

St. Thomas More Parish

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

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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

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

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

Drusilla Lobo.....youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca

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Racine Senining.....stmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

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Mike Carolan.....416-282-4750

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Love God and Your Neighbour

Once again, Jesus is confronted with a tricky question. This time it comes from a lawyer sent by the Pharisees who learnt that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees. They also wanted to test Jesus in His knowledge of God's Law. So, they asked him "Teacher, which one is the greatest commandment?" The Pharisees believed that Jesus regarded the people more than He feared God and observed His holy precepts. Several times Jesus stated that God wants mercy and not sacrifice. Therefore, they considered Jesus an impostor as He does not strictly follow their ancient traditions and incites the people to do the same. In their opinion, Jesus represents a dangerous threat to the orthodoxy of their religion.

Just like in previous occasions, their malice does not intimidate Jesus. Instead, He responds to them with profound wisdom, because He is being guided by the Holy Spirit. He says that the first and greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul and mind. Then He adds, "the second commandment is also important. You shall love your neighbour as yourself." This way, He connects the two loves together, human and divine. It is not possible to love God sincerely and despise those whom God has also created and called to be our brothers and sisters.

With Jesus' teachings and example, we come to realize that we are not self-centred individuals in the world, rather we are part of the human family and co-responsible for each other. Therefore, a true religion cannot be a sole relationship between God and oneself; rather it is a communal experience of God's presence in the life of all. Our faith leads us to transcend ourselves as we look up to heaven and, at the same time, to look down and reach out to everyone in need of our love. Caring for each other with sincere love is the best way of loving and honouring God.

Fr. Willyans, SCJ

Mass Intentions for

October 28 - November 4, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Shihan De Silva, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Benedict Sandrasagara, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Emerenciana C. Lim, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Bill & Juliet Castro
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Antonio Carlos
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Souls in purgatory, requested by R. Despabeladeras
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	No Intentions All Saints Day
	7:00 p.m.	
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	No Intentions All Souls Day
	7:00 p.m.	
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+The deceased from the Book of Remembrance
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the sick & dying
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+The deceased from the Book of Remembrance

The Annual Memorial Service for the Deceased Members of the St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League and St. Thomas More Women's Group

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.



The Annual Memorial Service will take place on Tues., Nov. 7th 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 to help with the service and/or reception, please call Claudine at 416-289-0307.

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November we dedicate more attention to prayer for our deceased brothers and sisters. We have placed the Book of Remembrance at the front of the church and you are invited to record the names of deceased relatives, friends and parishioners in the Book. Every day during the month of November the morning Mass will be celebrated for those whose names are in the Book.

The Spirituality of Leo John Dehon

Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Last March the Priests of the Sacred Heart, who are entrusted with ministry to the parishes of St. Thomas More and Our Lady of the Rosary, and ministry to the Indonesian Catholic Community, offered three sessions on the life, spirituality and ministry of their founder, the Venerable Leo John Dehon. The next follow up session on the Spirituality of Leo Dehon will be offered on Wed., Nov. 15, in the parish hall. The session will be one hour in length, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Sundays in October after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Registrations will be held for children preparing for their First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the parish hall this Sun., Oct. 29 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Vocation Seeds

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Confirmation – Parents’ Meeting

Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Parents of children who will be preparing to receive their Confirmation are required to attend the Parents’ Meeting on Wed., Nov. 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Altar Servers Awards

On Sat., Oct. 14, 2017 altar servers from our parish received the “Bishop’s Altar Server Award for Service” from Bishop Vincent Nguyen. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to the following altar servers: Timotheus Prajogi, Tyler Morgan, Alister Yeo Jr., Javier Blanco, Luis Emmanuel Guerrero and Carolina Fiallos.

First Communion – Parents’ Meeting

Wednesday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Parents of children who will be preparing to receive their First Communion are required to attend the Parents’ Meeting on Wed., Nov. 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

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 2016.

Mass day & time	2016	2017
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	412	381
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	365	352
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	538	646
Sunday 11:30 a.m.	613	614
Sunday 2:00 p.m.	316	305
Sunday 8:00 p.m.	458	447
Totals	2702	2745

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Daphne Chater, Albert Vella, James Noah, Phyllis Cogliano, Yvonne Rampersaud, Kaumudi Passanha, Basil Benedict, Anna L. Amala, Rita Croft, Numeriano Esteron and Henry Sharp. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Taking Communion Home

Parishioners who wish to bring Communion home to their family members in a pyx must first call the parish office. An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be assigned to bring Communion to them weekly. After October 31st Communion will not be given out at Mass in a pyx except to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

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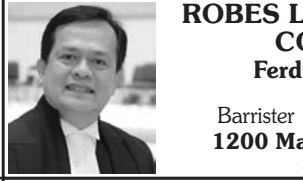
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