

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.
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	Patrick Pillainayagam	stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com
Ushers/Greeters	Percy D'Mello	647-404-5394
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Nardina Grande	416-419-8254
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

Mel Perpose.....melperpose@gmail.com

Young Adults for Christ

Racine Senining.....stmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

Clara Peters-Onagoruwa.....416-439-1545

Finance Council

Alan King.....416-284-7190

Screening Committee

Parish office.....416-439-1545

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Forgiveness

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read that Peter asked Jesus: *"Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?"* Peter thinks that if he forgives seven times that is more than enough, perhaps even perfect, because the law just requires 3 times. But Jesus said: *"Not seven times, but I tell you seventy-seventy times."* In other words, forgiveness must be unlimited; we should always forgive.

As we know, to forgive someone who hurt us or caused seemingly irreparable damage in our lives, seems to be a difficult task. For example, how can we forgive someone who has raped our loved one? How can we forgive a person who keeps on backbiting us, or an unfaithful spouse or a government official who squandered government funds?

Forgiveness means giving up, letting go. It has nothing to do with condoning behaviour. It's just letting the whole thing go. To be forgiven, we must forgive. We do not have to know how to forgive. All we need to do is to be willing to forgive.

In today's Gospel, Jesus answered Peter's question with a parable that if we ourselves want to receive mercy from God after we die, we must show mercy to those who offend us while we live. Why? Because *first*, we were forgiven first by God and Jesus died for us. *Second*, because if not, we shall not be forgiven. If we are harsh to others, God is also harsh to us. *Third*, because we do not own anything, we belong to God. *Lastly*, Jesus gave us an example. He forgave Mary Magdalene, the adulterous woman, the paralytic of Capernaum, the man sick with palsy, the thief hanging beside Him on the cross and many more times. He even forgave His executioners.

So, our reflection is: can we forgive others unlimited times? What should we do before we can forgive others unlimited times?

Fr. Aegi Warsito, SCJ

Mass Intentions for September 16 - 23, 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Angelo De Maio, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Herminio Yambot, 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.	+Manuel & Maria de Jesus Agrela, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Mark Joseph Mantes, requested by G. Mantes
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Robert Mesman, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Anton Mancilla, requested by G. Gonzales
		+Jeremy Benedict, requested by the family
		+Khalil McDoom, requested by a friend
		+Clementina Suner, requested by M. Suner
		Intentions of Jayden Laureano
Intentions of Lyn Sarceda		
Intentions of Kate Laureano		
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Eartha Pearson
	7:00 p.m.	+Carina Antonio, requested by M. Gozun
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Cesar Ver, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Venith & Dorothy Alphonso, requested by the family
		+Mary Lavrisa, requested by M. Fernando
		Intentions of Yannah & Gilroy D'Mello
		+Franciskus R. Hartono, requested by the D'Mello family
		+Natividad & Maria T. Cristobal, requested by the family
+Allan M. Hernandez, requested by the family		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Doris Scott, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Lydia Onagoruwa
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Brother Henry Suharyono, SCJ

Legion of Mary Auxiliary Function

Saturday, September 23rd at 9:00 a.m.



The Legion of Mary extends an invitation to all their Auxiliary members to the annual Auxiliary function on Sat., Sept. 23rd beginning at 9:00 a.m. with Mass. The recitation of the rosary will follow with a social in the parish hall.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m.

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of all human life. Thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds across North America gather each year to remind our fellow citizens of our duty to defend the weakest members of our society and to bring a much-needed message of love, hope and truth to our communities.

Please join us on Sun., Oct. 1st from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Markham and Ellesmere Roads. We will spread out along the sidewalk and pray silently for the hour. For further information, or to assist with the event, please contact Lorna at 416-526-4544.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m.



CHILDREN'S
Liturgy of the Word

Anyone wishing to volunteer their time for the Children's Liturgy of the Word program is requested to attend the meeting on Sun., Oct. 1 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. For information, please contact Nardina at 416-831-9768.

Coffee Sunday

Sunday, September 24th after morning Masses



Come and enjoy a beverage and treats (hosted by our Serviam Group) on Sun., Sept. 24th after all morning Masses while you meet other parishioners and learn about some of our groups in the parish! We would love to see you!

Sacramental Prep News

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com



The Sacraments

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration is now open at the parish office.

CONFIRMATION

- Registration is now open at the parish office.

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

Registration is now open at the parish office.

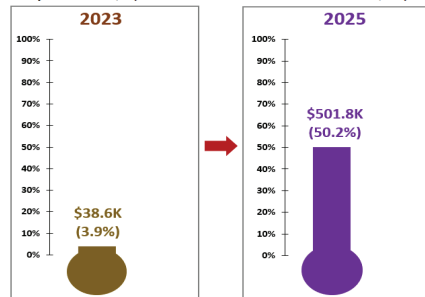
PARISH CAMPAIGN as of June 18, 2023

Parish Campaign Donation Thermometer

Goal = \$1,000,000

Today's Donation = \$38,599

Total Donation in 2025 = \$501,792



Prayers Needed for the Sick

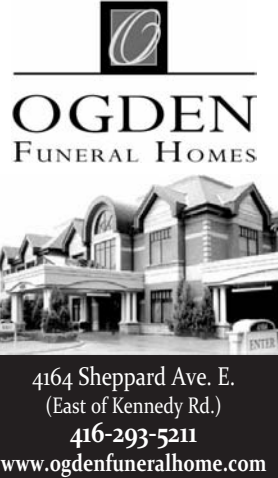


We are praying for the sick of our parish: Enza Savatti, Daphne Louis, Claire Alles, Josephine and Navene Habr, Jill Downs, Ana Lisa Patena, Theresa Tomaschek Sr., Sharmi Basnayaha, Victoria Munson, Conrad and Bertha Rodrigues, Ellie and Lina Vitello. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Food Bazaar News

We wish to thank each and every one who participated in the parish Food Bazaar last Saturday! We are so very grateful for all your efforts and generosity! Through all your hard work we raised \$12,000.10 for our parish campaign!

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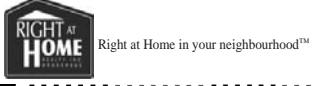
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