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## St. Thomas More Parish

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#### **Parish Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Willyans Rapozo SCJ

Associate Pastors: Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ, Rev. Benedito Machado 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.



#### **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

#### **Youth Ministry** Youth Group

Drusilla Lobo......drusilla17lobo@hotmail.com

Young Adults for Christ

Andy Rodrigues .....stmyac@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 St. Vincent de Paul Society Martel Gordon-Tennant......416-439-7827

#### No One Will be Privileged in God's Glory

Have you ever experienced the temptation of telling God what He should do for you? It usually happens when someone is not really satisfied with their life circumstances and tend to blame God for their own failures. Some people think they never make a mistake. It's hard for them to acknowledge their weakness, but opening themselves up to good advice may be very helpful for their life journey.

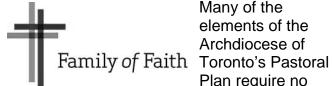
Two disciples in today's Gospel, James and John, were mistaken. Trying to obtain Jesus' partiality, they proposed an extreme honour. They asked to sit beside Him in His glory. In other words, they wanted to be glorified with Him and, once again, Jesus clarifies that glorification comes after a great sacrifice. "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the Baptism that I baptize with?" They did not hesitate in saying "yes". However they were not conscious of the meaning of Jesus' words, nor of the implication of their quick answer.

A hasty statement may bring much trouble. James and John were so focused on their aspiration that they did not reflect enough upon what it would cause in the community of the disciples. Now, by getting special treatment in God's kingdom they would be considered greater than the others. This is the recurrent temptation of prestige that hampers everyone who serves in the Church. It ends up in gossip, which harms communion and destroys unity.

Jesus refused their ambitious request and so prevented them from division. Let us ask the Lord to help us recognize our frailties, to accept His decisions and never seek privilege in His service.

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#### Family of Faith



Many of the elements of the Archdiocese of Plan require no

funding, but rather the investment of our time and talents. We also need to support key elements of the Pastoral Plan by investing the necessary financial resources. Family of Faith campaigns in all parishes of the Archdiocese will help provide those resources.

St. Thomas More Parish is launching our Family of Faith campaign, an undertaking to support the Archdiocese of Toronto and all its parishes. This is a collaborative effort; for every dollar we raise toward our goal, 25 cents will stay right here in our parish. If we exceed our goal, the parish will receive 75 cents of every dollar above that amount. After much thought and prayer, we have identified the following parish priorities for our share of the proceeds of the campaign: obtaining a religious education coordinator and a youth minister on staff and renovating the sanctuary (altar area).

The great news is that we are already on the way to meeting our parish goal! Through the generosity of our parishioners, we have raised \$111,000 already from 11 families! The average gift is \$10.090.

Parish Goal	Parish Share	<b>Current Total</b>
\$570,000	\$142,500	\$111,000

Please pray for the success of this campaign!

#### Voting is a Right and Responsibility

Canadian Catholics are being called upon as citizens to exercise their right to vote. The Church reasserts its belief in "the political freedom and responsibility of citizens." By exercising their right to vote, citizens fulfill their duty of choosing a government and at the same time send a clear signal to the candidates being presented by the political parties.

It is a sign of a healthy community when informed and responsible citizens engage in ongoing dialogue with our political leaders. We are called to be truly responsible for one another, especially for those who are vulnerable.

#### **World Mission Sunday**

October 18, 2015



Today, in all the parishes of the world, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. It is the Sunday of solidarity and sharing with our poorest

brothers and sisters of the Universal Church. Today, we celebrate our vocation as missionaries sent to proclaim the Good News. For the 1250 dioceses which are still under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of the Peoples, let us be generous so that they can achieve their pastoral projects for the poorest people. They are part of the more than 6,000 projects that are supported through this unique collection. Thank you very much for your generosity!

#### Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Hanna Turik, Angela Sanchez-Figueroa, Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Mary Anderson, Tilly Graham, Thikaya Parfaite, Marlene Murphy and Lorenzo Nunez. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

#### Info for all Ministry and Group Leaders

The Archdiocese of Toronto has a procedure called "Strengthening the Caring Community" in place to ensure the safety of parishioners. Everyone who is serving in a volunteer capacity in all of our parishes is required to complete a Volunteer Information Form, As well, volunteers who are working with vulnerable persons in such positions as teaching or working with children or taking Holy Communion to home-bound parishioners are required to (1) give the names of three references, (2) have an interview, and (3) give permission to undergo a security check. The members of the Screening Committee handle most of the details, but the leaders of the various ministries are the first contacts. Ministry leaders who are new to their positions or who are unsure about the procedure are asked to contact Claudine Goller, the chairperson of the St. Thomas More Screening Committee, at 416-289-0307 - as soon as possible.





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