# 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 Friday7:30 a.m.Tuesday to Friday7:00 p.m.Saturday & Holidays9:00 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.

L	iturgical 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
	<u>Schools</u>	
St. Thomas More Elementary School	2300 Ellesmere Road	416-393-5322
St. Edmund Campion Elementary Sc		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
Youth Group	
Lissette stthomasmoreyo	uthgroup22@gmail.com
Young Adults for Christ	
Racine Senining	<u>stmyac@gmail.com</u>
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

#### Discipleship

In today's Gospel Jesus spells out in clear terms who cannot be His disciple: *"Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."* In other words, those who do not make a clear and firm decision to follow Him should just play outside.

Who's in? One who is willing to leave family and loved ones is "in." One who is willing to give up all their possessions is also "in." Discipleship means following the Master and putting the Master's agenda above one's personal agenda.

Who's out? One who cannot decide, and one who takes the road of compromise is **"out."** Whoever wants to follow the Master must follow Him freely, firmly and clearly. Jesus does not want undecided, half-hearted and half-committed disciples. Why?

Because *discipleship involves sacrifice*. It means giving up beloved people and cherished things for the sake of something or someone greater. *Discipleship involves obedience, too*. Those who follow the Master must be willing to obey Him and His marching orders. It means making His vision our mission and making His mission our mission. He is the coach. We are His players and we may add, His *"prayers"* because without prayer, we cannot listen to His game plan.

There is one more thing that is required of a disciple: A joyful, grateful heart. Without joy, discipleship is just plain obligation. Without gratitude, discipleship is just duty. What Jesus is asking from a disciple is his/her very heart. God is not a user who just wants our service. He called us not just to do errands for Him, but to be one with Him.

I think there is no greater picture about true discipleship than that of the Blessed Mother. She literally followed her Son from the cradle to the grave and beyond. She not only served truly but she also loved deeply.

So, how about us? What kind of disciple are we? What should we do to be a real disciple as Jesus spoke about in today's Gospel, especially nowadays? *Fr. Aegi, SCJ* 

#### Mass Intentions for September 8 – 14, 2019 Saturday 5:00 p.m. +Dominic Edward, requested by the family Sunday 8:30 a.m. +Michael & Anita Fernandes, requested by T. Fernandes +Joe O'Reilly, requested 10:00 a.m. by the family 11:30 a.m. Intentions of the parish community +Priscila Celia Lim, 8:00 p.m. requested by the family 7:30 a.m. Monday +Cristina Osias, requested by the family Tuesday 7:30 a.m. +Priscila Celia Lim requested by the family +Angelina Maralag, 7:00 p.m. requested by the family Wednesday 7:30 a.m. +Ann McPherson, requested by the **Breakfast Club** 7:00 p.m. +Lavinia Lobo, requested by the Rodrigues family Thursday 7:30 a.m. +Victor & Pearl Philip, requested by the family 7:00 p.m. +Narcisa I. Ferrer and in thanksgiving, Immanuel F. Lanzaderas +Margaret Gajewski, requested by the Lang family +Ann McPherson, requested by the family In thanksgiving, Thadeus Udarbe & family +Magdalena Chia, requested by the family 7:30 a.m. Friday +Ann McPherson, requested by the **Piccione family** 7:00 p.m. +Souls in purgatory. requested by M. Palumbo Intentions of Judy Etele Saturday 9:00 a.m.

## Registration for First Communion and Confirmation

Sunday, October 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Registration of children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held after the 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday in October.

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#### Seniors' Mass and Luncheon

Wednesday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m.



On Wed., Sept. 11 we are celebrating our monthly Seniors' Mass beginning at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon in the parish

hall. All seniors are most welcome!

#### Thank You! Thank You!



Through your generosity our parish collected \$68,997.46 for this year's ShareLife campaign. Thank you for your most generous donations to those in need. Thank you, also, to those parishioners who donated

supplies to the back-to-school drive of the East Scarborough Storefront Centre to collect school supplies and backpacks for children of lowincome families. With our community's help, many children received new school supplies.

## Pictures of First Communion and Confirmation Available



Please come to the parish office (during regular office hours) to order pictures of your child's First Holy Communion or Confirmation. For more information, please call

416-439-1545.

#### Find Your Voice! Christopher Leadership Course



The Christopher Leadership course is designed to enhance your leadership and communication skills, and your confidence which will positively affect every aspect of your life. A team of trained

and dedicated volunteer instructors will lead the class in a welcoming and supportive environment. The Sunday classes begin on Sun., Oct. 6 at St. Theresa Shrine (2559 Kingston Road) from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. To register, please contact at 416-410-7776.

#### Spaghetti Night

Saturday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Book the date for our Spaghetti 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, will be available shortly.

#### Do You Want to Become Catholic?

Becoming Catholic

We are now accepting registrations for the R.C.I.A. program. This is for adults and older children who want to be

Rife of Christian Initiation of Adults children who want to be baptized and/or receive First Communion or Confirmation. Catholics who want to deepen their faith and understanding of Church traditions and teachings are also welcome to attend. Application forms are available at the office. Classes are on Friday evenings beginning in October.

#### Church Bulletin Advertising



Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in

November 2019 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

#### Is God Calling You?

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris, at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

#### Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Lee Cummings, Tom Shaw, Babu Varghese, Allan Roy Roxas, Sr. Toni Sheehan, Chirsty Besil, Victor Joshua and Ricardo Simone. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

