

St. Thomas More Parish

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

Secretaries: Josie Elsner, Cathy Dessailly **Religious Ed. Coordinator:** Michelle Peres

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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

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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

The Baptism of Jesus

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. The Gospel tells us that after His Baptism, and when He was at prayer, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, and the voice of God proclaimed that Jesus is the Son of God. The baptism of Jesus is not just proclaiming who Jesus is but after this event He started His Mission.

The question for all of us is: how important is our baptism?

Baptism is an important day, not just in the administrative sense, but also in the spiritual sense. At our baptism, Jesus washes us clean from sin and saves us from the snares of the devil. That's why it's said that baptism is necessary for salvation - we are saved from evil and become united with Jesus. And with that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to do good and to proclaim the Good News that Jesus is our Saviour.

But the question: Is Jesus my Saviour? Do I know why I am born and what my baptism is all about?

When we acknowledge Jesus as our Saviour then we will know what our baptism is all about. We will be empowered by the fire of the Holy Spirit to go out and bring Jesus to those "crushed reeds" and "wavering flames." We don't have to shout aloud or make our voices heard in the streets. A simple and non-intrusive statement like "I think Jesus can help you" would be enough for the Holy Spirit to bring them to Jesus.

Let us make our baptism more meaningful for ourselves and others so to bear much fruit.

Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for January 8 – 15, 2022

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Giovanni & Maria Montisano, Angela & Giuseppe Lamanna, requested by the Montisano family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rosenda Torres, requested by the M. Fernando family
	10:00 a.m.	+Enzo Di Mauro, requested by G. & M. Raponi
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Venith & Dorothy Alphonso, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Catherine D'Souza, requested by the D' Mello family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Claudine Goller, requested by the M. Fernando family
	7:00 p.m.	+Eugene Fernandes, requested by J. & E. Fernandes
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+John D'Souza, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Luisito De Juan, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in Purgatory especially members of FOSS, requested by J. Bernal
	7:00 p.m.	+Juanita & Gaudencio Silva, requested by W. Silva
		+James Falloon, requested by H. Davey
		+Alexander M. Filardo, requested by I. Filardo
		+Manendra Aloysius Bastianpillai, requested by the family
Intentions of Lisa & Deanne D'Souza,		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Dudley Hood, requested by the Francis family
	7:00 p.m.	+Wilf O' Connor & Claudine Goller, requested by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Phyllis De Silva

2021 Tax Receipts and 2022 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

Donations received after January 3, 2022 will be credited for the 2022 taxation year. The 2022 Sunday offertory envelope sets are now available from the parish office or in the foyer.

Latest COVID-19 Updates

The Provincial Government of Ontario has announced that the province will be moving to a modified Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopening. This is in effect as of Wednesday, January 5, 2022 and lasting a minimum of 21 days.

Capacity restrictions for places of worship are set at 50% of pre-COVID capacity however distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) must be maintained by those not from the same family.

- A new change is the maximum number of indoor gatherings from 10 people to 5 people which means that all in-person meetings should be held virtually wherever possible.
- Another new change concerns testing positive for the virus with the resulting self-isolation period of 5 days instead of 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Members of the household also need to self-isolate. All public health and safety measures such as masking and physical distancing are to be followed.
- Contact tracing is to be implemented again given the increased potential of positive cases. This requires that our parishioners would self sign-in on a sheet in the foyer before entering the church.
- Congregational singing at this time is to be discouraged but a cantor or small choir remains acceptable.
- Anyone who is not feeling well should not attend Mass at this time but watch Mass at home. Parishioners should not congregate in groups before or after Mass.

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.

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.

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.

Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the options to access our 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.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick: 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.

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