

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	Nardina Grande	416-419-8254
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

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Mel Perpose.....melperpose@gmail.com

Young Adults for Christ

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

Parish Groups

Parish Council

Clara Peters-Onagoruwa.....416-439-1545

Finance Council

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

Screening Committee

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Martel Gordon-Tennant.....416-439-7827

Epiphany of the Lord

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The main characters in the Epiphany story are the three wise men or kings. They saw a star and this stirred them to begin the journey to look for the infant king of the Jews. But it was not a straight-forward journey, because they had to cross the harsh desert sands to Israel to look for this king, and the directions were not clear for them. The star was not there for them all the time. They had no clear indication of where the infant king of the Jews was. They came to Jerusalem thinking He was there. Unlike the shepherds who had a vision of angels and were told in detail how and where to look for Jesus, the wise men had to be redirected to Bethlehem. And it was in the final stages of their search that the star appeared again to lead them to their destination.

The wise men presented gifts of symbolic and mystical meaning. **Gold** points to the kingship of Jesus. **Incense** points to the divinity of Jesus and **Myrrh** points to the humanity of Jesus. But the wise men are also gifts to us because we see in them the aspects of our faith. Our faith is one of searching and it also entails a struggling.

We too search for answers to our prayers and to quell our doubts. We struggle with the fundamental questions of sickness, suffering and death, with hurting and broken relationships, with terrorism and wars, hunger and poverty, recession, with the anxiety and worry of job security, financial security, and emotional security.

The wise men also had to search and struggle for answers and directions. But they appear in this Feast of Epiphany with a message for us. Epiphany means revelation. And their message for us is this: "You will face your greatest opposition when you are closest to your greatest revelation."

So, like the wise men, we will face our darkness, our uncertainties, but on this feast of Epiphany, the wise men have this message for us: they found what they are looking for. And so will we. Jesus will reveal Himself to us. That is His promise to us on this Feast of Epiphany.

Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for January 7 – 14, 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Klaus Emig, requested by the Parish Choir
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Gilroy & Yanah-Marie D'Mello requested by the Family
	10:00 a.m.	+Eliza Lewis, requested by D'Mello Family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	Intentions of Drusilla Lobo & Varun Quiterio
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions John & Clarinha Arruda
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Anne Bertazzon requested by the James Family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Lobo & Fernandes Families
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Jim McNamara, requested by Sharon McPherson
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Elva Barsey, requested by the D'Mello Family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sarah Marie & Timothy Francis requested by the D'Souza Family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ricardo Gonzales, requested by the Torres Family
		+Werner Buell, requested by the Torres Family
		+Antonio Loo, requested by the Torres Family
		+Mario Simon & Reynaldo Padilla, requested by Jerry & Lorna Simon
	+Nicholas & Mary Matilda Emmanuel, requested by the Family	
	Intentions of the Serviam Group, our priests and for priestly vocations	
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Jim & Nancy Gleason, requested by Percy & Anita D'Mello
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving and safe delivery of the baby requested by Arthi & Sai
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Lucila Ocampo, requested by the Family

Confirmation



Gentle Reminder: The Confirmation classes will resume on Jan 14th. Please check the schedule provided to you.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. PAG allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account. For more information on how to enroll, please contact the parish office at 416-439-1545 or at stthomasmore@rogers.com.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto's Online Counselling Sessions

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is 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.

Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the options to access ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs.

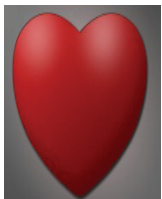
Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay fees.

Faith Development Community

The Faith Development Community will reconvene in the New Year on the fourth Sat of the month at 6:15 pm in the Church Hall.

For more information, please contact us at STMFaithDev@gmail.com.

Valentine's Dance Party



Saturday, February 18, 2023

The Annual Parish Valentine's Dinner and Dance will be held on Sat, February 18 at 6:30 pm in our parish hall. There will be door prizes, a buffet dinner and entertainment.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person.

Tickets are now available.

Please contact Parish office 416-439-1545

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



Please join us in praying for the sick Sheri-Anne Asaro, Sharmi Basnayaha, Willy Bautista, Aduino Bertazzon, Naly Chia, Phyllis Cole, Frank Del Luca, Jill & Matthew Downs, Georgia Dynes, Lee Esmonde, Anna Ferreira, Crizza Jane Gabon, Brayden Gangaram, Veronica Harding, Elias Joseph, Mary Lavrisa, Don Lee, Jack Muir, Victoria Munson, Lynette Nicholson-Phipps, Alba Parada, Fr. Ralph Panonsa, Denisse Ramirez, Brian and Evelyn Rozario, Silvia Ruscica, Linda Klein, Alfred Fernandes, William Passanha, Lim Hong Kong, Robert hill, Olivia Lam, Suma Reddy, Lina Vitello, Ellie Vitello and Theresa Tomaschek. May they be supported by our prayers, our ministry and by God's grace.

Salvation- New Life in Christ

Thurs, Jan 19, 07:00 PM - Thurs, Mar 23, 09:00 AM
St. Gertrude's Parish Hall, 690 King St. E., Oshawa

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