

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	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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The Fig Tree

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us about a fig tree that never bears fruit. Like any sensible farmer, the owner thinks it is probably time to get rid of it. But the guy who works in the field has a better idea. I'll give it a big dose of loving care and then we'll hope to see it bear fruit. And that is exactly what Jesus does for us. He feeds us, not with fertilizer, but with His own Body. He invites us to stop boasting and let Him gently point out what we are doing wrong.

The man who planted the fig tree is God. The fig tree means the Chosen People of God, you and me. The worker in the vineyard is Jesus. In justice, God decides to cut down the fruitless trees, but Jesus intercedes, pleads and prays that we will have another chance, and the Father gives us another chance. That is the story of our life with Jesus.

We have not borne fruit. We have not done what we were created to do. We have even done what God told us not to do. We have disobeyed His Ten Commandments. We have not produced. We can't blame God for being dissatisfied. He decides to remove us. But Jesus intercedes and intervenes between us and God and asks for another chance. He asks for mercy and forgiveness for us.

So, we are like the fig tree in Jesus' parable. Perhaps some of us are at such a point right now in our lives. Perhaps some situation threatens to engulf us and overwhelm us. Perhaps some relationship threatens to destroy everything we believe in. Perhaps some problem has led us down a blind alley that seems to be a dead end.

This Sunday's Gospel has an important message for us. Because of Jesus, we are never doomed, no matter how bad things seem. Because of Jesus we always have one more move left. Because of Jesus there is still hope for us, no matter what the situation.

The question for us is: How do we react to this message? What is the connection between this message and our Lenten discipline?
Fr. Aegidius SCJ

Mass Intentions for March 23 – 30, 2019

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intention of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Mark Tanel
	10:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Michael & Lalaine Cukjati
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Ernesto Aranez, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Deceased members of the Udai family, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Allan Kovacs, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Teodoro P. Tagle, requested by Tessie & Elena
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Keith Francis
	7:00 p.m.	+Catherine Palumbo, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Mrs. Dereck Metcalf, requested by B. & C. Long
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Deus Miguel Udarbe
		+Lorna Castello, requested by J. Asis
		+Rita Avery, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Jhon A. Martinez, requested by the Veloza-Prasad family
		+Nirmala Nair, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Jordan, Jaden & Joshua Rey
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	+Rufo Odina, requested by the family
	9:00 a.m.	+Alejandro Breganza, requested by L. Cobraza

All Night Adoration

Saturday, March 30 from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.



Come and spend some time with the Lord, and in His presence, to prepare for Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus! (Led by Fr. Antonio.) All are welcome. When? Sat., Mar. 30 at 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Register: Facebook or at stmyac@gmail.com.



You can work wonders!

How can you “Live the Gospel” when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to “Live the Gospel” by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Nest Sunday, March 31 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

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.

Sacramental Ministry

Date	Time	Event
Sun., Mar. 24	11:30 a.m.	RCIA 1 st scrutiny
Sun., Mar. 31	11:30 a.m.	RCIA 2 nd scrutiny
Sun., Apr. 12	9:00 a.m.	School confessions

Pope Francis Words on Fasting

Do you want to fast this Lent?



Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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*” next 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.

YAC Fundraiser – Easter Lilies

April 6 / 7 and April 13 / 14 weekends

Our YAC are taking orders for Easter lilies after all Masses on the weekends of April 6 / 7 and 13 / 14. These lilies will be part of the altar display at Easter in memory of your deceased loved ones. A donation of \$15.00 is requested.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Hanna Hadden, Catalino Bicos, Candida Garcia, 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.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 7 – 13, 2019

We celebrate the many volunteers who contribute energy, enthusiasm and countless hours to create a culture of giving to our parish. We are grateful to our volunteers who give their time, talents and experience to benefit the parish without expecting anything in return.

Is God Calling You?

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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.

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