

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	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

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Silvio Escobar.....silvio.escobar@live.com

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

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Being Followers of Jesus

In Sunday's Gospel this week, John and his companion-apostles met a man they did not know who expelled demons in Jesus' name. How dare this outsider make use of His name? So they stopped him because he was not a member of their group and to end a flagrant malpractice.

Actually, this Gospel passage deals with the issue of membership in the Church. In the early Church, the question arose as to what to do about those good people who were not disciples of Jesus. This is still a question for us today. Can people who do not believe in God or who belong to a non-Christian religion or a Christian be saved? Can a Christian Catholic who does not participate in the sacramental life and religious activities of the Church be still called a Catholic?

St. Mark, in this Sunday's Gospel, gives an answer to this question. For those people who are not members of this Christian community or who do not follow Jesus, Mark tells us that Jesus appreciates all the good that was done by these people and does not reject them. He even says, "*Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.*"

But this is not an excuse for us to not do our part as Christians. St. Mark says, that Jesus is demanding of people who claim to be His followers, including ourselves. Jesus says: "*If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands to go to hell.*" and so on.

So for all followers, Jesus demands no compromise, no easy-going attitude in judgment and practice.

Can we still call ourselves disciples of Jesus?

Fr. Aegi SCJ

**First Friday Adoration on Friday, October 5th
from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Mass Intentions for September 29 – October 6, 2018

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Aurora Garces, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Aurora Garces, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Harmond Lachlen De Juan, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving for health, Donald Torres
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sharon McPherson
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Romeo Meade, requested by C. Meade
	7:00 p.m.	+Bill Welch, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Mary Scallen, requested the family
	7:00 p.m.	+João Batista Rapozo, requested by Rosemary & Remy
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Graham Biggar, requested by M. Biggar
	7:00 p.m.	+Marina David, requested by the family
		+Lynette Seneviratne, requested by the family
		+Yvonne Rampersad +Art & Betty Dionne, requested by F.& L. West
	+Percival Henry, requested by the Josiah family	
Friday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Luisa Cobrana & family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the sick & dying
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by the family

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Lourдина Rodrigues, Charlotte T. Thomas, Daphne Chater, Phyllis Cogliano, Albert Vella, Mary Anton Dias, Ivan Henriques, Anna Francesca Di Maio and Ofelia Lim. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Sacramental Registration

Sundays in October from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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. or 11:30 a.m. Masses in October. Please bring your child's BAPTISM CERTIFICATE and for supplies:

- \$15.00 for First Holy Communion
- \$30.00 for Confirmation.

Mandatory Parents' Meeting in the hall on:

- Sat., Nov. 3/18 at 6:00 p.m. (First Holy Communion for Public School children)
- Sat., Jan. 5/19 at 6:00 p.m. (Confirmation)
- Sat., Jan. 12/19 at 6:00 p.m. (First Holy Communion for Catholic School children)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Begins on Sunday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m.

This is a program for children ages 4 to 10 that takes place each Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. There is no registration required!

There will be an Open House after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sun., Sept. 30 in the church hall for parents and children interested in learning more about our program. Refreshments will be served.

Helpers, ages 13 and up, are needed to assist with this program. No experience needed!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

This weekend / September 29/30

This Thanksgiving, our local food bank, West Hill Food Bank, would greatly appreciate donations of food items for their ever-growing demand. The most needed items are canned tuna, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jam, coffee, tea, vegetable oil and sugar. Please leave donations in the church foyer. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Is God Calling You?

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel God is calling you with the gift to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at vocations@archtoronto.org or at 416-968-0997.

A Message for the Leaders of Ministries and Groups

Whether you are a new or returning leader one of your responsibilities is to have an updated list of the names and contact information of the members of your group. There should be a Volunteer Information form for every member of your group in the Screening Committee files. If you are the leader of a group that works with vulnerable people (such as children or seniors in their homes) or personal information or money, you should ensure that every member of your group has gone through the longer process of reference letter/interview/security check. This process is required by law. Please submit your updated lists to the Screening Committee by Oct. 17/18. They should be put in a sealed envelope and placed in the collection basket or handed in at the office or placed in the Screening Committee mail box in the sacristy.

Please update your member lists every time there is an addition or change of name contact information.

If you need more direction or information, please call Claudine at 416-289-0307.

Life Chain

Sunday, September 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Life Chain is an annual prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the harm of abortion. Participants hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life: the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us this year at the intersection of Markham & Ellesmere Roads on Sun., Sept. 30th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Local Events

- Oct. 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish with talks by Dr. Edward Sri
- Sat., Oct. 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Cemetery for Seminar
- Sat., Oct. 13 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish for Mass and adoration of the Relic of True Cross
- Thurs., Oct. 18 for "One Million Children Praying the Rosary"

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