

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	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

Lisette.....stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com

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Parish Council

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

Finance Council

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

Screening Committee

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

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Participating in the Ministry of Jesus

In today's Gospel, we heard about the beginnings of the ministry of Jesus. He heard that John the Baptist had been arrested and He went back to Galilee and settled in the lakeside town of Capernaum. As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He called His first disciples: *Peter and Andrew, and James and John*, and all four of them were fishermen.

That sounds like a joke. What kind of strategy was that? If the mission was going to be anything serious and successful, then Jesus would need professionals and not amateurs. More so when it was about the proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people, Jesus would need the media and communications people, as well as doctors and health care specialists on board. But fishermen? Is there something that we have missed?

The Gospel quoted a prophecy from Isaiah: *"the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."* Yes, it was a great light, so great that it didn't look normal; it looked strange and absurd. But for those that it beckoned and called, the light shines and reveals.

So, it was for Peter and Andrew, for James and John, and for you and me, and for all those who follow the light that shines in a strange and absurd world.

Indeed, Jesus is hard to understand. To some, He is strange and absurd. To others, He is a light that is too bright to look at. To us, He calls and beckons us to follow Him and His light will guide us through this strange and absurd world. We may look like *"crack-pots"* to follow Jesus. But only when there is a crack can the light shine in.

Our reflection is: in what kind of way can we participate in the ministry of Jesus nowadays?

Fr. Aegi, SCJ

Mass Intentions for January 25 – February 1, 2020

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Linda, Reginald and Chandra de Silva, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Phillip Brown, requested by the Mullett family
	10:00 a.m.	+Jovita Dayot, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Corazon E. Tripoli, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Ludger Gomes, requested by F. Gomes
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Bernard Liefeldt, requested by the Breakfast Club
	7:00 p.m.	+Ondina Damiani, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Mary Scallen, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Gerardina Facchini, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Valentine Emmanuel, requested by D. Xavier
	7:00 p.m.	+Roque Camara, requested by the family
		In thanksgiving, Michelle James
		+Luciano Uy & Chandra Marie Bastianpillai, requested by R. & I. Ferrer
		+Diogo Lobo, requested by the Jarquio family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Mr. & Mrs. Anthonipillai
	7:00 p.m.	+Basil Benedict, requested by M. Solomon
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Brendan Carey, requested by the Corsini family

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Antony Cogliano, Bashir McDoom, Alicia Alveres, 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.

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.

From the Screening Committee



We are updating the files of the volunteers

in our parish, so we must have updated lists showing the names and contact information of all members of all parish ministries and groups. If you are a volunteer, please check with your leader(s) to make sure that your Volunteer Information/Application Form has been submitted and that your name and contact information are on a current list. Also, every adult volunteer must read the "Strengthening the Caring Community Guidelines and Code of Conduct" and hand in a signed "Agreement Statement" or "Acknowledgement Form and Agreement Statement" – this is required by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

If you are the leader of a ministry or group, please confirm that you have submitted the required forms for all of your members, and that a current list, including contact information, has been given to the Screening Committee through the office. The deadline is February 10, 2020.

Sacramental Prep News

For questions email: askstmp2016@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- January 25 – Classes as scheduled for students attending Public and Catholic Schools

CONFIRMATION

- January 26 – Classes as scheduled

ECFL (*Early Catholic Family Life Program*)

Celebrating the gift of family and promoting growth and unity in the faith



ECFL showcase

All are invited

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

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Please encourage your children to attend this program for children ages 4+ to hear the Gospel at their level of understanding.

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