

St. Thomas More Parish

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

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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	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 Drive	416-393-5356
St. John Paul II Secondary School	685 Military Trail	416-393-5531

Youth Ministry

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Silvio Escobar.....silvio.escobar@live.com

Youth Group

Drusilla.....stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com

Young Adults for Christ

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

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Parish Council

Mike Carolan.....416-282-4750

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The Mystery of Death and Life

Holy Week is near and we are about to celebrate the great mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Lord will die and rise again, renewing all things in Him. New life rises from someone who is willing to give up his old life. Jesus says that a grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die in order to produce fruit. Bakers know that grains of wheat must be ground up, mixed with other ingredients, kneaded for some time and then baked in a hot oven to become a loaf of bread. Thus, the Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of His enemies. He will be beaten, crucified and killed, but from this apparent defeat, will rise again generating eternal life for all humanity.

This is actually the dynamics of our human lives. Our existence is a continuous experience of death and life. Every day we are called to be emptied of our old self and rise up as new men and women. Lent invites us to die to our selfishness, anger, impatience and lack of love in order to produce solidarity, kindness and love. If our hearts are filled with resentments, bad feelings and behaviors, we will not have much room for God's presence.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells two of His apostles that He is troubled. The Ruler of the world is about to be driven out. This difficult moment is necessary for there cannot be victory without sacrifice. Though, this time of trial is demanding and intense, it is also transitory and will be overcome by a great joy. So Jesus is determined to carry out the will of the Father who promises to glorify Him again. Sometimes we do not have this same confidence in God. We hold onto our attachments and close our hearts. Because we are afraid of losing we become spiritually paralyzed. Today's Gospel challenges us to open our mind and hearts to change. Do not be afraid of leaving the comfort zone of your beliefs. Let life and its newness surprise you!

Fr. Willyans, SCJ

Mass Intentions for March 17 - 24, 2018

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Ida Innasipillai, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Elsa Andrade
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Nirmal & Kresstine Patel
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Tom Biordi, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Loreto Mendoza, requested by Grace & family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Dr. Corinne Brooymans
	7:00 p.m.	+Rita Avery, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Michael & Lalaine
	7:00 p.m.	+Elizabeth D'Souza, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Bebs Abad
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Keith Francis
		Intentions of Steve Goller
		Intentions of Teresa Wroblewski
		+Joseph Emmanuel, requested by the family
+Fr. Benette Constantine, requested by the Jayavendar family		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Rajive Benedict & family
	7:00 p.m.	+Fara de Souza, requested by B. & S. Noronha
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jaden, Joshua & Jordan Rey

Good Friday Pontifical Collection

Friday, March 30

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support the Holy Land. Pope Francis requests this annual collection to help maintain the Holy Places and the local Christian population. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Week Schedule for 2018

Palm Sunday – March 25

Vigil Mass on Saturday: **5:00 p.m.**

Masses: **8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
8:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.** (Spanish)

Holy Thursday – March 29

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.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(English): **10:00 – 11:00 p.m.**

(Spanish): **11:00 – 12:00 p.m.**

Good Friday – March 30

Spanish Via Crucis: **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.

Stations of the Cross: **7:00 p.m.**

Holy Saturday – March 31

NO 9:00 a.m. Mass

Vigilia Pascual: **5:00 p.m.**

Resurrection Vigil / Easter Eucharist: **8:00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday – April 1

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 – April 2

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

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Steve Goller, Rex Phillips, Sienna Harish, Leah Arrora, Neil Abrey, Pierre-Claver Kayumba, Erinberto Austria, Yvonne Rampersaud, Phyllis Cogliano, Albert Vella and Daphne Chater. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays at 6:20 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m.

ShareLife 2018



**Living the Gospel locally and
around the world**

“It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.”

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.**

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Our parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Wed., Mar. 21 at 7:30 p.m. to prepare ourselves for the feast of Easter. We will have many priests available for confessions.

Youth Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Our Young Adults for Christ and Youth Group are holding a Lenten Retreat on Sat., Mar. 24 for all youth in the parish. It will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please email Racine at stmyg@gmail.com for more information.

Is God Calling You?

Unless a seed first dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends”. If you think God is calling you to this, contact Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

50th Anniversary of St. Thomas More School

Saturday, May 12 at 12 noon

The staff of St. Thomas More School invites you to their 50th Anniversary on Sat., May 12 beginning with Mass at 12 noon at our church. Elsa Mihotic at the school is currently collecting photos from years gone by and if you have any to share, please drop them off at the school for her.

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