

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Willyans Rapozo SCJ

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

Priests of the Sacred Heart

**Secretaries:** Josie Elsner, Suzy Correia **Religious Ed. Coordinator:** Gracie Nepomuceno

**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

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

### Youth Minister

Silvio Escobar.....[silvio.escobar@live.com](mailto:silvio.escobar@live.com)

### Youth Group

Drusilla.....[stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com)

### Young Adults for Christ

Racine Senining.....[stmyac@gmail.com](mailto: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

## A Zeal For God's House

In some countries, people bless themselves when passing by a Catholic church. They know that the church is a sacred place. Jesus also had a profound zeal for the Temple of Jerusalem. He showed a great indignation when He saw that the people of Israel had turned "the house of his Father" into a marketplace. Selling animals in the temple was customary in Jesus' time. The Jewish people considered Jerusalem a faith centre; every year many Jews would travel long distances to offer sacrifices in the Temple. Such sacrifices would usually be an ox, a sheep or a dove, according to the gravity of their sins or based on the economic situation of each family.

Since bringing animals through a long pilgrimage would be too difficult and expensive, vendors were established in the Temple, as well as money exchangers, to provide pilgrims with the animal for sacrifice and whatever else needed to fulfill liturgical obligations. Initially all these services seemed to be very helpful; however, after a certain time, the temple business became a corrupted and unfair system of exploitation. Prices of sacrificial animals rose steeply and they oppressed the poor people. Besides, pilgrims were not allowed to watch sacrificial ceremonies, so they trusted that whatever was purchased would be offered on their behalf. Taking advantage of people's ignorance, vendors were selling the same animal many times over.

This practice was unacceptable to Jesus! "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." He was talking about a new temple where everyone would have free access. Jesus Himself is the temple that will die and rise again in three days. Gathered in Christ's body, the Church as people of God will offer the new sacrifice, pleasing to the Father. Now, material temples are meant to be symbols of a spiritual temple, the body of Jesus, freely given to all of us. Following His example, we are called to have a great zeal for God's house and open its doors to welcome all God's children. This is also part of our Lenten mission! So let everyone return to God's House!

*Fr. Willyans, SCJ*

## Mass Intentions for March 3 - 10, 2018

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Basil Benedict Sr., requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Elaine Aprile, requested by J.& C. Borthwick
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Kavisha Hegoda & Martina
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Carmelita De Sousa and Francis & Olga Gonsalves-Teixeira, , requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Alejandro Braganza, requested by L. Cobrana
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Claudia Chua & Marina Catalig, requested by M. Biggar
	7:00 p.m.	+Nellie Des Roches, requested by the Abdee family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Mary Scallen, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Rustico & Remedios Vilela, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Bernice Emig, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Mary John, requested by the family
		+Chandra Udai and the deceased members of the Udai family, requested by the family
		+R. P. Sabaratnam, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Noreen Nolan, requested by B. & C. Long
	7:00 p.m.	+Benito & Amanding Mantes, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Lolita Padilla, requested by the family

## 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.

## Parish Lenten Retreat Day

Saturday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.



Our Priests of the Sacred Heart will lead a Parish Lenten Retreat Day on Sat., Mar. 17 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending with Mass at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for lunch (\$5.00) are available at the parish office and after weekend Masses.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Over the next three weekends at the 5:00 p.m. Masses on Sat., Mar. 3, 10 and 17, our catechumens will take part in the Three Scrutinys. Along with the

Rite of Election, which took place last weekend, these are important events in the process for becoming Catholic. Please pray for them as they continue on their faith journey.

### A Reminder

#### Can we chew gum during Mass?



To answer this question, we look at what the Code of Church Law of 1983, ca. 919 says: "A person who will receive the Holy Eucharist must fast at least an hour before Holy Communion, meaning not to eat and drink except water and medicine."

Actually, this rule is not difficult to keep because, practically speaking, it means not eating and drinking on the way to church (if the distance between your home and the church is about 30 minutes and if we come to church about 15 minutes before the Mass begins). It really gives honour to Christ who will become our spiritual meal.

Therefore, fasting before welcoming the Eucharist helps us to prepare ourselves for Holy Communion as a whole - body and soul. This fasting strengthens our spiritual focus on Christ, so that we can humbly unite ourselves with the divine Saviour who offers Himself for us.

So, we can't chew gum during Mass.

### ShareLife 2018



#### Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The Share-Life-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for independence.

**March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

### Is God Calling You?

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk and insult. Such is a religious vocation. If you think God might be calling you to this, contact Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### Praying for the Sick


We are praying for the sick of our parish: Neil Abray, Pierre-Claver Kayumba, Erinberto Austria, Yvonne Rampersaud, Phyllis Cogliano, Albert Vella, Daphne Chater, Basil Benedict, Nalini Sookdeo, Gerald Gomes, Christian B. Padua, Ivan Henriques, Steve Goller and Henry Sharp. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.



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