

St. Thomas More Parish

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

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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	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

Youth Ministry

Youth Minister

Silvio Escobar.....905-706-4644

Youth Group

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

Young Adults for Christ

Racine Senining.....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

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Why Are You Standing Idle?

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who goes to the marketplace seeking labourers for his vineyard. The story says that they were unemployed and "standing idle"; in other words, marginalized, discouraged and hopeless. The landowner hired them all, at different times of the day. When the work was done he chose to pay them equally despite their protest. In a society organized by a capitalist system, this parable may cause some discomfort. It seems to be unfair that those who worked longer will receive the same wage as those who worked for a short time. However, Jesus is using this parable to illustrate the Kingdom of God where everyone will be treated with the same generosity.

"The Kingdom of God is like..." with this common introduction, Jesus tries to explain a reality that cannot be fully comprehended. The Kingdom of God will be more about justice and inclusion than any of our human communities. Look what God says through the Prophet Isaiah in the First Reading, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways". In fact, God knows how to grant His children what is good and fair. To envy others shows that we are not grateful for the many blessings that God has bestowed on us.

The parable also reveals that nobody should tell God what to do. He is perfect and all His designs are right. It is necessary to be humble and accept that He is the Ruler and shows compassion to all His creatures. Think of those men "standing idle", they were forgotten and the Lord has saved them. To work in the Lord's vineyard is a privilege! His labourers shall not be greedy but generous, compassionate and grateful. Today He is calling us! Why are you standing idle? Let's come to Him! In the end, our reward will be much greater than what we can imagine. *Fr. Willyans SCJ*

Mass Intentions for September 23 - 30, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Hermangildo, Remedio, Teresa & Estefanio Sumaoang, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raffaele, Sebastiana & Marie Privitera and Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family
	10:00 a.m.	+Tom & Rita Biordi, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
Monday	8:00 p.m.	+Reccie Cabrera, requested by the family
	7:30 a.m.	+Jeanne Ndake, Itoua Martin, Moussa Mariane, Otselet Bony, Avoukou Emmanuel
	7:30 a.m.	+Juan Rey, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Benedetta & Raffaele Petrilli, requested by the family
	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of David Nelson
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Manuel Ramirez, requested by the Santos & Ramirez families
	7:30 a.m.	+Helen, Henry & Ivor Rodrigues, requested by the family
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Rachel Solis Siy, requested by the family
		+Juliana Uy, requested by the family
		+Stan Roberts, requested by the Ministry to the Sick
		+Antonia Concina, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Andrea Lacson
	7:00 p.m.	+Aurora Garces, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Aurora Garces, requested by the family

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Anna L. Amala, Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, James Noah, Albert Vella, Ernesto Apique, Mike and Cathy Cochrane, Martin Anthony Marin and Rex Phillips. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

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 after 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Sun., Oct. 8 after 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Sun., Oct. 15 after 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Sun., Oct. 22 and 29 after 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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 1st, 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.

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



to be given to those in need to help support our Special Works in the community. The Society is not able to accept: books, construction materials, dishes, furniture and audio/video cassettes.

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.

Spaghetti and Karaoke Night

Saturday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.



The Young Adults for Christ will be having a Spaghetti and Karaoke Night on Sat., Sept. 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The event is open to the whole community so bring your family and friends to make some delicious singing memories and support our young adults!

Children's Liturgy of the Word


Sunday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. Mass

This is a program for children ages 4 to 10 that takes place each Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. After the Opening Prayer, the children along with the Catechists, move to the church hall to hear and discuss the Sunday gospel at a level they will understand. At the Offertory, the children return for the remainder of the Mass. There is no registration required. Please encourage your children to attend!

Life Chain

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


Please join us on Sun., Oct. 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of Markham & Ellesmere Roads in witnessing to the sanctity of life on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society.



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