

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	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	stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com
Ushers/Greeters	Percy D'Mello	647-404-5394
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 Chaplain

Fr. Antonio Pereira SCJ stthomasmore@rogers.com

Young Adults for Christ

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

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Parish Council

Parish office.....416-439-1545

Finance Council

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Liberation

In this Sunday's Gospel, Luke tells us that Jesus went back to His hometown in Nazareth, and in the synagogue on the Sabbath day, He stood up and unrolled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and He read this passage: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."* Then, Jesus said: *"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*

In this Synagogue, Jesus declared himself as a liberator. And that is how He appears in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus liberates people from: their sicknesses, religious ignorance, fear, sin, and even from death. And Jesus knows that we are in need of liberation, and He has come to set us free by the power of the Spirit of God.

The problem is: do we allow Jesus to free us from the things that enslave or limit us?

If we submit to Jesus, we will experience the freedom of the children of God, as did Peter, Mary Magdalene, Paul, Augustine, Francis of Assisi, and many other saints. Once we have experienced the freedom that God gives, we should then, like Jesus, also help set others free. The test of the genuineness of our conversion to Christ and our experience of freedom is our eagerness to help others experience what we have experienced.

Our reflection is: do we allow Jesus to liberate us from our sins? What should we do to help others to have the same experience to become children of God?

Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for January 22 – 29, 2022

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Lorna and Gerry Simon
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Tom Shaw, requested by Josie and Sharon
	10:00 a.m.	+Rosenda Torres, requested by A. and P. D'Mello
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Eliza D'Silva, requested by the family
Monday	9:00 a.m.	+Steve, Claudine and Rudy Goller, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Tom Shaw, requested by J. and N. Gleason
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Cyrilia, Waine, Onika and Tameka Bruno and Francis and Kelly Moses
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Claudine Goller, requested by the Gleason family
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Rachele Lucas
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Ludger Gomes, requested by F. Gomes
	7:00 p.m.	+Rita Peters, requested by the family
		+Felix L. Z. Rono, requested by the Vicente family
		Intentions of Troy Felix Wallinson
Friday	7:00 p.m.	+Linda Temesy, requested by F. and L. West
		+Elena Frigillana, requested by the Gody family
		+Nabileh Jarquio, requested by the family
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	+Gerardina Facchini, requested by the Palumbo family
	9:00 a.m.	+Emmanuel Gajbat, requested by C. Dessailly

Lives of the Saints

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Feast day - January 28



Saint Thomas Aquinas had one of the greatest minds in the history of the Church. He was born near Aquino, Italy, about 1225. From an early age he posed questions of great theological depth; his family sent

him at the age of five to be educated by the Benedictines in Monte Cassino. While his family was pious, they did not approve when 19-year-old Thomas joined the newly formed Dominicans, going so far as to imprison Thomas in the family castle. Once released, he studied in Italy and Germany, where, ironically, some of his class mates named this great thinker “the dumb ox,” a name which prompted his teacher, Albert the Great, to proclaim: “We call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world.”

With Albert, he developed the theological Scholastic method, which dominated Catholic teaching for centuries. A prodigious writer, his most famous work is the *Summa Theologica*, one of the greatest examples of theological thought ever composed. Many of his hymn texts, such as *Pange lingua*, *Tantum ergo* and *Adore te devote*, are still used today.

A man of towering intellect, Thomas was also a humble mystic. He died in 1274, was canonized in 1323, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1567. In 1880, he was proclaimed a patron saint of universities and schools.

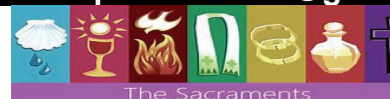
St. Vincent

Feast day - January 22

The first Spanish martyr, Vincent was a deacon in Saragossa, Spain, in the 3rd century. Deacons were responsible for the local church's works of charity and mercy – most often the only form of organized relief – and preaching was often part of this work. Vincent excelled in his duties and became known to the hostile Roman authorities. He was arrested with his bishop, tortured, imprisoned and killed in 304. He is a patron of wine producers, sailors and brickmakers.

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.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick: Gertrudes Lumbre, Praveen Bobby Balakumar, John Jeffery, 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.

Tax Receipts Available Feb. 1, 2022

Tax receipts for 2021 will be available after February 1st to be picked up in the parish office during office hours.

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: info@cfstoronto.com 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.

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

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