

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	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
St. Edmund Campion Elementary School	30 Highcastle Drive	416-393-5356
St. John Paul II Secondary School	685 Military Trail	416-393-5531

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Youth Ministry

Youth Group

Drusilla Lobo.....youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca

Young Adults for Christ

Andy Rodriguesstmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

Alan King.....416-439-1545

Screening Committee

Claudine Goller.....416-289-0307

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With Jesus in the Desert

Temptations are present in the life of all God's children. While we are in this world there will always be something trying to dissuade us from the truth. Jesus also faced the same situation as He was tempted by the devil in the desert. The tempter appeared to Him as a very astute liar using God's Word to confuse Him. However, the Gospel relates that it was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus to the desert. During forty days of prayer He was in profound communion with the Father and His will. Therefore Jesus responded to the devil with firmness and wisdom. Enlightened by the same Word of God He conquered every temptation.

Today's Gospel summarizes the purpose of the Lenten Season. We are with Jesus in the desert and following in His footsteps: we exercise prayer, charity, fasting and sacrifice in order to become more resistant to daily temptations. With a spirit of humbleness we renounce pride, luxury and power to become simple servants of the Lord in our needy brothers and sisters. Thus we reject Satan and bow down to Christ alone for He is the revelation of the true and Merciful God.

The desert can be a place of danger and fear; but it is precisely in times of weakness that we are called to find strength in God. As a desert, the Lenten Season is an invitation to turn back to the Lord for He is our refuge against evil. He is our oasis! Journeying in the wilderness, do not let worldly desires lure you; rather fix your eyes on the Lord who taught us how to win against temptation. Seek reconciliation with God and your brothers and sisters to welcome His love and forgiveness into your heart.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for March 4 - 11, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Basil Benedict Sr., requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Arul Anandam & Lourdu Mary
	10:00 a.m.	+Claudia & Romy Chua, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Ofelia & Porferio Bondaon Sr., requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Claudia Chua, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Grace Duverney, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+D'Ambrose, requested by the James family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Hy Francis
	7:00 p.m.	+Remedios & Rustico Vilela, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Carmon Patrick, requested by M. Patrick
	7:00 p.m.	+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by the family
		+Paul James, requested by the family
		+Elizabeth Baker, requested by the family
In thanksgiving, Steve Goller		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Aseervatham, Ratnam Sebamalai & Elizabeth, requested by the Janakon family
	7:00 p.m.	+Lawrence Rodrigues, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Benito and Amanding Mantes, requested by the family

Food and Clothing Drive



West Hill Food Bank, which is our local food bank, has informed us that they are in desperate need of immediate assistance to replenish their supplies of non-perishable food, gently used clothing, bedding and books. We are collecting these items in the main foyer over the next three weekends. Please donate whatever you can for those in need. Thank you!

Lenten Sessions

Tuesday, March 14, Wednesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 29



The Priests of the Sacred Heart will lead three sessions during Lent on the life, spirituality and ministry of their founder Leo Dehon.

The sessions will be held in St. Thomas More Parish hall after the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass

on Tues., Mar. 14, the birthday of Leo Dehon, and on Wed., Mar. 22 and Wed., Mar. 29. Sessions will end promptly at 9:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join in the spiritual reflections inspired by this venerable pastor with a passion for Christ and a passion for the world.

ShareLife



"Living the Gospel" by supporting ShareLife agencies...

As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to "Live the Gospel," in all that we do.

How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an archdiocese we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world.

Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 41st anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Sunday, April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously.**

Employment Opportunity

The Office of Catholic Youth is hiring 4 persons (part-time) for Young Adult Ministry. More information is available in the parish office (416-439-1545).

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Each Friday evening during Lent the Stations of the Cross will take place at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Acts of Charity for Lent

Proposed by Pope Francis

- Smile, a Christian is always happy!
 - Thank someone (even if you don't have to).
 - Tell others how much you love them.
 - Greet people you see every day in a joyful way.
 - Listen to the other with love, without prejudice.
 - Stop to help. Be attentive to the needs of others.
 - Lift up the spirits of others.
 - Celebrate someone's talents or successes.
 - Select those things which you're not using and give them to the needy.
 - Help when needed so that someone may rest.
 - Correct with love, do not remain silent out of fear.
 - Have a good rapport with those close to you.
 - Clean what you use in the house.
 - Help others overcome obstacles.
- Call your family.

Is God Calling You?


Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at

vocations@archtoronto.org.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish:


Mikayla Hasswell, Albert Vella, Bella Passanha, Denise Whyte, Kenny Corraya, Phyllis Cogliano, Yvonne Rampersaud and Dennis Hookimaw Sr. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.



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