# St. Thomas More Parish

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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	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**

St. Thomas More Elementary School	2300 Ellesmere Road	416-393-5322
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### Holy Week: Death and Victory

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Today we contemplate the mystery of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem where He will undergo His Passion, Death and Resurrection. This is the core of the History of Salvation and the greatest sign of God's mercy. In the self-giving sacrifice of Jesus we are assured of God's infinite love. He gave up His life to set us free. Christ died so we might have life in Him.

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul said that Jesus did not regard His equality with God as something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself by coming in human likeness and being obedient to the point of death, even death on the Cross. The condemnation faced by Jesus was reserved for the lowest of criminals. Though Jesus was without sin, He endured harsh trials and embraced the cross to show us His infinite love. He did this for us!

Palm Sunday is an invitation for us to make our way of suffering an experience of perseverance. The crucified Lord tells us: "Don't give up! I am with you." We are strengthened by Him who humbled Himself in order to raise us up. Though we feel sorry for Jesus' agony as we listen to the narrative of His Passion and Death, we know and profess the faith that He is alive. He triumphed over evil and now empowers us to overcome any distress. Let us live this week as an opportunity to renew our confidence in Him who made us partakers in His cross and victory.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Inter	ntions for	Mar. 19 - 26, 2016
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Segundo Talag,
		requested by the
	40.00	Gonzales family
	10:00 a.m.	+Winnie D'Silva, Milred & Mary Finney,
		requested by L. Finney
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish
		community
	8:00 p.m.	+Adoracion Abina,
		requested by L. & M.
		Cukjati
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Gonsalves
		& Tiqui families
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Richard Knowles,
		requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Alejandro Breganza &
		Deogracias Cobrana,
		requested by L. Cobrana
Modpoodov	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday	7.30 a.m.	+Jose Maria Ezpeleta, requested by C.
		Ezpeleta
	7:00 p.m.	+Mark Akhimien,
	7.00 p.m.	requested by A.
		Wallinson
Holy Thursday – no Mass intentions		
Good Friday – no Mass intentions		
Holy Saturday – no Mass intentions		

# **Good Friday Fast and Abstinence**



Good Friday is observed as a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. All Catholics ages 14 and

older are to abstain from meat, and those who are ages 18 to 58 inclusive are to fast. Fasting has been interpreted as follows: taking no more than one full meal; two smaller meals (snacks) are permitted to maintain strength but no solid foods between meals. The purpose of fasting is to turn our attention to both God and others. Fasting reminds us not only of our dependence on God, but also of the needs of the hungry and the poor. By fasting, we place ourselves in solidarity with suffering people everywhere.

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Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016. Please give generously. You can work wonders!

#### **National Catholic Mission 2016**

The National Catholic Mission 2016, "Merciful Like the Father", with Fr. Rosica CSB will be broadcast during Holy Week at:

- Salt & Light TV: Part 1: Tues., Mar. 22 & Part 2: Wed., Mar. 23 at 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- Vision TV: Part 1: Mon., Mar. 21 & Part 2: Tues., Mar. 22 at 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

For more information call 1-888-383-6277.

# **Praying for the Sick**



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Kayden DeSilva, Margaret Gajewski, Rita Croft, Henry Shart, Tilly Graham, Mary Anderson, Denise Wilde,

Sebastian DeSilva and Ofelia Lim. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

#### **Parish Office Closed**

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday (March 25) and Easter Monday (March 28).

### **Holy Week Schedule**

#### Monday, March 21

Mass at 7:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday and Wednesday – March 22 and 23

Mass at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

#### Holy Thursday - March 24

**NO** 7:30 a.m. Mass

Misa de la Cena del Señor: 5:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday – March 25

Via Crucis Dramatizada por jovenes: 9:00 a.m. Pasion y Muerte del Señor: 10:00 a.m. Solemn Celebration of the Passion and Death of the Lord:

12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.

#### Holy Saturday - March 26

NO 9:00 a.m. Mass Vigilia Pascual: 5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday – March 27

Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. **2:00 p.m.** (Spanish) NO 8:00 p.m. Mass

#### Easter Monday - March 28

Mass: 9:00 a.m. (only)

# Totus Tuus is Coming Back!

After a two-year break, we are pleased to host Totus Tuus once again. This is a week-long Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games. The program is geared both to children in grades 1-6 during the day and grades 7-12 in the evening. In planning your summer schedule, save the week of July 10-15 for Totus Tuus. More details to come.

# The Legion of Mary Acies

Both Active and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary are invited to attend the Annual Acies function at St. Boniface Parish (142 Markham Road) on Saturday, April 2 at 1:00 p.m.

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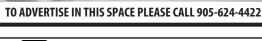
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