St. Thomas More Parish

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

Secretaries: Josie Elsner 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	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
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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
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Prayer

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us about the necessity of unceasing prayer. The Lord reminds us today to pray, to pray always and to pray without ceasing.

Why do we have to pray every day?

For me, prayer is like water. Everybody needs water, because our bodies need it. Imagine if we don't drink water; our body would dry up and we would die. It is the same way with prayer. If we don't pray our faith will dry up and die too.

Some of us will ask: how long should we pray?

There are people who have stopped praying because they claim their prayers are not answered anyway, or because they cannot stand the delay. True prayer is surrendering everything to God's will, including the timetable. Instead of praying: "Lord, I want it, and I want it now," we should learn to pray: "Lord, I want it, but according to Your will, according to Your plan, according to Your wisdom, and in Your own time. Amen."

As human beings, we only see what lies immediately before us. Let us not forget that there is a "big picture," and that God, because He is God, sees this and not only the micro and the macro of everything. Yes, it is not easy to surrender everything to God in prayer. Often, because of lack of trust or because of impatience, we do things according to our own will and according to our own time frame; and, often, we find ourselves in more complications and in deeper trouble than when we first started. May we not have too many regrets later in life, and may we not say to ourselves: "If only I obeyed, if only I really listened to God, and so on".

Remember: God answers prayers not "according to the availability of funds," but according to His goodness and wisdom. Let us all be rest assured that God knows what is best for us; this is more of a reason for us to trust. And remember, in everything that happens, there is a reason.

So, our reflection is: How regular is our prayer life? Have we ever experienced utter helplessness, and all we could do was to surrender everything in God's hands? How tenacious and how persistent are we in our prayer?

Fr. Aegi, SCJ

Mass Intentions for			
October 19	9 - 26, 201	9	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Margaret Doyle,	
		requested by the family	
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rafaele, Sebastiana, &	
		Maria Privitera and	
		Moses & Lucy Kennedy,	
		requested by the	
	10.00	Privitera family	
	10:00 a.m.	+Deceased members of	
	44.00	the Magtoto family	
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community	
	8:00 p.m.	+Florencio Bonife &	
		Emerenciana Lim,	
		requested by the family	
Monday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, the	
		Augustine family	
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Rose Mary Rodrigues,	
		requested by Noelle	
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Xavier	
		Semampillai	
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Denise Wilde,	
		requested by the	
		Gleason family	
	7:00 p.m.	+Francisco De Paula	
		Diaz Villamil, requested	
		by the Veloza family	
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Hanna Hadden,	
		requested by V. & H.	
	7.00 n m	Francis	
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Munish Sharma	
		Intentions of James &	
		Yeoland Correia	
		+Edassery Antony	
		Varghese, requested by	
		the Shaji family	
		+Souls in purgatory and	
		the deceased members	
		of the Holsinger &	
		Kelaart families	
		In thanksgiving, Quincy	
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Abraham Anthony,	
		requested by J.	
		Iruthayathas	
	7:00 p.m.	+Nomer Tom, requested	
		by the family	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Maryanne Dinatale,	
		requested by the family	

The person dependent on Christ has the amazing ability to maintain a steady ship on a stormy sea!

Annual Mass Attendance Count

October 19/20 and October 26/27, 2019

The Archdiocese of Toronto is requesting that the annual headcount survey be taken this weekend, October 19/20, and next weekend, October 26/27. Those parishioners who receive Holy Communion at home (due to illness) and in retirement homes are also counted. This is to ensure that an accurate profile of Mass attendance is provided to the archdiocese.

Is God Calling You?

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests and religious. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish:
Maurice Archer, Albert Vella, Benedicta
Gonsalves, Gwen & Ray Whittle, Phyllis &
Anthony Cogliano, Bashir McDoom, Lee
Cummings, Tom Shaw, Babu Varghese, Allan
Roy Roxas, Sr. Toni Sheehan, Chirsty Besil,
Victor Joshua, Dominic Fernandes, Ricardo
Simone, Candida Garcia, and Grene Caulfield.
May they be supported by our prayers and
pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Annual Memorial Service

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Memorial Service for the deceased members of the St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League and the St. Thomas More Catholic Women's Group will take place on Tues., Nov. 5th after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Family members, friends and parishioners, past and present, are invited to help us pray for the souls of the women whom we remember for their selfless service to our parish community. Refreshments will be served in the Knights of Columbus room after the service. For more information, or to offer to help with the service and/or reception, please call Claudine Goller at 416-289-0307.

Sacramental Prep News

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Registration begins October 1st after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at the church hall, or on weekdays at the office during office hours. Registration ends October 31, 2019.

Opening for Volunteers

Youth and high school students in need of credit hours for voluntary or school service work are invited to help out with the children of the RCIA candidates on Fridays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If interested, email askstmp2016@gmail.com for details.

Election Day, Time to Vote!

Monday, October 21, 2019

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites every eligible Catholic to vote in the federal election on October 21, 2019. One of the five core directions of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan calls on us to be engaged in the public square. As a charity, the Archdiocese of Toronto must remain non-partisan and cannot direct the Catholic community to vote for a particular candidate or party. What we can do is educate voters and to ensure they are informed to make a responsible decision on Election Day. We can also share information on issues from a Catholic perspective - visit www.archtoronto.org/election for more information. Please take the time to pray for those seeking elected office, reflect on your vote from a Catholic perspective and most importantly, cast your ballot on October 21!

Benefit Dinner for Christians in the Middle East

Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

On Sat., Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Toronto Grand Banquet Centre (30 Baywood Rd.) join Cardinal Collins and Archbishop Najeeb Michaeel, Chaldean Archbishop of Mosul and Akra, for an inspiring evening of prayer, support and testimony about the plight of Christians in the Middle East. For tickets and more information, visit www.cmebbdinner2019.eventbrite.ca.

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