

St. Thomas More Parish

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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

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| 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 | 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

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| 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

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Silvio Escobar.....silvio.escobar@live.com

Youth Group

Lissette.....stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com

Young Adults for Christ

Racine Senining.....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

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A Blind Person

Today's Gospel talks about Bartimaeus, a blind man. He was hurt physically, spiritually and emotionally. He was spiritually and emotionally hurt because people rejected him and isolated him from the community. Therefore, he shouted at Jesus to help him in his sickness. Many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more. Jesus understood his pain, so He told them to call him.

Nowadays, there are so many blind people everywhere. Some of them are blind physically. But there are many people we consider blind, not physically but spiritually.

They become blind. **First**, *they are not concerned by the plight of the poor.* What they look for is their own personal well-being. **Second**, *they always focus on their status in life and since they are poor, they do not do anything about it.* So they do not work anymore and lose hope for the future. **Third**, *is because of poverty.* They make this situation of poverty as an excuse to make God as secondary in their lives. They are so busy looking for a living. They are not active in the Church, nor do they practice their faith. **Fourth**, *some already have wealth.* They exploit people in order to amass more wealth. So the poor now become poorer and the rich become richer. **Fifth**, *they want to be the center of attention.*

Bartimaeus is looking for a way or a person to see the light of Christ. Afterwards, he did not go home but he followed Jesus. Just like us also, since we have known Christ through our Baptism, let us make ourselves followers of Christ to be ready to do whatever He taught us and become the light of Christ for others.

Our reflection is: Am I blind?

Fr. Aegi SCJ

Mass Intentions for October 27 - November 3, 2018

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | +Elmer Calgulada, requested by the family |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +Rene Terry Goddard, requested by the De Juan family |
| | 10:00 a.m. | +Shihan De Silva, requested by the family |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Intentions of the parish community |
| | 8:00 p.m. | +Emerenciana C. Lim, requested by the family |
| Monday | 7:30 a.m. | +Norberto Hinola, requested by J. Carrillo |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | +Antonio Carlos, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Caterina Palumbo, requested by the family |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | +Adoracion Abina, Zora & Dusan Cukjati |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Deceased members of the Santos and Lopez families |
| Thursday | <i>All Saints Day</i> No specific intentions | |
| Friday | <i>All Souls Day</i> No specific intentions | |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | +The deceased from the Book of Remembrance |

The Annual Memorial Service for the Deceased Members of C.W.L. & C.W.G.

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.



The Annual Memorial Service for the deceased members of the St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League and St.

Thomas More Catholic Women's Group will take place on Tues., Nov. 6, 2018 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 and community. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the service. For more information, or to offer help with the service and/or reception, please call Christine Long at 416-284-0397.

Family of Faith

The Family of Faith campaign generated tremendous support here at our parish. Pledges redeemed over the five year term will enable our parish to do so much! With the parish share, we plan to:

- Provide a religious education coordinator
- Renovate the sanctuary
- Provide a youth minister.

On behalf of the parish, and all the volunteers who assisted with the Family of Faith campaign, thank you for your prayers and support of this historic effort! If you need to discuss the payment of your pledge for any reason, please contact the parish office at 416-439-1545 or the Donation Processing Centre at 416-934-3400 ext. 555 or at campaign@archtoronto.org.

| Family of Faith Campaign for our Parish | |
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| Goal | \$570,000 |
| Adjusted pledges | \$791,327 |
| Total collected | \$373,131 |
| Parish share of collected | \$90,008 |

Sacramental Registration

Every Sunday in October (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Registrations will be held for children preparing for their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Please come to the parish hall after the 10:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Masses in October. Please bring your child's BAPTISM CERTIFICATE and for supplies:

- \$15.00 for First Holy Communion
- \$30.00 for Confirmation.

Mandatory Parents' Meeting in the hall on:

- Sat., Nov. 3/18 at 6:00 p.m. (First Holy Communion for Public School children)
- Sat., Jan. 5/19 at 6:00 p.m. (Confirmation)
- Sat., Jan. 12/19 at 6:00 p.m. (First Holy Communion for Catholic School children).

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Denise Simone, Gerald Molloy, John Ochangco, Caj Gonsalves, Lourdina Rodrigues, Charlotte T. Thomas, Daphne Chater, Phyllis Cogliano and Albert Vella. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Illegal Parking



The parish is required, by law, to maintain the fire route (which are the driveways by the main church entrance and the hall entrance) free of all vehicles at all times for the safety of our parishioners. Specific parking information is included in the attached flyer. Please check it carefully. A parking ticket for \$250.00 can be issued by the police and/or your vehicle towed.

Annual Mass Attendance Count

The Archdiocese has requested that all parishes perform a Mass attendance count over the past two weekends. The following are the results with comparative totals for 2017.

| Mass day & time | 2017 | 2018 |
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| Saturday 5:00 p.m. | 381 | 399 |
| Sunday 8:30 a.m. | 352 | 315 |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | 646 | 550 |
| Sunday 11:30 a.m. | 614 | 611 |
| Sunday 2:00 p.m. | 305 | 330 |
| Sunday 8:00 p.m. | 447 | 519 |
| Totals | 2745 | 2724 |

Is God Calling You?

The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux at vocations@archtoronto.org or at 416-968-0997.

World Mission Month

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. This support is a blessing for the Bishops, the Priests, the Sisters, the Brothers, and the lay catechists who depend on this help from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries so that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve.

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