

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Martin K. Antony SCJ Priests of the Sacred Heart

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

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Clara Peters- Onagoruwa **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	stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com
Ushers/Greeters	Percy D'Mello	647-404-5394
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Nardina Grande	416-419-8254
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 Minister

Mel Perpose.....[melperpose@gmail.com](mailto:melperpose@gmail.com)

### Young Adults for Christ

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

## Parish Groups

### Parish Council

Clara Peters-Onagoruwa.....416-439-1545

### Finance Council

Alan King.....416-284-7190

### Screening Committee

Parish office.....416-439-1545

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Martel Gordon-Tennant.....416-439-7827

## God's Will

In the parable for this Sunday's Gospel, there seems to be some kind of contradiction, because what is being said and what is being done is so different. In the parable, the first son was asked to go and work in the vineyard. He said **"No"** but afterwards thought better of it and went. The same thing was said to the second son, and he answered: **"I am going sir"** but he did not go.

What we often encounter is the second son's response. Some people will say **"Yes"** to anything that is asked of them, but whether they will accomplish it or fulfill it, that's another question. But the first son's response and subsequent action is something for us to ponder upon. His response is something that is unpleasant to hear. To get a flat and sharp **"No"** from our children, our employees, our subordinates, it is certainly irritating and insulting. Our instinctive reaction would be to use words that hurt and haunt that person until we get compliance and submission.

This is where the Gospel parable teaches us about the ways of God, about His love, mercy and compassion, especially for those who disobey and turn away from Him. God didn't use lightning and thunder to force them to repent and obey. Instead, God sent John the Baptist to preach the message of repentance. And surprisingly, it was the lowest of sinners, those hopeless sinners, those tax collectors and prostitutes, those were the ones that listened to him and repented.

Let us listen to those loving words of Jesus and repent and do what God wants of us so that there will be peace and harmony. For those who have said **"No"** to us, let us not use harsh and hurtful words to rebuke them. This will only cause bitterness and resentment. Just as God is loving, merciful and compassionate toward us so that we can repent, let us also use kind and encouraging words to help others to do what God wants of them. Let us use words that heal, loving words that come from our heart, so that others will experience the love of God by our words. Can we do it and when should we do it?

*Fr. Aegidius Warsito, SCJ*

## Mass Intentions for September 30 – October 7, 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Glen D'Souza
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sharon McPherson
	10:00 a.m.	+James Joven, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Isabelle D'Souza, requested by the D'Mello family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Bill Welch, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Viraj Fernando
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Sharon McPherson
		+Luisa Sunga, requested by L. Mopas
		Intentions of Cathy Dessailly
		+Armando Sunga, requested by L. Mopas
		+Tony Santino, requested by the family
+Bill Long, requested by the Patel family		
+Virgilio V. Villarama, requested by the Huang family		
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Graham Biggar, requested by M. Biggar
	7:00 p.m.	+Souls in purgatory, requested by M. Palumbo
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Anna De Maio, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Chandra Appiah, requested by S. McDoom
		+Zorina Thorne, requested by the family
		Intentions of Elva Bursey
		Intentions of Anita & Percy D'Mello
		Intentions of Kate Horton
+Allan M. Hernandez, requested by the family		
+Victoria Cortez, requested by the family		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Suren Matkar, Josephine & Cajetan Alvres, requested by J. Matkar
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Serviam Group, our priests and for priestly vocations
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

## Life Chain

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.



Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of all human life. Thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds across North America gather each year to remind our fellow citizens of our

duty to defend the weakest members of our society and to bring a much-needed message of love, hope and truth to our communities. Please join us on Sun., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Markham and Ellesmere Roads. We will spread out along the sidewalk and pray silently for the hour. For further information, or to assist with the event, please contact Lorna at 416-526-4544.

## First Friday Communion of Reparation

Friday, October 6 from 10:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Alliance of the Holy Family International group is holding a Communion of Reparation on Fri. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> all night from 10:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The program includes Eucharistic adoration, confession, Communion and the Rosary. Everyone is most welcome to come and pray (upon availability)!

## First Saturday Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, October 7 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

The Holy Trinity Community will hold a healing Eucharistic Adoration on Sat., Oct. 7 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. after the Mass. The theme is "*He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds*" – Psalm 147.3. Prayers and songs will be part of the program. Everyone is most welcome to attend!

## Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 14 at 12 noon

Please join in the Rosary Prayer for Canada on Sat., Oct. 14 at 12 noon which will be held at St. Martin de Porres Church (4179 Lawrence Ave. E.). This Rosary Rally will also take place across Canada on the same day. For information, contact Martin at 289-314-4477.

## Sacramental Prep News

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



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration is now open at the parish office.

### CONFIRMATION

- Registration is now open at the parish office.

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

Registration is now open at the parish office.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after 10:00 a.m. Mass

There will be a volunteers' meeting on Sun., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. Mass for those interested in being catechists or helpers for the Children's Liturgy of the Word program. These volunteer hours also count towards high school volunteer hours. Light refreshments will be served. For information, contact Nardina at 416-831-9768.

## Prayers Needed for the Sick


We are praying for the sick of our parish: Austin Rosario, Martel Gordon-Tennant, Enza Savatti, Daphne Louis, Claire Alles, Josephine and Navene Habr, Jill Downs, Ana Lisa Patena, Theresa Tomaschek Sr., Sharmi Basnayaha, Conrad and Bertha Rodrigues, Ellie and Lina Vitello. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

## Handicraft Holy Land Christians


Weekend of October 14 and 15 at all Masses

We welcome a guest representing the Handicraft Holy Land Christians on the weekend of Oct. 14 and 15 to address the congregation after all Masses. Issues regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land will be presented. They ask for support through your prayers. They also have religious articles for purchase which are handmade from olive wood which help them to earn a living. Please see their website for more information at: [www.holylandchristians.ca](http://www.holylandchristians.ca).

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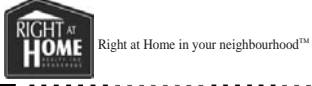
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