# St. Thomas More Parish

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#### **Parish Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

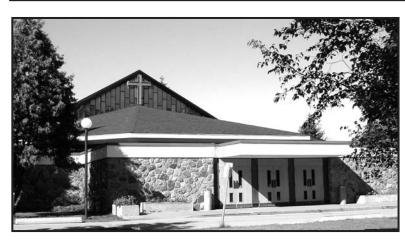
**Secretaries:** Josie Elsner, Suzy Correia **Religious Ed. Coordinator:** Gracie Nepomuceno

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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	Reston Senining	647-834-5546
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis Cybulskie	416-494-8858
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
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Silvio Escobarsilvio.escobar@live.com
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#### Parish Groups

Parish Council	
Mike Carolan	416-282-4750
Finance Council	
Alan King	416-284-7190
Screening Committee	
Claudine Goller	416-289-0307
St. Vincent de Paul Society	
Martel Gordon-Tennant	416-439-7827

#### Transfiguration of Jesus

In this Sunday's Gospel, God wants to share His glory with us, and we get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. The Gospel tells us that Jesus' face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white. In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses and Elijah in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

What is the significance of this appearance?
Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited Him in Jerusalem: betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave His approval: "This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him." The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and His apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again. While this transpired Peter, James, and John were asleep! Upon awakening, they discovered the transfiguration of Jesus along with Moses and Elijah.

How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually?

There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: mental weariness and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging demands of Jesus. Prejudice can make us blind and even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to God's glory.

So, are we spiritually awake?

Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Jesus. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of His glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. The Lord wants to reveal His glory to us, His beloved disciples.

How do we want to respond this Sunday's Gospel message? Fr. Aegidius SCJ

Mass Intentions for				
March 16 -				
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Gilberte Gaudette		
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Marciano Estupigan,		
		requested by L.		
		Cobrana		
	10:00 a.m.	+Herbert R. &Agnes		
		Finney and Henry &		
		Mary D'Silva, requested		
		by R. Hassan		
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish		
		community		
	8:00 p.m.	+Ferdinand Palos,		
		requested by the family		
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Carmen Patrick,		
		requested by the family		
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Basilissa Furtado,		
		requested by the family		
	7:00 p.m.	+Susan Piccione,		
		requested by A. & S.		
		McPherson		
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Emma Asias &		
		Emiliano Tiongo, Sr.,		
		requested by the family		
	7:00 p.m.	+Tirso Manadero,		
<del>-</del>	7.00	requested by the family		
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Eulalia Estacio,		
		requested by the Torres		
	7.00	family		
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Josefina Cirera Posada		
		In thanksgiving, the		
		Udarbe family		
		+Marecina Capucao,		
		requested by the		
		Ramos family		
		Intentions of Thivian		
		Manoharan		
		+Paz de Asis,		
		requested by J. Asis		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Deogracias Cobrana,		
		requested by L.		
		Cobrana		
	7:00 p.m.	+Fred Kroher,		
	•	requested by G.		
		Lovgren		
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Felix Lewis, requested		
		by the family		

### Please, Do Not Bring Food to Mass

Food should be consumed before coming to church. Thank you for your understanding.

#### ShareLife 2019



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#### Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called Rose of Sharon. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized that she didn't have to tolerate her partner's behaviour. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am doing it."

March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, March 24 after all morning Masses



The Youth Group will be having their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sun., Mar. 24 after all morning Masses! Come out, enjoy some pancakes, bacon, coffee, tea and

juice and support our young people.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 6:20 p.m. during Lent

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday beginning at 6:20 p.m. after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which begins at 6:00 p.m. Mass follows at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Legion of Mary Invitation**

Saturday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m.

This year the Acies Ceremony (individual consecration to Our Lady) will take place on Sat., Mar. 23 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Martyr Church (2210 Lawrence Avenue East). After the ceremony there will be refreshments in the parish hall. This invitation is open to all Active and Auxiliary Senior and Junior Legion of Mary members.

#### Parish Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Our Priests of the Sacred Heart will lead a Parish Lenten Retreat Day, entitled "Thy Will be Done" on Sat., Mar. 30 beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending with Mass at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for lunch (\$5.00) are available at the parish office and after the weekend Masses.

#### Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Thivian Manoharan, Albert Vella, Phyllis & Antonio Cogliano, Joanna Alexander, Gerald Molloy, Denise Simone, Audrey Caulfield, John Ochangco, Christina and Ilyana Partheepan. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

#### Is God Calling You?

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We, too, can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's will for our lives. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris, at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

#### Valentine's Dinner and Dance



The Valentine's Dinner and Dance was a huge success! We wish to thank each person who helped in any

way with this fundraiser including the Volunteers' Group. Our gratitude also goes to the following sponsors who made this event the success that is was:

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