

St. Thomas More Parish

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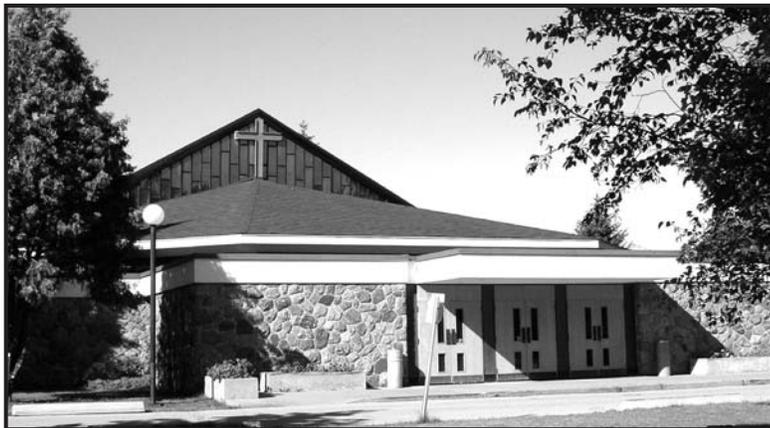
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Office hours: Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Young Adults for Christ

Andy Rodriguesstmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

Alan King.....416-439-1545

Screening Committee

Claudine Goller.....416-289-0307

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Friend of God

Luke addressed his Gospel to Theophilus which means "God's friend". He was committed to telling the story of Jesus Christ and to spark a friendship with Him who came to proclaim the Good News to the poor. According to the evangelist, Jesus entered the synagogue and read from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. It was customary that anyone in the assembly would have stood up and proclaimed the Word of God. Surprisingly, though, Jesus referred this passage to Himself. In fact, He is the Anointed, who is to bring liberation, peace and justice to the world.

So the friends of God are bound to listen and be inspired by these words of the Scriptures. They understand that Jesus' Gospel is not just a beautiful story. It is indeed a model for life, a light for our path and secure way of salvation. In the First Reading, Ezra read the Law of God before men and women. They were filled with awe as the Law was being proclaimed freely to the People of Israel. For a long time they had been waiting for this day of grace. Now it was time to live God's Law with joy, announce it with passion and become a friend of God.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul compared the Church to a body in which all members are important and have their role. In the Christian community, all God's friends are welcome and find their place as messengers of the Gospel with their words and actions. As the Holy Spirit was upon Jesus empowering Him to do good, we invite Him to come upon us strengthening our hearts to build the Kingdom of God in our time.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for Jan. 23 - 30, 2016

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Ed Pitre, requested by the D'Souza family
	10:00 a.m.	+Linda & Reginald DeSilva, requested the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ruperto & Blandina Roque
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of all priests & seminarians
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Carl Concina
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Dan O'Donnell & family
	7:00 p.m.	+Jovita S. Dayot, requested by G. Nepomuceno
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Ciaran O'Donnell & family
	7:00 p.m.	+Jam Catherine Parcerro, requested by the E. Manalo family
		Special intentions
		Intentions of Susanna Nick
		+Lydia de Leon
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Pearly & Mariendara Aloysius Bastianpillai, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Gerardina Palumbo, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Marin family

Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 13, 2016



Our third Annual Parish Valentine's Dinner and Dance will be held on Sat., Feb. 13th after the evening Mass in our parish hall.

Door prizes, buffet dinner, live band 'Pearl of Wisdom' and more!! Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12 years of age. Please call the parish office (416-439-1545) to purchase tickets.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Nita Hazell, Roslyn Leigh Patrick, Tirso Manadero, Erlinda De Vera, Erlinda Cal, Rita Benedict, Erin Joseph, Desmond Singh, Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Tilly Graham, Mary Anderson, Ruth Aranjuez and Freddie Empensando. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Mass in a Moment

The Gospel & Gospel Acclamation

The scriptures record the great love story of God and humanity. It is a story of God's call and our response, of steadfast love in the face of infidelity, of divine covenanting despite human fickleness. It is the story of salvation, the word of God, good news. John, the evangelist, calls Jesus "the Word-made-flesh." Jesus is the good news in human flesh. And when this good news is proclaimed Christ himself is present. This is a privileged moment; we stand. This is **good** news; we greet its coming with boisterous songs of "alleluia." The one who proclaims the gospel text venerates the word with a sign of the cross, and a kiss. The proclaimer and the assembly together trace the cross on their forehead, lips and heart so that the gospel may find a dwelling place there. The rest of the assembly venerates the word they have received in song and posture. "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory."

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Planning to be a Catholic School Teacher?



It is important to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario, as part of the employment process, there must be a letter of reference from the pastor. If anyone is planning to apply to

teach in a Catholic school contact with the pastor is highly recommended. Please make arrangements to speak to the pastor at least 8 months before requiring a reference letter.

Please Note

All parishioners who have taken a box of Sunday offertory envelopes are requested to write their name and address on the first few envelopes to ensure that their tax receipt will be correct at the end of the year. Thank you for your cooperation!

FertilityCare Toronto

If you are suffering from infertility or recurrent miscarriage and would like some direction that is morally acceptable, please contact FertilityCare Toronto. Their website is at www.fertilitycare.ca.

The Grandeur of God

My First Impulse Toward Catholicism

*Be Strong
By God's Grace*

Mrs. Barrett gave me my first impulse toward Catholicism. It was around ten o'clock in the morning that I went up to Kathryn's to call for her to come out and play. There was no one on the porch or in the kitchen. The breakfast dishes had all been washed. They were long railroad apartments, those flats, and thinking the children must be in the front room, I burst in and ran through the bedrooms.

In the front room Mrs. Barrett was on her knees, saying her prayers. She turned to tell me that Kathryn and the children had all gone to the store and went on with her praying. And I felt a warm burst of love toward Mrs. Barrett that I have never forgotten, a feeling of gratitude and happiness that still warms my heart when I remember her. She had God, and there was beauty and joy in her life.

All through my life what she was doing remained with me. And though I became oppressed with the problem of poverty and injustice, though I groaned at the hideous sordidness of man's lot, though there were years when I clung to the philosophy of economic determination as an explanation of man's fate, still there were moments when in the midst of misery and class strife, life was shot through with glory. Mrs. Barrett in her sordid little tenement flat finished her breakfast dishes at ten o'clock in the morning and got down on her knees and prayed to God.

Dorothy Day (1897-1980)

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