasty. We know how tasteless food is if there is no salt. We eat food because it tastes so good. So also with us Christians/Catholics, we have to radiate Christ and make Christian values credible and attractive to others.

Second, salt preserves food. Meat is a dead body and if left, spoils. But salt preserves it and keeps it fresh. For us Christians/Catholics, we must know how to preserve Christian values so that we may be able to defeat evil ones and help others to be good.

Third, salt creates thirst. Do we ever make anyone thirsty for the Lord?

Jesus also talked about another task for His followers: *"You are the light of the world."* But what happens in our world today? Our world is not a better world because we, Christians/Catholics, the representatives and image of God, are not better persons, rather we are bitter persons. As Mahatma Gandhi said: *"I like Christ, but I don't like Christians and the way they live."* This is the reason he was not converted to Christianity.

The problem is not that Christianity is wrong and does not fit anymore for modern society; the problem is within us. We, as Christians/Catholics, are not living as we should. We live without the tasks that Jesus talked about in this Sunday's Gospel, that is: *to be salt and the light of the world.* I believe that if everyone becomes the salt and the light of the world, for sure, there will be a big change in the world today.

So, our reflection is: are we the salt and the light of the world? How do we want to put into practice what Jesus teaches us this Sunday?

Fr. Aegi, SCJ

Mass Intentions for February 8 – 15, 2020

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Mary Aseervatham, requested by the Benedict family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+K. P. Joseph, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Patria Hernandez
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Froilan Ferrer Jr. and Faustino Lanzaderas, requested by the Benedict family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Bernard Ignatius Lilliefeldt, requested by S. McPherson
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Teodora Yambot, requested by L. & J. Bedford-James
	7:00 p.m.	+Tony Di Domenico, requested by the Correia family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Mary Scallen, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Albert Vella, requested by the Maltese Committee of Hamilton
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Genie Rey
	7:00 p.m.	+Sixto & Carina Antonio, requested by the family
		+Paul & Rajamani James, Xavier Mudaliar, Morel & Chinna Rani, and Fr. S. M. George, requested by the James family
		+Juanita & Gaudencio Silva, requested by W. Silva
Friday	7:00 p.m.	+Dave Rochemont, requested by the Gueco family
		+Amy & John D'Souza and Denis & Celine Pinto, requested by the Pinto family
		+Conchita Rosales, requested by the family
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	+Conchita Rosales, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Rene F. Ramas, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Elisa Paraan Dalmacio

Lenten Retreat

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



Our Priests of the Sacred Heart 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.

Tax receipts for 2019



The 2019 tax receipts are available to be picked up in the parish office only. Please come during regular office hours to pick them up or call the parish office if you wish to have your receipt mailed out to you.

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: Benedicta Gonsalves, Phyllis and Anthony Cogliano, Robin Lopes, Mikayla Haswell, Bashir

McDoom, Alicia Alvares, Innes Potgieter, 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.

Sacramental Prep News

Email: askstmp2016@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- February 8 – Classes as scheduled
- February 15 – No classes
- February 22 – Classes as scheduled

CONFIRMATION

- February 9 – Classes as scheduled
- February 16 – No classes
- February 23 – Classes as scheduled

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

- February 14 – No class

Annual Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 15, 2020

All tickets have been sold! If anyone would like be a sponsor for this fundraiser, we ask that you call the parish office. All proceeds from the Dance will go towards renovating the washrooms. Thank you for your support!

Seniors' Mass and Luncheon

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.



Join us for our monthly Seniors' Mass and Luncheon on Wed., Feb. 12th beginning at 11:00 a.m. All seniors are most welcome!

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.

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