

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Willyans Rapozo SCJ

**Associate Pastors:** Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ, Rev. Benedito Machado SCJ

Priests of the Sacred Heart

**Secretaries:** Josie Elsner, Suzy Correia **Religious Ed. Coordinator:** Sister Caroline Altpeter IBVM

**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.



## 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](mailto:drusilla17lobo@hotmail.com)

### 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

## Christ and the Inevitable Cross

Today we are confronted by a very important question from Jesus: "Who do you say that I am?" He wanted to know if His disciples had enough understanding about His identity with all of its implications and if they were willing to commit themselves to Him. By answering the question, Peter made a beautiful profession of faith: "You are the Christ", that is, you are the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Son of the God.

Jesus reveals to them the suffering that He must undergo. The apostles need to be prepared for this crucial moment and not despair. However, the same Peter who once proclaimed Jesus as the Promised Saviour could not accept His crucifixion. He tries to prevent Jesus from His Passion and even rebukes Him as He talks about it. For Peter the concept of Messiah does not include the fragility of death and the apparent failure of the Cross. It does not make sense! The Son of God has to be strong and conquer His enemies with power. Peter really expects Jesus to change His mind.

"Get behind me, Satan!" said the Lord. It's such a strong word! However Peter's proposal of a different destiny for the Messiah is a true temptation. "Satan" in Hebrew means "the one who diverts our way". The way of Jesus is the "Way of the Cross" and everyone who chooses to follow Him is called to pick up their own cross, deny themselves and follow Him. The cross is an inevitable reality! Later, Peter will understand this mystery and die for Jesus. What about us? Are we willing to embrace our daily cross for love?

*Fr. Will SCJ*

## Mass Intentions for September 12 - 19, 2015

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Magdalena Chia, requested by the Tameta family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Vu family
	10:00 a.m.	+Deceased members of the Rabano family, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	Intentions of Nilda Labalan
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Mary C. Grabador, requested by J. Perez
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Sany Despabeladeras, requested by Rizza
	7:00 p.m.	+D'Ambrose, requested by the James family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Erszo Kovacs
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Remedios family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Joe O'Reilly, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Ida P. Innasipillai, requested by the family +Paulette Bischoff, requested by A. & S. King +Emidio Donatelli, requested by the family +Mark Baldi, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Mark Mantes, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Joe O'Reilly, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Emidio Donatelli, requested the family

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held on, Oct. 3/4 & 10/11.

## Praying for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: John Lasha, Marlene Murphy, Lorenzo Nunez, Venetia Sharma, Arlene Spencer and Elsie Miller. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

There will be a meeting for anyone interesting in helping with the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sun., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

## Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers to help in the Confirmation and First Communion classes which begin soon. If you are interested in helping out, kindly contact the parish office. An information session will be scheduled sometime in October.

## Bundle Up Sunday

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Thomas More Conference, is having a Bundle Up Collection on the weekend of September 26 – 27, 2015. Please bring your gently used clothing, linens, footwear and other household items to the truck which will be in the church parking lot that weekend. Vincentians will be happy to receive your donations before and after all the Masses. Thank you for your continued support!

## Interested in the Youth Group?

The Youth Group is looking for new members. The Group is a great way to make new friends, get high school community hours and to build a relationship with Christ. The youth are currently involved in fundraising for their trip to World Youth Day in Poland 2016. If you are interested, please speak to the members who will be available this weekend and next at the two main parish entrances.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



office at 416-439-1545.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society needs help in assisting the less fortunate in our area. If you are able to help with this ministry, please call the parish

## Mass for Venerable Fr. Agnelo

A Eucharistic celebration dedicated to the cause of Venerable Fr. Agnelo will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish (2950 Midland Ave. at Finch Ave.) on Tues., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Hilario Fernandes, Vice-Postulator of the Society of Pilar. Following the Mass a reception will be held in the parish hall. A contribution of finger foods would be much appreciated.

## Angels and Demons Event

On October 31<sup>st</sup> join Exorcist Fr. Gary Thomas (the priest who inspired the movie "The Rite"), and Catholic specialist in Demonology and the Occult, Wilson Orihuela, at Canada Christian College in Toronto. Learn about angels, demons, the occult/New Age, how to spiritually protect yourself against the snares of the devil and the saving power of God and His mercy. All information and tickets:

[www.serviamministries.com/events/angels/](http://www.serviamministries.com/events/angels/),  
[info@serviamministires.com](mailto:info@serviamministires.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

## Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

## Food for Thought

Love each other as God loves each one of you, with an intense and particular love. Be kind to each other: It is better to commit faults with gentleness than to work miracles with unkindness.

*Mother Teresa*

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