

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	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

Fourth Sunday of the Year

When Jesus began His public ministry in His home town, the initial reaction to his preaching was very favourable. He spoke well and the people loved His words at first. However, as time passed they felt threatened because they were being challenged to change. The message of Jesus was disturbing. They ganged up against Him and made an attempt upon His life. When Jesus made the comment that no prophet is ever accepted in his own country He was clearly identifying Himself with the prophets who suffered similarly. He was not in the popularity game. He had come to preach the Good News regardless of how it would be received. What happened that day was to be repeated during His ministry with His crucifixion as the final outcome.

Although today's Gospel is about the rejection of Jesus Christ, the greatest prophet of all, the work of prophecy continues in very generation as people are invited to witness to Christ with their lives. This mission of Christ points to our mission which we received at baptism. Every Christian is an apostle to whom God has entrusted those around us. We are to take a stand with Christ against friend and foe and against our own weaknesses. At home it may be the call to love more tenderly, showing patience when irritated by shortcomings, with others, a readiness to excuse and overlook sharp words, at work a dedication to the job at hand.

God has called us to this particular work but He has not promised it to be easy. There will be moments when we will have to stand up and be counted and our moral worth tested. People are too comfortable in their sin and they resent any interference. As it was with Jesus so it is with His Church. Christ is in very one of us. Either we honour Him or deny His presence but what we do to Him is done to ourselves.

Mass Intentions for Jan. 30 – Feb. 6, 2016

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Atputhathansan, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Ignatius Innasipillai
	10:00 a.m.	+Lawrence Esme & Joan Alex, requested by the Collins family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+James Lewis
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Quentin O'Donnell & family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Purita Hinola, requested by C. Marquez
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Arokiam Arulandu
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Narcisca Balan, requested by the Robles family
	7:00 p.m.	+Nelson David Gozun
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Viraj Fernando
	7:00 p.m.	+Lydia de Leon
		+Rose Miraglia, requested by the Cavarella family
		+Luigi Ognibene, requested by the Cavarella family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Victor Stanislaus, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the sick
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Gregorio Morales, requested by the 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.

Thank You for Your Support!

Sunday, February 14th after morning Masses



The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who donated prizes and supported our youth by attending our Bingo Night!

On Sun., Feb. 14th after

all morning Masses the Youth Group will be having their annual Pancake Breakfast! Enjoy some pancakes, bacon and free coffee, tea and juice. All monies raised will help support the youth to attend the World Youth Day in Poland this summer.

Mass in a Moment

The Homily

The homily was restored to the liturgy by the Second Vatican Council. It is the Church's original form of liturgical preaching: an integral part of the liturgy bound to the readings and liturgy of the day which is never omitted on a Sunday. In an often troubled and tumultuous world the homily explains and announces the Good News of the kingdom of God as fulfilled in our very midst even as we listen. The goal of the homily is to build up the assembly as the covenanted people of God and to move the community to boundless praise of God in the Eucharistic prayer. It is our bridge between the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. The homily inspires us to see that it is indeed right to give thanks and praise.

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Praying for the Sick

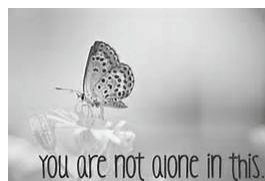


We are praying for the sick of our parish: Nita Hazell, Roslyn Leigh Patrick, Tirso Manadero, Erlinda De Vera, Erlinda

Cal, Rita Benedict, Erin Joseph, 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.

The best prayer often has more groans than words.

Support Offered



New Beginnings offers bereavement support at St. Maria Goretti Parish (717 Kennedy Road) for those who have lost a loved one.

The facilitators are Cheryl Dalliday and Peter Carnie who can be contacted through the parish office at 416-261-0076.

Peer support for widows and widowers is offered at St. Boniface Parish (142 Markham Road).

The facilitator is Betty Shaw who can be contacted through the parish office at 416-261-5983.

Support for separated and divorced persons is offered at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (3 Combermere Drive). The facilitator is Jim Loftus who can be contacted at the parish office at 416-445-1760.

Circle of Conversation

Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Priests of the Sacred Heart invite everyone to a Circle of Conversation around welcoming and accompanying Syrian refugees within the context of the Islam and Christian faiths with Samira Kanji, the President and CEO of the Noor Cultural Centre and Ghalia Dbiwe, Ghalia Bdiwe, a Syrian journalist. The Circle of Conversation will be held in our parish hall on Mon., Mar. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Please Note

All parishioners who have Sunday offertory envelopes are asked to write their name and address on the first few envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation!

Tax Receipts Available



Parishioners who have donated to the parish throughout the year will find their tax receipts in the main foyer of the church. They are arranged alphabetically. If

there are any errors, please call Josie at the parish office at 416-439-1545.

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