

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

**Associate Pastors:** Rev. Martin Kadamattu SCJ, Rev. Antonio Resende Pereira SCJ  
Priests of the Sacred Heart

**Secretaries:** Josie Elsner, Cathy Dessailly    **Religious Ed. Coordinator:** Michelle Peres

**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	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	<a href="mailto:stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com">stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com</a>
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

### Youth Chaplain

Fr. Antonio Pereira SCJ [stthomasmore@rogers.com](mailto:stthomasmore@rogers.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

## Christ is the True Vine

This Sunday's Gospel is a call to strengthen our relationship with Christ to continue to live in Him. The type of relationship that should exist between us and Christ is illustrated using what is natural to us. That is, the relationship between a vine and its branches. As Jesus says: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."*

No branch can have life or bear fruit on its own, unless it is firmly attached to a tree. Likewise, in our spiritual life and journey as Christians, we cannot do without being firmly attached to Christ the vine, in whose name we were baptized. We are created and called to remain in Christ for a purpose and this purpose is to bear durable fruits in Him.

It means that we can be in Christ for years and still suffer from spiritual lethargy. There must be progress in our union with Him. This progress must be expressed in our trust in Him, in our better knowledge of Him and in our love for Him and for others.

So, instead of a passive life, to be in Christ means to live an active and positive life characterized by charity, peace, holiness, pure reverence and love for God and for our neighbours. In other words, it is possible to bear good fruits in Christ through a good, virtuous life.

Our reflection this Sunday is: how is my relationship with Christ, the true vine? Am I still living in Him? Have I born any good fruit in Christ?  
 Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

## Mass Intentions for May 1 – 8, 2021

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Remi Panesar, requested by N. Grande
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rafaele, Sebastiana & Maria Privitera and Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family
	10:00 a.m.	+James Joven, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Romeo Cabamungan & Feliciano Rames, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Clyde & Ruby Field, requested by the Kovacs family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Myra Samuels, requested by the Francis family
	7:00 p.m.	+Ken Shah, requested by S. McDoom
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Riley Elyse
	7:00 p.m.	+Souls in Purgatory, requested by the M. Palumbo
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sheila Bastianpillai
	7:00 p.m.	+Conchita Rosales
		Intentions of the Serviam Group, our priests, parishioners, and for priestly vocations
		Intentions of Carlyle Chaves
		+Inez Thomas, requested by P. Almeida
+Mathew Peters, requested by C. Peters		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Magdalena Legayada & Cesar Liwanag, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Mario Y. Reyes, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Bastianpillai family



## Churches To Stay Open

Cardinal Collins announced that as of Monday, April 19, 2021 all parishes are able to be open from now until May 20, 2021 for private prayer and Communion services. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is available for private prayer at our parish 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily from Monday to Saturday inclusive. Entrance to the church is through the parish office. For Communion services (held from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays every 15 minutes) each person must call the parish office at 416-439-1545 to register their attendance.

## Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Jane Demers, Leslie Reyes, Sebastian Fretes, Dr. Sanchez, Karen & Peter Wroblewski, Beth Treuer, Edna Singh, Anne Gnana, Bradley Solomonsz and those with COVID-19. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

## Food for Thought

Love is a Kind of Dying

The mystery of Christ is the ultimate truth, the reality toward which all human life aspires. And this mystery is known by love. Love is going out of oneself, surrendering the self, letting the reality, the truth, take over.... It is not something we achieve for ourselves. It is something that comes when we let go. We have to abandon everything—all words, thoughts, hopes, fears, all attachment to ourselves or to any earthly things, and let the divine mystery take possession of our lives. It feels like death, and it is, in fact, a sort of dying. It is encountering the darkness, the abyss, the void. It is facing absolute nothingness—or as Augustine Baker, the English Benedictine, said, it is “the union of the nothing with the Nothing.” This is the negative aspect of contemplation. The positive aspect is, of course, the opposite. It is total fulfillment, total wisdom, total bliss, the answer to all problems, the peace that passes understanding, the joy that is the fullness of love.

*Bede Griffiths (1906-93)*

## Sacramental Prep News

Email: [stmpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmpsacraments@gmail.com)



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- First Holy Communion preparations will be available when our Church is open.

### CONFIRMATION

- Registration is now closed.

### R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Classes for R.C.I.A. candidates have already begun.

## Is Jesus calling you? Would you give your life for Him?

The Church is blessed with a rich diversity of vocations; all of them are born from God as He calls us to participate in his work of redemption. If you are thinking about God's call and trying to find purpose for your life, we are here to help you. Maybe He is inviting you to be a priest, a religious brother or sister, to serve the church with love and generosity.

Come and talk to us! We will help you discern your vocation.

Contact: Fr. Antonio Resende Pereira, SCJ  
(Priests of the Sacred Heart Vocation director)



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## SHARELIFE 2021



### ShareLife agencies need your support during the pandemic

Vita Centre is a ShareLife funded agency that provides support, education and counselling for pregnant and parenting women in Peel.

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*Tanya Pereira, Vita Centre*

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