

# St. Thomas More Parish

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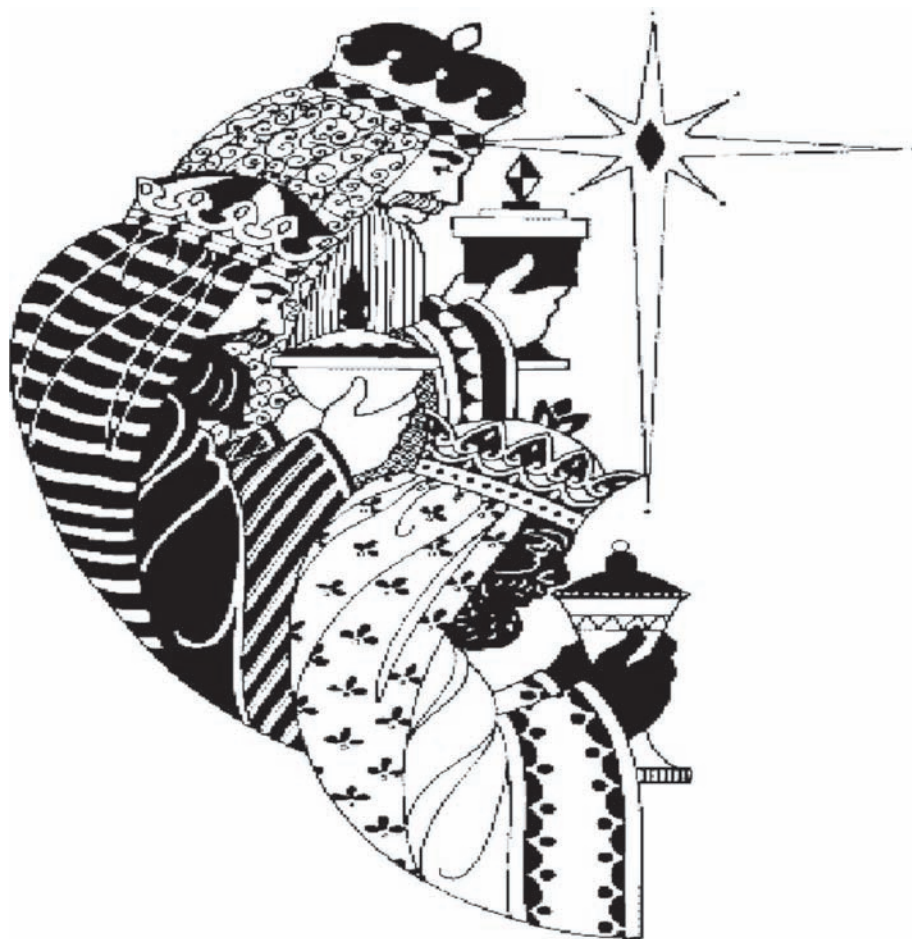
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Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Group

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## Epiphany of the Lord

*Epiphania*: a revelation, a proclamation, a broadcast. Such is the meaning of the feast of the Epiphany, usually understood as the revelation of the Incarnation to the world beyond the Chosen People, a revelation to the Gentiles.

It is a story full of the exotic: heavenly portents, mysterious wise men, precious gifts, dreams and visions, all leading the world to the astonishing mystery of God-made-flesh. The curious thing in this story is that these strange visitors from the East do not seem in the least dismayed by the discovery that this supposed king of the Jews is born in poverty. Undeterred by the humble circumstances, they pay him homage and offer their gifts.

This is an encounter replete with symbolism and meaning. What stands out is the fact that these wise men discovered the birth of the king by interpreting the signs they had observed. Not limited by presuppositions, false expectations or jealousy, they could see the truth and accept it, where others could not.

Let us pray with grateful hearts for the wisdom to see Christ revealed in the world around us, even when that revelation challenges our preconceptions and invites us to find him where we least expect him.

*Rev. Len Altília, SJ, Winnipeg, MB*



## Mass Intentions for January 2 - 9, 2016

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Deceased members of the Lobo & D'Souza families, requested by D. Lobo
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raffaella, Sebastiana & Maria Privitera & Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Shelton Fernando, requested by S. Fernando
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Karen Cabrera, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Fred Newey, requested by P. & M. O'Brien
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in purgatory, requested by M. O'Donnell
	7:00 p.m.	+Antonio & Fe Carlos, requested by the Joven family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Purita Hinola, requested by the Legion of Mary
	7:00 p.m.	+Daniel Granzotto, requested by A. & A. Bertazzon
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sarah Myers
	7:00 p.m.	+Mabel & Joseph Xavier, requested by the family +Dominador B. Cordova, requested by the De Roche family +Sebastian Joseph, requested by the family +Marcelo Caponpon, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Margarita Coran, requested by the Tameta family
	7:00 p.m.	+Shihan De Silva, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Pasquale DiGiacomi, requested by the family

***Train your heart to give sympathy and your hand to give help!***

## Family of Faith



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Thank you for your support of the Family of Faith campaign! With your commitments, our parish has met the challenge and has raised 60% of our campaign goal! Your generosity is amazing!

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total	%
\$570,000	\$142,500	\$342,130.	60%

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



Volunteers are needed for the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you are available during the day to assist those who are in need in our area, the Society would be most appreciative for your help. For more information, please call 416-439-7827.

## Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Rita Benedict, Erin Joseph, Desmond Singh, Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Tilly Graham, Mary Anderson, Ruth Aranjuez, Freddie Empensando, Rowena Torres, Reynaldo Mendoza and Esperanza Cabrera. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

## Food for Thought



The story of the Magi journeying to visit the new born King has relevance and holds true in every age. It symbolizes the religious journey of all people who are seeking God, using a glimmer of faith to point the way forward. The search for the truth always involves leaving the comfort and security of previously held positions and views and facing the unknown. It requires courage, determination and hope as the journey will be long and the pathway lined with failure, doubt and confusion. Deep down in our lives there is an uneasiness and a yearning after freedom and happiness which can only be fulfilled when we experience the presence of God.

## Bingo Night

Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



The Youth Group will be hosting a Bingo Night on Sat., Jan. 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Come for a fun night (with many prizes) and help the youth raise funds for their activities. If you are able to donate a small prize, it would be appreciated. Please bring it to the parish office.

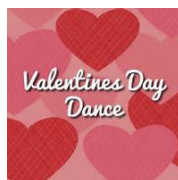
## Obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence



Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches (St. Theresa's Parish, at Kingston and Midland, is the closest), each with a Holy Door of Mercy. Going through the Holy Door is a spiritual journey which requires the person to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy, making a profession of faith and praying for the Holy Father and his intentions. The indulgence may also be obtained when one performs a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. Pope Francis has decreed that the elderly, confined or ill may obtain the indulgence by "living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial" and receiving the Eucharist or by attending Mass (even through the various means of communication, including television).

## Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 13, 2015



Our third Annual Parish Valentine's Dinner Dance will be held on Sat., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> after the evening Mass in our parish hall. Door prizes, buffet dinner, live entertainment and more!! Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets will be available soon.

***Don't let adverse circumstances change your faith—have faith that God can change your circumstances!***

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