

St. Thomas More Parish

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

Secretaries: Josie Elsner, Suzy Correia **Religious Ed. Coordinator:** Sister Caroline Altpeter IBVM

Pastoral Council Chair: Mike Carolan **Caretaker:** Rodel Trivino

Office hours: Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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

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| 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

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| 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

Jacob Kattathara.....jacob_katt@hotmail.com

Young Adults for Christ

Andy Rodriguesstmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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Restoring Women's Dignity

According to the Ancient Law of Moses people who suffered from hemorrhage were considered impure and could not approach others. It was explained that to lose blood was to lose life and such a disease was caused by sin. For this reason, a bleeding woman was not allowed to go the temple, nor touch any one. After bleeding ceased, then she should offer sacrifices for her purification.

The Gospel tells us the story of this woman who had been suffering from hemorrhage for twelve years. Nobody was able to heal her and she was declared lost. With great courage, though she broke the law, she joined the crowd around Jesus and touched His mantle. Immediately the Lord felt a healing energy coming from Him. Many people were pressing on Jesus but that woman had touched Him in a different way, with faith.

By turning towards her and acknowledging her faith as a condition to be made clean Jesus shows us that He cares for everyone. He restored the dignity of this woman giving back her life. In this passage of the Gospel, as in many others, Christ reveals the importance of women in the world and in the Christian community. God made man and woman to be partners and they are to be equally respected.

Fr. Will SCJ

First Friday Adoration

Friday, July 3rd

This Friday, July 3rd, is First Friday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day.

Mass Intentions for June 27 -July 4, 2015

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Intentions of Pat Patel |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +Angelo Nepomuceno, requested by G. Nepomuceno |
| | 10:00 a.m. | +Rita Biordi, requested by the family |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Intentions of the parish community |
| | 8:00 p.m. | +Felipa Torres, requested by the Patel family |
| Monday | 7:30 a.m. | +Yusuf Patel, requested by the family |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | +Avirah Joseph, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Maximina & Domindor Mendoza, requested by the family |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | +Fe Carlos, requested by the family |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | In thanksgiving, Reginold family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +X. Xavier, requested by the James family +Charlie Medrozo, Sr., requested by the family +Eileen Burn, requested by F. Bruns +Edmund Rodrigues, requested by the family |
| Friday | 7:30 a.m. | Intentions of all priests & seminarians |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Mark Mantes, requested by the family |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | Intentions of Joshua, Jaden & Jordan Rey |

Special Gratitude



We would like to say thank you to Sr. Caroline Altpeter IBVM for her ministry with us. During the past two years Sr. Caroline has been the Coordinator of Religious Education for our parish.

We appreciate her dedication and care for the Christian formation of our children in preparing for the Sacraments. As she is departing from our parish, we wish many blessings upon Sr. Caroline's life and vocation. May God abundantly bless her and the Loretto Sisters' Community.

Youth Group Garage Sale

Saturday, July 18th and Sunday, July 19th



The St. Thomas More Youth Group will hold a Garage Sale on Sat., Jul. 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Sun., Jul. 19 after all morning Masses in the parish hall. All monies raised will go toward the costs for World Youth Day 2016 in Poland and financing their various activities throughout the year. Parishioners are asked to support the youth by donating such items such as electronic appliances, toys, books, kitchen appliances, clothes and other miscellaneous items. These can be dropped off at the parish hall on Fri., Jul. 17th from 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Thank you for supporting our parish youth!

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

An encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, by Pope Francis has just been published on the topic of ecology. It addressed the themes of:

- the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet,
- the conviction that everything in the world is connected,
- the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology,
- the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress,
- the value proper to each creature,
- the human meaning of ecology,
- the need for forthright and honest debate,
- the serious responsibility of international and local policy,
- the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle.

Copies of the encyclical are available in the parish office.

Praying for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: John Johnston, Dodie Macabuag, Baby Malonso, Marlene Murphy,

Lorna Rogers and Rita de Croos. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Parish Feast Day Celebrations



Our Annual Parish Picnic/BBQ provided an opportunity for our parish to build a greater sense of community and belonging.

The weather was excellent; these were lots of prizes, good food and activities for all ages.

The very successful Karaoke Night was organized by Donald, our music director.

The bilingual Mass on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. brought together, so well, our different cultures, enriched our parish community and expanded our parish traditions. A well-attended reception in the parish hall followed afterwards.

Pictures of these events will be on our website soon.

A big **Thank You** to all volunteers since these very successful celebrations would not have been possible without each one of you.

Also a sincere thank you for their support to:

- Canadian Educational Services
- Catholic Cemeteries
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St. Michael's Cathedral

St. Michael's Cathedral, mother church of the Archdiocese of Toronto, is temporarily closing its doors as part of its extensive restoration efforts. This full-time closure (from mid-June to September 29, 2016) will allow for work that will preserve the cathedral for years to come. Daily Mass will be celebrated in St. John's Chapel on Church Street.



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