

St. Thomas More Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

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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

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

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Screening Committee

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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BLINDNESS

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus meets and cures a man born blind; this passage concentrates on the distinction between physical and spiritual blindness. The early Christians saw physical blindness as a metaphor for the spiritual blindness that prevents people from recognizing Jesus. This story of the healing of the man born blind testifies to the power of Jesus to heal not only physical blindness but above all to the spiritual blindness of the heart.

There are four people who are blind in this story. *First*, the apostles themselves. It is because they ask who sinned, the parents or the blind man himself, instead of helping the person. *Second*, the blind man's parents, relatives, and neighbours. Even though they witnessed that it was Jesus who cured the blind man, they refused to say it; they refused to witness because of their fear that they would be expelled from the synagogue by the Pharisees. *Third*, are the Pharisees. They refuse to acknowledge that Jesus had performed the miracle of restoring sight to the blind man. They suspended their belief because of their biases against Him. Instead, they call Jesus a sinner because He violated the law of the Sabbath. They are blind to the truth already in their eyes. *Fourth*, is of course the blind man himself.

The blind man in this Gospel has faith and trust in Jesus. Though he was blind physically, he could see with his heart. That is why Jesus cured him. The other three could see with their eyes but not with their hearts as fear, cowardice, prejudices, biases, and their own selfish interests blinded them. We too are like the story in this Gospel, we are all blinded spiritually because we hide from the truth.

Lenten season is a season of light in which we can cure our blindness. Who are we in this story: the blind man, the apostles, parents, relatives, neighbour, or Pharisees? What can we do to cure our blindness?

Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for March 18 – 25, 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Antonina Calderone, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Paquita Berenguer, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+James Joven requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving Jeffrey Sama, Cynthia Nyamndi & Roseline Nyonget
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Jim & Nancy Gleason & family requested by Sharon McPherson
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Mary Lavrisa requested by Sharon McPherson
	7:00 p.m.	+Beatrice and Steven Da Silva requested by the Gonsalves-Teixeira family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sharon McPherson requested by the Dessailly family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Patricia Agbonome requested by D. Williams
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions for World Peace
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Hy & Vinnette Francis requested by Clara Peters
		+Priscilla Pereira requested by Rajive Benedict
		+Lilawattie Hardwar, requested by Rajive Benedict
		+Marilou Rivera requested by Rajive Benedict
Intentions of Sharon Champagne & Silene Alsuran requested by the family		
Derek de Alwis requested by the family		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Teodoro Papa Tagle & Carmen Villa Flor requested by Elena & Tessie
	7:00 p.m.	+Beatrice & Steven Da Silva requested by the Gonsalves family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Teodoro Papa Tagle & Carmen Villa Flor requested by Elena & Jessie

Stations of the Cross

On Friday evening, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters

ShareLife Sunday is March 26



Monday, March 20 is the Feast of St. Joseph, the Patron of Canada. His feast day gives us the opportunity to reflect on his holy life, and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.

ShareLife Sunday is March 26. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brother and sisters.

When marking your contribution to ShareLife, please use the ShareLife envelopes provided. If you choose to make your donation online please do so through our parish website or <http://www.sharelife.org/donate>.

Movie Night



Saturday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join Movie Night in the parish hall.

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-Easter Lilies



Young Adults for Christ will be taking orders for Easter Lilies. Envelopes are available in the foyer of the church. These flowers, in memory of our deceased loved ones, will be part of the Altar display.

Two sizes are available: \$10.00 and \$20.00. Please support our Young Adults as they fundraise for their activities.

Sacramental Prep News

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Please watch the bulletin for dates for the fall registration.

CONFIRMATION

- Please watch the bulletin for dates for the fall registration.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Please watch the bulletin for dates for the fall registration.

Rosary – Bishop Francis Leo

Saturday, March 25th is the Solemnity of the Annunciation and the day that Bishop Francis Leo will be installed as Archbishop of Toronto.



Immediately, following the 9 am mass that morning, we will be offering a Rosary for his intentions.

Please join us in praying for Bishop Leo as he takes on this new and challenging ministry.

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, Mary Lavrisa, Don Lee, Jack Muir, Victoria Munson, Robert Hill, Noli Mababangloob, Suraj Mahwela, Lynette Nicholson-Phipps, Angelo Pagniello, Alba Parada, Denisse Ramirez, Brian and Evelyn Rozario, Silvia Ruscica, Olivia Lam, William Passanha, Lim Hong Kong, Suma Reddy, Theresa Tomaschek Sr., Jocelyn Villacorta, Lina Vitello and Ellie Vitello, Glenn Whalen. May they be supported by our prayers, our ministry and by God's grace.



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