

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Willyans Rapozo SCJ

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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.

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

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Group

Drusilla Lobo.....[youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca](mailto:youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca)

### Young Adults for Christ

Andy Rodrigues .....[stmyac@gmail.com](mailto: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

## Encouraging our Faith

In today's Gospel the Apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. They were probably facing difficulties or even doubts as disciples. Our choice of following Jesus is not always firm. There are moments when we feel weak and need encouragement. The prophet Habakkuk is so frustrated that he questions God if He is ever going to take action against his foes. God Himself responds to his plea and promises to seek justice for the righteous who live by their faith.

A similar situation is present in the letter of St. Paul to Timothy. Timothy was raised in the faith by Paul sharing God's grace with him. Jesus is the Lord who has transformed his life and saved him from error. Now, Paul is in prison and Timothy faces challenges in keeping his steadfastness before those who attack him. So Paul encourages him to rekindle the gift from God, guard the treasure entrusted to him and not be ashamed.

Indeed our faith has to be nourished and renewed every day. We all have inconstancies; sometimes it is hard to believe that God is really present and things will be alright. However, it is not the quantity of faith that matters but its quality. Jesus said that if our faith was like a mustard seed it would be able to move a mulberry tree whose roots are deep and strong. The mustard seed may be small in size but it is great in its potential to be a big tree, bearing fruit and offering shelter. Let us pray that the Lord may help us grow in faith and not despair in time of tribulation.

*Fr. Will, SCJ*

## Mass Intentions for October 1 – 8, 2016

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Glenda Crocco, requested by your family at St. John Paul II Secondary School
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Bishop Ferdinand Fonseca, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Tom & Rita Biordi, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Intentions of John Da Silva
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Agnes Persaud, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Graham Biggar, requested by M. Biggar
	7:00 p.m.	+Deceased members of the Ciuffreda family, requested by E. Ciuffreda
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by M. Johnston
	7:00 p.m.	+Nunziata Civello, requested by the Donatelli family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Ernesto & Vicenta Alvarez, requested by the Chua family
	7:00 p.m.	+Flora Perez, requested by the family
		+Florentino Aguila, requested by T. Elmido
		+Deceased members of the Jesudasan family, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Earle DeGoveia, requested by the Knox family
	7:00 p.m.	+Romulo Dimaandal, requested by C. Evidente
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the sick
	9:00 a.m.	+William Miguel Chi, requested by M. Chi

## The Little Things

We must not grow weary of doing the little things for the love of God, who looks not on the great size of the work, but on the love in it.

## Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> after all weekend Masses

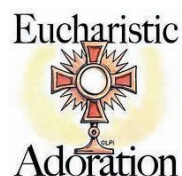


There will be registration for students preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation from Sat., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to Sun., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> after all weekend Masses. Please bring your child's

baptism certificate and fee for registration (\$30.00 for Confirmation and \$15.00 for First Communion). Registrations will also be taken at the parish office during regular office hours. For more information, please call Gracie at 416-439-1545.

## First Friday Adoration

Friday, October 7, 2016



**Eucharistic** There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fri., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please come to spend some time in adoration.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend



Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover

themselves as individuals and as a couple. The next weekend encounter will be held on October 21-23 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. For more information, please call Marge or Gerard at 905-792-1925.

## Know Your Faith

Join the Kolbe "Know Your Faith" series for a 7 week Salvation History IV study on the Prophets of the Old Testament. Through prayer, study and film deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own lives. Tuesday classes begin on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish or on Saturdays beginning October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45 a.m. at Blessed Trinity Parish. For more information visit: [www.kolbeapostolate.com](http://www.kolbeapostolate.com).

## LifeChain

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.



LifeChain is a simple and prayerful way to give witness to the truth that abortion is a destruction of human life. It takes only an hour and all you have to do is stand quietly with others, holding a sign with a simple message. This year LifeChain takes place this Sun., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Our church will be at the intersection of Markham and Ellesmere Roads. Please offer up this hour.

## Praying for the Sick



**Prayer Works** We are praying for the sick of our parish: John Da Silva, Elias Joseph, Josephine Habr, Jacob George, William Grey, Bella Passanha, Paul Camilleri, Halina Magdziak and Denise Wilde. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

## Youth Reaching out to the Homeless

Saturday, October 29, 2016



The Youth Group invites anyone 18 years and older to help hand out sandwiches to the homeless on Sat., Oct. 29, 2016. They will meet in the parish hall at 10:00 a.m. to prepare the sandwiches and then travel to the downtown area by TTC. It would be most appreciated if parishioners are able to donate bread, deli meats, mayonnaise, cheese slices and jam. These donations can be left in the parish office. For more information, please contact the parish office (416-439-1545).

## Workshop on the Art of Discernment

Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

A team of men and women religious will host a workshop on the Art of Discernment on Sat., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Loretto College (70 St. Mary St.). For more information, please call Frances at 416-467-2642.



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