

St. Thomas More Parish

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Pastoral Council Chair: Clara Peters- Onagoruwa **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.
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

Youth Minister

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

A Samaritan Woman

This Sunday's Gospel passage talks about Jesus' conversation with a Samaritan woman. As we all know, Jews and Samaritans had been divided for centuries. They had no dealings with one another, avoiding all social contact, even trade and intermarriage. If their paths crossed, it would mean that hostility would break out. When Jesus passed through Samaria, He did the unthinkable. He conversed with a Samaritan, thus risking ritual impurity and scorn from His fellow Jews. He also did something no strict rabbi would dare do in public without losing his reputation. He greeted a woman and spoke openly with her. A rabbi, during His time, would not even talk to his own wife in public. Not only was she a woman, but she was also a notorious adulteress. No decent Jew would even think of being seen with such a woman.

At the beginning, the woman is arrogant and even proud, but one by one, Jesus breaks down her defenses. When Jesus asks her to call her husband, the woman replies, "I have no husband," but Jesus tells the woman, "You're right in saying I have no husband, for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband." In other words, her life is a mess. But Jesus does not condemn her, but neither does He excuse her or allow her to continue as she is. At the end of their conversation, she is changed. But why was she changed?

It is because she opened her heart. She did not remain closed. She did not hold on to the pride, rationalizations, and traditions that kept her from realising and accepting the truth. In other words, she let go, surrendered, and just allowed Jesus to take over her life.

Therefore, surrender, sweet surrender, is the key, and our reflection is: When will we stop rationalising and postponing and make a decision to surrender our lives to the Lord, who always loves and forgives us?

Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for March 11 – 18, 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Patrick Joseph O'Brien, Patrick William Leo O'Brien, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+ Araceli Frieze, requested by Nilda Nawa
	10:00 a.m.	+James Joven requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+Juanita and Gaudencio Silva requested by Wilbert Silva
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Amante Abad requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Emilio and Hernani Yambot requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Beatrice Da Silva and Steven Da Silva, requested by the Teixeira family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Luzmila Arauz requested by Anita and Percy D'Mello
	7:00 p.m.	+Salvador Respoll, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Angelo DiMaio requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Giles Chaves, requested by the D'Mello family
		+Satkunam Emmanuel, requested by the family
		Intentions of Pat Knox requested by Clara Peters
		+Mona Baksh, requested by Rajive Benedict
		+Josiah and Henry Henderson, lola, and Muliatt family requested by the family
		+Philomena Lopes, requested by the Alphonso family
+Michael Madigan, requested by Bob and Margaret Serran		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Heather Watkins requested by Sharon McPherson
	7:00 p.m.	+Lawrence Rodrigues, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+ Gregory Myers, requested by Emma Myers

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters

Share Life Sunday is March 26

ShareLife Sunday is March 26 and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre

Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre will be holding a Lenten Retreat

When: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: 1617 Blythe Road

Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch

Contact: Jean 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Trip and Rome

Our Pastor Father Aegidius will be leading a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome from Oct 7-20, 2023. All Parishioners are invited to join the Pilgrimage. For full details including the cost of the trip, please pick up a brochure from the Parish office 416-439-1545. **Note: Only 15 spots are left.**

Young Adults for Christ

We would like to invite all Young Adults between the ages of 19-35 to come and join us in our Lenten event.

Sat March 18th, 2023. From 6:30P.M to 10 P.M.

Where: Saint Thomas More Parish Hall

Theme: “*The Cross & Suffering*”

Speaker: Fr. Johanes Yuliwan Maslim, SCJ

There will be Talks, Eucharist Adoration, Confessions and Social. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served.

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, Alfred Fernandes, Anna Ferreira, Crizza Jane Gabon, Brayden Gangaram, Veronica Harding, Elias Joseph, Linda Klein, Mary Lavrisa, Don Lee, Jack Muir, Victoria Munson, Robert Hill, Noli Mababangloob, Lynette Nicholson-Phipps, Angelo Pagnello, Alba Parada, Denisse Ramirez, Brian and Evelyn Rozario, Silvia Ruscica, Olivia Lam, William Passanha, Lim Hong Kong, Suma Reddy, Theresa Tomaschek Sr., Jocelyn Villacorta, Charlie Francis Sanchez, Lina Vitello and Ellie Vitello, Glenn Whalen. May they be supported by our prayers, our ministry and by God's grace.

14th Annual Dynamic Woman of Faith Catholic Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Old Mill Toronto Event Venue
21 Old Mill Road Toronto, ON M8X 1G5

Opening Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Speakers & Topics:

Sister Deirdre Byrne

The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady

Dr. Josephine Lombardi

Healing and Forgiveness

Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik

Journeying with Mother Mary


Dorothy Pilarski

Why minister to moms? – How to Start a Catholic Moms Group.


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