

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

**Associate Pastors:** Rev. Martin Kadamattu SCJ, Rev. Antonio Resende Pereira SCJ  
Priests of the Sacred Heart

**Secretaries:** Josie Elsner **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	Lorna D'Souza	416-431-7685
Eucharistic Ministers	Clara Peters-Onagoruwa	416-439-1545
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 Road	416-393-5356
St. John Paul II Secondary School	685 Military Trail	416-393-5531

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Minister

Silvio Escobar.....[silvio.escobar@live.com](mailto:silvio.escobar@live.com)

### Youth Group

Lisette.....[stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasmoreyouthgroup22@gmail.com)

### Young Adults for Christ

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

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

## “Lord, increase our faith!”

There is a story of a man who fell off a mountain cliff. Half-way down the cliff he succeeds in grabbing a branch of a tree. There he is, dangling on the branch, unable to pull himself up yet knowing that letting go of the branch he would fall to his death. Suddenly the man gets an idea. He looks up to heaven and shouts, “*Is anyone up there?*” A voice comes from heaven, “*Yes, I am here. I am the Lord. Do you believe in me?*” The man shouts back, “*Yes, Lord, I believe in you. I really believe. Please help me.*” The Lord says, “*All right! If you really believe in me, you have nothing to worry about. I will save you. Now let go of the branch.*” The man thinks about it for a moment and then shouts back, “*Is anyone else up there?*”

Is the man in the story a believer?

Of course, he is. He believes that God exists. He believes in the power of prayer. He believes that God is able to help and save him from his predicament. But if he truly believes in God as he claims he does, why then does he not take God on His word? Why does he not let go of the branch to which he is clinging for life? Many of us laugh at this story because we can recognize ourselves in this man. We believe in God, but when the going gets tough and things do not work out as we expect we take matters into our own hands or look for help elsewhere. We believe, yes; but we are people of little faith.

So, in today’s Gospel, the apostles come to Jesus and say to Him, “*Lord, increase our faith!*” The apostles know that their faith is not adequate. And they take steps to improve their faith. What steps have we taken in the past one year to develop our faith? How many retreats, seminars or bible study classes have we attended? How many books have we read? These are means through which the Lord increases our faith.

*Fr. Aegi, SCJ*

## Mass Intentions for October 5 - 12, 2019

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Chandra Appiah, requested by S. McDoom
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Zac D'Souza
	10:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, the D'Souza family
	11:30 a.m.	+Remedios Elejorde, requested by Z. del Mar
	8:00 p.m.	+Deceased members of the Lowe family, requested by M. Lowe
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Yvonne Rampersaud, requested by S. McDoom
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Michael & Anita Fernandes, requested by T. Fernandes
	7:00 p.m.	+Shihan De Silva, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+John Ochangco, requested by the Viloría family
	7:00 p.m.	+Ian Watson, requested by S. McPherson
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Nicasio & Anaclea Jarquio, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Nathan, Sylvia, & Babu Gregory and Eva & Anthony Paul, requested by the James family
		+Jesusa F. Rodriguez
		+Fr. Philip Jones, Fr. Longuard McLean & Louis Nympe
		+Rosalinda Angeles, requested by the Lagundi & Del Rosario families
		Intentions of Graham Ambrose
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Marietta Mesman, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Kishani Perera, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Purita Hinola

## Seniors' Mass and Luncheon

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for our Seniors' Mass and Luncheon on Wed., Oct. 9 at 11:00 a.m. All seniors welcome!

## Life Chain

Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.



Life Chain is an annual prayerful and

peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the harm of abortion. Please join us at the intersection of Markham & Ellesmere Roads on Sun., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## Spaghetti and Karaoke Night

Saturday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

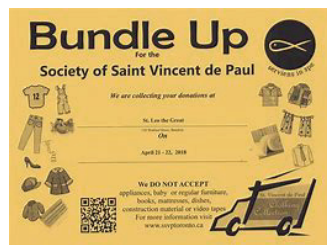


Book the date for our Spaghetti and Karaoke Night on Sat., Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. (after the 5:00 p.m. Mass) in the parish hall. Tickets, at a cost of \$10.00 each for adults and \$5.00 for children under 15 years of age, are available

after the weekend Masses or at the parish office.

## St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Sunday

Weekend of October 12/13



Bring your gently used clothing, shoes, linen and household goods to share with others on the weekend of Oct. 12/13. A St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the

church parking lot so please share what you can with those less fortunate. Thank you for your continued support!

## National Catholic Health Care Week

October 6-12, 2019

During the National Catholic Health Care Week, October 6-12, we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care. Whether it be in hospitals, community health centres, nursing homes and long-term homes, Catholic health care works to provide purpose-driven care with compassion and innovation. Thousands of physicians, nurses, employees and volunteers serve more than five million people in need.

## Sacramental Prep News

### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Registration begins October 1<sup>st</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at the church hall, or on weekdays at the office during office hours. Registration ends October 31, 2019.

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

Registration is ongoing up to October 15; classes are on Fridays at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Classes begin October 18, 2019.

## Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 12 at 12:00 noon

Please join the 2019 Rosary Crusade at our parish on Sat., Oct. 12 at 12:00 noon in front of the grotto. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. For more information, please call Robin at 416-456-6721.

## Ministry of Lectors

St. Thomas More Parish is looking for people to join the Ministry of Lectors. If you are:

- a registered parish member,
- 16 years of age and up,
- a baptized Catholic who has received First Holy Communion and Confirmation,
- someone who leads a life of faith and is of good moral character, and
- someone who has the ability and talents to proclaim the Word of God in a clear, dignified and effective manner,

then we are looking for you to join our Ministry! Please contact the parish office at 416-439-1545 and leave us your contact information. Thank you for considering service to our parish.

## Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Albert Vella, Benedicta Gonsalves, Gwen & Ray Whittle, Phyllis & Anthony Cogliano, Bashir McDoom, Lee Cummings, Tom Shaw, Babu Varghese, Allan Roy Roxas, Sr. Toni Sheehan, Chirsty Besil, Victor Joshua, Dominic Fernandes and Ricardo Simone. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.



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