

St. Thomas More Parish

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Secretaries: Josie Elsner, Cathy Dessailly **Religious Ed. Coordinator:** Gracie Nepomuceno

Pastoral Council Chair: Mike Carolan **Caretaker:** Rodel Trivino

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

Young Adults for Christ

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

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

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Screening Committee

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To Let Go

In the Gospel for this Sunday, John the Baptist gave testimony about Jesus. He said: *"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."* And we know that before Jesus came onto the scene, John the Baptist had the people in his hand. He preached about repentance, baptized people and the people even thought that he was the Saviour. When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him, he had to make a decision. He could look away and hold on to the limelight and the attention that he was getting from the people. But he made the choice to let go and be freed from the clutches of pride and ego. It was in letting go that he was able to point out the Lamb of God.

I think, therein lies his greatness. He was humble enough to let go and make way for Jesus when He appeared. There is one statement from John the Baptist that expressed his understanding of the whole matter. He said: *"A man can lay claim only to what is given to him from above."* (John 3:27)

Indeed, we can only have what is given to us from above. As for the rest, we will have to let go. It is only in letting go that we can be freed from the trap of the clutches of our own hand.

John the Baptist said that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And then, what is this sin that he is talking about? Certainly, when it comes to sin in its broadest understanding, it is what separates us from God. And when we look at how John the Baptist was able to let go of himself and point out Jesus as the Lamb of God, then we can see that particular strand of sin as self-obsession.

John the Baptist showed us how to let go so as to point out Jesus to others. So, can we also do this? Why? What is really the purpose of lives for us?

Fr. Aegi, SCJ

Mass Intentions for January 18 - 25, 2020

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Alwin Fernandes
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Evelyn Rozario
	10:00 a.m.	+Maria Mathildes Fernandes, requested by D. & S. DeSouza
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	Intentions of Josephat Ononiwu & family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions Adriana Kiriakou
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Judith Lorza, requested by V. Rey
	7:00 p.m.	+Peter Vaz, requested by S. & D. Thomas
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Lydia Punzalan, requested by J. & Z. Galang
	7:00 p.m.	+Jaime Santos, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Fortunata Umali, requested by the Strachan family
	7:00 p.m.	+Emerenciana Lim, requested by the family
		+Antonio Annasamy, requested by the James family
		+Joe DeJuan, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Phyllis, Monroe, Christine and Helen & family
		+Steve Goller, requested by C. Goller
	7:00 p.m.	+Mary Burns, requested by P. Almeida
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Ray Whittle, requested by M. Fernando & family

Young Adults for Christ Meeting

Saturday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Theme: **"The Dating Project"**

Documentary Film / Group Discussion

Coffee, tea, hot dogs and popcorn

Come and meet other young adults!

We hope to see you there!

Annual Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 15, 2020



Come out and celebrate the love we share as brothers and sisters in Christ at this year's Valentine's Dinner and Dance on Sat., Feb. 15. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and \$20.00 for children aged 12 years

and under.

All proceeds from the Dance will go towards renovating the washrooms. If anyone would like to be a sponsor for this fundraiser, we ask that you call the parish office at 416-439-1545. So come join us for a night of fellowship and fun!

To avoid disappointment, purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets will not be sold at the door. If you purchase 8 or more tickets, you can reserve a table. For more information or tickets, please call the parish office at 416-439-1545.

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.

Christopher Leadership Course

Sunday, February 9 to Sunday, April 26



The Christopher Leadership Course is a non-profit organization to help people to build confidence through leadership and public speaking. St. Theresa Shrine (2259 Kingston Rd.) will hold

the course from Feb. 9 to Apr. 26. For more information, visit www.clcnational.com

Sacramental Prep News

CONFIRMATION

- January 19 – Class as scheduled

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- **PUBLIC SCHOOL** and Baptismal Prep students: January 18 – Class as scheduled
- Students attending **Catholic Schools** January 18 – Classes begin

ECFL (*Early Catholic Family Life Program*) Celebrating the gift of family



ECFL showcase

Open to all

Sunday, February 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
in the church hall

Drop in and visit our:

- Information table
- Display booth
- Meet and greet our catechists and volunteers
- **hands-on fun activities for children** with the help of their **grandparents or parents**.

For details, call 647-299-2189 or contact the ECFL Team at askstmp2016@gmail.com

Humanitarian Relief – Australia Fires

The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is assisting in the recovery from the devastating fires. All funds donated will be channeled through the Australian St. Vincent de Paul. Donations can be made through our parish by cheque payable to: St. Thomas More Parish – Australia Fires – Disaster Relief.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Alicia Alveres, Innes Potgieter, Ferdinand Manadero, Alessandra Lupo, Graeme Caulfield, Lee Cummings and Geraldine Balarajah. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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