

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.



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.....drusilla17lobo@hotmail.com
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Parish Groups

Parish Council
 Mike Carolan.....416-282-4750
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Screening Committee
 Claudine Goller.....416-289-0307
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We Are Called to be One Body Forever

After a question from the Pharisees, Jesus revealed the nature of Matrimony. It is a sacred covenant, established by God Himself and is indissoluble. The Pharisees were confused since Moses had allowed them to dismiss their wives by writing a certificate of divorce.

However, referring to the very beginning of God's creation, Jesus reminded them that God made man and woman to live together. For this reason, man will leave his parents' house and join his wife and they will be one body.

We were created for unity and not division. God has made a covenant with His people so they would be united with Him forever. It's true that throughout history, the people of God have broken this covenant. However, the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross restores this bond forever. It became the sign of a new covenant. Now, we belong to Him; the Church is Jesus' spouse. We are members of Jesus' body.

The sacrament of Marriage is founded on this mystery. As Jesus loves His spouse, the Church, to the point of giving His own life for Her, so man should love his wife and vice versa. Jesus said that Moses allowed divorce because of the hardness of man's heart. Today we pray for all married couples that they will be faithful to each other as they promised before God's altar. We also show compassion and pray for those who have failed in this commitment. May the hearts of all families be not hardened, so that we will overcome every challenge with patience and love.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for October 3 - 10, 2015

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Mario & Eulalia Mababangloob, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raffaele, Sebastiana & Maria Privitera and Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family
	10:00 a.m.	+Larry & Ruby Esmonde, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Graham Biggar, requested by M. Biggar
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of McLeod Robin
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Ciaran O'Donnell
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Xavier Seemampillai
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Deceased members of the families of the Rosary Makers
	7:00 p.m.	+Patricia Espener, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Nora Respall, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Shihan Da Silva, requested by the family +Theresa Louis, requested by the family +Margaret & Ed Pitre, requested by L. & L. Kenny Intentions of Isaura Ramirez & Luz Gracia
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Quentin O'Donnell
	7:00 p.m.	+Jesusa Rodrigues, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Francisca Amurao, requested by the family

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

October 3 / 4 and October 10 / 11

Registration for children who are to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held after all Masses this weekend and next, Oct. 3/4 and 10/11. Baptism certificates are to be presented at registration.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes will begin in October for those who wish to become Catholic or to learn more about their faith. If you wish to have more information, please call the parish office at 416-439-1545.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Angela Sanchez-Figueroa, Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Mary Anderson, Tilly Graham, Thikaya Parfaite, Marlene Murphy and Lorenzo Nunez. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Info for all Ministry and Group Leaders

The Archdiocese of Toronto has a procedure called "Strengthening the Caring Community" in place to ensure the safety of parishioners. Everyone who is serving in a volunteer capacity in all of our parishes is required to fill out and hand in a Volunteer Information Form. As well, volunteers who are working with or want to work with vulnerable persons in such positions as teaching or working with children and young people or taking Holy Communion to home-bound parishioners are required to (1) give the names of three references (friends, co-workers and/or relatives) who will be asked to fill out a two-page reference form, (2) have an interview, and (3) give permission to undergo a security check. The members of the Screening Committee handle most of the details, but the leaders of the various ministries are the first contacts.

Ministry leaders who are new to their positions or who are unsure about the procedure are asked to contact Claudine Goller, the chairperson of the St. Thomas More Screening Committee, at 416-289-0307 - as soon as possible.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

October 10 / 11, 2015



The parish will hold a food drive on Thanksgiving weekend, October 10 / 11, for those in our area and the downtown area who are in need of food. We ask that you bring some of the following items:

- Canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned soups, sauces and stews
- Peanut butter, jam
- Cereal, oatmeal
- Tea, coffee, sugar
- Rice, pasta, crackers, cookies.

Thank You!

Our Bundle-Up Sunday was a huge success! Thank you to each one who donated to this clothing drive in support of those who are in need.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Life Chain is a simple and prayerful way to give public witness to the truth that abortion is a violent 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. As you stand, you can quietly pray the Rosary for the conversion of our leaders. This year Life Chain takes place on Sun., Oct. 4th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Our church will be at the intersection of Markham and Ellesmere Roads. Please offer up this simple hour.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume this Sunday, October 4th. This program for children ages 4 to 10 takes place weekly at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. After the Opening Prayer, the children and catechists go to the parish hall to hear and discuss the Sunday readings at their level of understanding. At the Offertory, the children return to Mass. No registration is required. Please encourage your child to attend!

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