# St. Thomas More Parish

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#### **Parish Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Willyans Rapozo SCJ Associate Pastor: Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

Priests of the Sacred Heart

Secretaries: Josie Elsner, Suzy Correia 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	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

Mass Intentions for

#### **Youth Ministry**

Youth Group

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

Young Adults for Christ

Racine Senining.....<u>stmyac@gmail.com</u>

#### Parish Groups

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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

#### Healing Through Forgiveness

Today's First Reading from the Book of Sirach presents an important question, "Does anyone harbour anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord?" The author's exhortation is that true peace can only come to one's heart through forgiveness. The vengeful person does not experience inner harmony because their heart is full of resentments. Those who do not sincerely forgive their neighbours are setting up a barrier to God's forgiveness for themselves.

Many emotional diseases can be initiated by situations that have harmed us and have not been properly healed. There are people who tend to suffocate sad feelings within themselves rather than dealing with them. After a disappointment, they wish not to see their offenders anymore. Grudges are stored in their hearts as a way of protecting themselves against their enemies. Be careful! Lack of forgiveness can make us sick. Remember that all human experiences, good or bad, are important to us. They are responsible for our maturity. We grow spiritually as we face our hurts and strive to forgive and be reconciled.

In the Gospel, Jesus answers Peter's question about how many times to forgive. "Not seven, but seventy seven times", said the Lord. This symbolic number means that we need to forgive always. Do not be mindful of the quantity but the quality of your forgiveness. Let it be abundant, sincere and with no restriction. Remember that God is generous in pardoning us; we should forgive each other in the same manner. The virtue of forgiving will surely bring us peace, joy and healing to our broken hearts.

Fr. Willyans SCJ

September 16 - 23, 2017			
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Ofelia	
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Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Ida P. Innasipillai,	
		requested by the family	
	10:00 a.m.	+Joe O'Reilly,	
		requested by the family	
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish	
		community	
	8:00 p.m.	+Herminio Yambot,	
		requested by the family	
Monday	9:00 a.m.	+Jeremy Benedict,	
		requested by the family	
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Manuel Carvalho,	
		requested by the family	
	7:00 p.m.	+Jeremy Benedict,	
		requested by the family	
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Virgenia Salas,	
		requested by the family	
	7:00 p.m.	+Paulette Bischoff,	
		requested by the family	
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Hospicio Jr. & Basilio	
		Olegario Elejorde,	
		requested by Z. Delmar	
	7:00 p.m.	+D'Ambrose, requested	
		by the James family	
		+Satha & Lilly	
		Selvaratnam, requested	
		by the family	
		+Rachel Solis Siy,	
		requested by the family	
		+Sergio Carrasco	
		Romero, requested by	
		his CIBC friends	
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Doris Scott, requested	
		by the family	
	7:00 p.m.	+Sr. Anne James,	
_		requested by the family	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Deceased members of	
		the Kovacs family	

## 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. Please come to the parish hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in October:

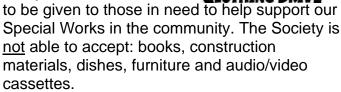
- Sun., Oct. 1
- Sun., Oct. 8
- Sun., Oct. 15
- Sun., Oct. 22 and 29.

#### **Bundle Up Sunday**

Weekend of October 7 / 8

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting:

- clothing (men, women and children)
- footwear
- bedding
- drapery and towels
- toys



Please bring your donation to the Society's truck on the weekend of October 7 / 8 and share with others in the community. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.



#### What is Life Chain?

Life Chain is a prayerful, peaceful witness to the evil of abortion and to the sanctity of

human life from the moment of conception.

#### Why is it important?

Life Chain is for one hour, on one day of the year. It is a simple and powerful way to spread the Gospel message, to be a light to our nation and to create a culture of life in Canada.

#### When is Life Chain?

Life Chain 2017 is Sun., Oct. 1, 2017 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Ellesmere and Markham Roads.

Please come and join us in witnessing to the sanctity of life on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society.

### Praying for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Ernesto Apique, Mike and Cathy Cochrane, Martin Anthony Marin, Rex Phillips, Yvonne Rampersaud,

Phyllis Cogliano and Harold Tracey. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

# Are You a Volunteer or Are You Considering Becoming a Volunteer in St. Thomas More Parish?

If you are, there are some points you should know.

All volunteers are required to fill out forms for the ministry or group they want to join or have joined; these forms are available from the leaders. The leaders ensure that volunteers are trained and have all the information they need to fulfill their duties.

The forms are turned over to the Screening Committee, which processes the information and contacts volunteers if necessary.

Some duties of some ministries/groups involve working with vulnerable people (such as young children or sick persons in their homes) or with sensitive information. These volunteers are asked to provide the names and contact information for three persons who will fill out reference forms for the volunteers. Also, these volunteers will be interviewed by members of the Screening Committee and will undergo a security check.

If you are already a volunteer in our parish, you should have an information form on file.

If you are a leader of a ministry or group, you should have an updated list of the members. We know that there will be more changes in some of the lists in the coming weeks but we do ask you to continue to update them regularly. Also, remember to give new or updated volunteer forms to the Screening Committee.

It is important that all leaders submit updated copies of their lists to the office in envelopes addressed to the Screening Committee. The target date is November 1<sup>st</sup>, but if lists are ready before that, we will be pleased to accept them.

We thank you all for your willingness to help our parish.

If you have questions, please contact Claudine Goller at 416-289-0307.

#### **Vocation Seeds**



"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or

whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at <a href="mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org">vocations@archtoronto.org</a>.



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