# St. Thomas More Parish

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Secretaries: Josie Elsner, Cathy Dessailly Religious Ed. Coordinator: Michelle Peres

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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.



MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD LEAD YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR

### **Youth Ministry**

Youth Chaplain

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#### **Parish Groups**

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| Parish Council              |              |
| Mike Carolan                | 416-282-4750 |
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| Alan King                   | 416-284-7190 |
| Screening Committee         |              |
| Parish office               | 416-439-1545 |
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## Epiphany of the Lord

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany. 'Epiphany' means a revelation or a manifestation. It means that the newborn Saviour was revealed to the whole world through the wise men.

As we know, the wise men followed the star to get to the infant King of the Jews, but it was not easy! Because at times, they couldn't see the star and that is why they ended up in Jerusalem because they thought that the infant King would be born in a big city; but with the help of the Jewish scripture, finally, they found the infant King of the Jews.

In this whole Epiphany event, the wise men are the real heroes. Because without them, there would be no Epiphany. Without them, Jesus would not be revealed as Saviour of the whole world. They were worn out as well as stressed out: making the journey of a thousand miles over desert sands, being foreigners in a foreign land and being taken advantage of by King Herod to be his agents and informants of the whereabouts of the Infant King of the Jews.

When we come to think of it, the wise men can be called our ancestors-in-faith. Because they, like us, were non-Jews, but even so, they embarked on a search for the king who will give meaning to everything. Indeed, the wise men are the essential characters in this feast of the Epiphany. And yet the Epiphany continues, and like the wise men, we are now the essential characters in this ongoing Epiphany.

Our reflection is: have we found Jesus? Are we even searching for Jesus? Do we even believe that Jesus is the King who would give meaning to everything? Would we give up because of the obstacles and difficulties?

Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

| Mass Intentions for | r |
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| January 1 – 8, 2022 | 2 |

|           | Voar's Day  |   |  |  |
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|           | Saturday <i>New Year's Day No 5:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. Mass</i> |   |  |  |
| Sunday    | 8:30 a.m.   | +Eugenio, Bernardo, Palagia<br>Onnes, Gina Fajardo, Richard<br>Jay Vape, requested by the<br>family |  |  |
|           | 10:00 a.m.  | +James Joven, requested by the family   |  |  |
|           | 11:30 a.m.  | Intentions of the parish community  |  |  |
|           | 8:00 p.m.   | +Juana Repalda, requested by the family   |  |  |
| Monday    | 9:00 a.m.   | +Alexio and Luiza Madeira,<br>requested by the Sheikh family  |  |  |
| Tuesday   | 7:30 a.m.   | In thanksgiving, Joe and Corinne Alphonso   |  |  |
|           | 7:00 p.m.   | +Wilfred O'Connor, requested by the King family   |  |  |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m.   | +Antonio Fernando, requested by Cathy and Sharon  |  |  |
|           | 7:00 p.m.   | +Souls in Purgatory, requested by M. Palumbo  |  |  |
| Thursday  | 7:30 a.m.   | +Rosenda Torres, requested by the Abad family   |  |  |
|           | 7:00 p.m.   | +Christopher Viswasam,<br>requested by the R. Benedict<br>family                                    |  |  |
|           |   | +Darvin Tungol, requested by V. Cortez and family   |  |  |
|           |   | +Francis and Lynette Sequira, requested by the James family   |  |  |
|           |   | +Steve and Claudine Goller, requested by the James family   |  |  |
|           |   | Intentions of the Serviam Group,<br>our priests, parishioners and<br>priestly vocations             |  |  |
| Friday    | 7:30 a.m.   | +Marian Lobo, requested by C.<br>Lobo   |  |  |
|           | 7:00 p.m.   | Intentions of Ivan John Novak   |  |  |
| Saturday  | 9:00 a.m.   | +Orlandino Pena Fiel, requested by the Torres family  |  |  |

## 2021 Tax Receipts and 2022 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

All donations for the 2021 taxation year must be received by the parish office <u>before January 3</u>, <u>2022</u>. Any donations received after this date will be credited for the 2022 taxation year. The 2022 Sunday offertory envelope sets are now available from the parish office or in the foyer.

## **Baptisms**



We welcome into God's family the following children who have been baptized in our parish during the months of July through to December: Dexter R. O. Nuguid, Jax A. Shinn, Shania E. Hyatt-Spence,

Aaron F. Obileye, Elizabeth M. Obileye, Jason O. Obileye, Mason O. Obileye, Yanis B. T. Perry Black, Za'cari N. A. Perry-Gray, Nathaniel O. Satimehin, Riley E. Walton, Arturo Aguirre Madriz, Matias A. Gonzalez Zamora, Atarah R. Herath, Tymon T. Manonga, Scarlet R. Stanley, Evie D. S. Ramos, Amelia S. Pacheco, Samuel A. Rodriguez Arcila, Selena S. Saathoff Coa, Xavier J. Caparas, Yousef T. B. Cawit, Valerie H. Chin, Rogelio A. Grazietti-Fernandes, Harris J. Vance, Daniel Garcia Garcia, Eliam Macias Maia, Antonella Rodriguez Garzon, Camilla F. Z. Lucena, Carolina R. R. Maciel, Hendrix E. Herrera, Ysabella M. Palabrica, Asia K. Alvarez Urena, Brielle Romero, Ethan E. Romero, Ben Z. Ariz, Kyleen S. Parmar, Dash O. S. Zapanta, Sofia M. Marques and Naomi M. Drysdale. May God bless them and their families all the days of their lives!

## **EnCourage / Courage**

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- EnCourage: Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity. Email:
  - encouragetoronto@yahoo.com
- Courage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ. Email: couragetoronto@yahoo.ca

# 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.

# Catholic Family Services of Toronto's Online Counselling Sessions

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. Single-session counselling is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: <a href="mailto:info@cfstoronto.com">info@cfstoronto.com</a> or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048. Leave a message with your name, email and phone number and a staff person will contact you.

Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the options to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs.

Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay fees.

### Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick: Helen Lazo, Emmanuel Fernando, Elias Khowry, Oliver, Ryder, Mary Lavrisa, Beatriz Tjong, Anita P. Sumabat, Paul Paboudjian, Elinor & Jose Layos, Pedro Chu, Dr. Christopher Chang, Elisa & Rulfino Dalmacio, Gloria & Maritess Paraan, Lilia Fernandes, Mary Romadenko, Nancy Skiba, Selvmani and those with COVID-19. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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