

St. Thomas More Parish

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

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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.
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

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| 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 | 416-439-1545 |
| 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

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| 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 Chaplain

Fr. Antonio Pereira SCJ stthomasmore@rogers.com

Young Adults for Christ

Racine Senining.....stmyac@gmail.com

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

Against the Temptation of the Devil

Matthew 4:1-11

In this 1st Sunday of Lent, the Gospel tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and there He fasted for 40 days and 40 nights and that's where we get 40 days of Lent. After those 40 days and 40 nights, Jesus was very hungry, and it was then that the devil began tempting Him.

At first it was for His physical needs: *"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."* And then the devil challenged Jesus to put God to the test by jumping off the parapet of the Temple. And finally, it was to give in to the devil, in return for riches and wealth, for luxury and pleasure. But in all three attempts, the devil did not manage to find a gap to make Jesus give in to temptation.

We might say *"Of course, it is Jesus. The devil won't succeed in tempting Jesus. The devil won't stand a chance."* That's what we might think but let us also remember that the devil zeroed in on where Jesus was most vulnerable. Jesus was very hungry, and a hungry man can be an angry man as well as a crazy man. Hunger cannot be underestimated. Jesus was alone, and loneliness can make a person feel that God is not present and hence faith in God is easily shaken and eroded. Jesus was human, just like us; we desire comfort, pleasure, luxury, riches and wealth. But Jesus knew who He was. He is the Son of God, and He had to hold firm to that identity.

So, what should we do during the Lenten season?

We have to fight against evil, in word and in action, because evil can only flourish when we say nothing and do nothing against it. Jesus assures us that the Word of God will sustain us and protect us from harm. Let us put our trust in Jesus and follow Him as our Master. Let us spend these 40 days with Him in prayer and fasting and penance. That is the only way that we can fight against the temptation of the devil.

Fr. Aegi, SCJ

Mass Intentions for February 29 – March 7, 2020

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | +Rafaele, Sebastiana, & Maria Privitera and Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | + Lily & John Finney, requested by E. Rozario |
| | 10:00 a.m. | +Basilissa Furtado, requested by the family |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Intentions of the parish community |
| | 8:00 p.m. | +Olga Gonsalves Teixeira & Carmelita De Souza, requested by the family |
| Monday | 7:30 a.m. | +Hernani Yambot, requested by the family |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | Intentions of Dana Mazare |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Barry Forbes, requested by the James family |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | +Nella Zuccon, requested by the Bertazon family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Pascoal De Souza, requested by the family |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | +Claudia Chua & Marina Cataling, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Cecilia Ambrose, requested by the family |
| | | +Basil Benedict Sr., requested by the family |
| | | +Stani Pinto, requested by G. & J. Lobo In thanksgiving, Ken & Juliana Alphonso |
| Friday | 7:30 a.m. | +Teresita Haro, requested by J. Carrillo |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Serviam Group's intentions for our priests and parishioners and for priestly vocations |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | +Benito & Amanding Mantes, requested by the family |

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m.

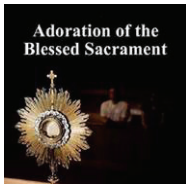


Fr. Paul Tennyson SCJ, one of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (from Ottawa), will lead a Parish Lenten Retreat Day,

entitled *"The Journey Home"* on Sat., Mar. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets for lunch (\$5.00) are available at the parish office and after the weekend Masses.

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament During Lent

Thursday, February 27 to Wednesday, April 9



During Lent the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each weekday, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for adoration. Please use the hall entrance (by the washrooms) to

enter the church.

Movie Night

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:45 p.m.



We will hold a Movie Night on Fri., Mar. 6 in the parish hall after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Admission and snacks are free! Everyone is most welcome!

Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Sharon Harvey, Russel Nelson, Maurice Archer, Benedicta Gonsalves,

Phyllis and Anthony Cogliano, Robin Lopes, Mikayla Haswell, Bashir McDoom, Alicia Alvares, Ferdinand Manadero, Alessandra Lupo, Graeme Caulfield and Lee Cummings. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Sacramental Prep News

Email: askstmp2016@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- March 7 – Lenten Retreat - Classes are CANCELLED
- March 14 – March Break – no classes
- March 21 – March Break – no classes
- March 28 – Classes as scheduled

CONFIRMATION

- March 1 – Classes as scheduled

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

- March 1 at 2:30 p.m. – Rite of Election Durham and Scarborough Zones – St. Barnabas Parish, 10 Washburn Way, Scarborough
- March 6 – Class as scheduled
- March 8 – First Scrutiny – 11:30 a.m. Mass

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome

October 9 – 22, 2020

Our parish is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome from Oct. 9 to 22 at a cost of \$4,590. per person. Father Aegi is the spiritual guide and Connaissance Travel is making the arrangements for the trip. Please call the parish office for more information.



Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ Ministry with Migrants

Sister Norma, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in Brownsville, Texas, has helped organize a local response to the 2014 surge of Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States. With her team of volunteers she has worked tirelessly to welcome over 100 000 people since 2014 including thousands of children. In 2015, Pope Francis recognized and thanked Sr. Norma personally for her work with refugees and in 2019, Sr. Norma was acknowledged as one of the "50 World's Greatest Leaders" by Fortune Magazine.



7:00 p.m. Tuesday March 10, St. Patrick's Church (131 McCaul Street)

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