

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

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**Secretaries:** Cathy Dessailly, Michelle Rodrigues **Religious Ed. Coordinator:** Michelle Peres

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Clara Peters- Onagoruwa **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 7:15 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	<a href="mailto:stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com">stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com</a>
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](mailto:melperpose@gmail.com)

### Young Adults for Christ

Racine Senining.....[stmyac@gmail.com](mailto: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

Gordon Lovgren.....416-439-7827

### Legion of Mary

Vijitha Valentine.....416-438-6961

## Cleaning and Adorning our Hearts

Dear brothers and sisters, this Sunday we enter the second week of the Advent season. The readings today lead us to reflect on the coming of Christ, the Messiah. In today's Gospel reading, St. John the Baptist invites us all to prepare for the coming of Jesus. The preparation mentioned here is not just physical preparation but, more importantly, spiritual preparation. In terms of physical preparation, we can easily find Christmas preparations everywhere: at homes, malls, grocery stores, workplaces, offices and even in cars while listening to the radio since Christmas songs are already on the top playlists. However, do we truly pay attention to spiritual matters?

Dear brothers and sisters, in today's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist calling for repentance. This call to repentance is also directed to us in this current time. In the midst of this Advent season, let us prepare our hearts for the birth of the Prince of Peace. Just as we clean and decorate our homes with various decorations, let us also cleanse our hearts from hatred, anger, quarreling, pride, selfishness, greed and so on. Let us adorn our hearts with practices of love, forgiveness, caring for one another and continually striving for personal purity. Let us cultivate a repentant attitude within ourselves. Let us prepare our hearts to be a comfortable place for the birth of Christ, so that our lives may be renewed by Him.

The question for us is: Are there aspects of my life that need improvement? What efforts am I making to address these aspects?

*Bro. Henry Suharyono SCJ*

## Mass Intentions for December 9 – 16, 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Angelo, Antonio and Rochina Pagniello
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Gilroy D'Mello
	10:00 a.m.	+James Joven, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Bernie and Joan Gonsalves
Monday	7:15 a.m.	+Victor Tai Young, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	+Juan Bernal, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Alejandro Libaque, requested by the family
		Intentions of Gilroy D'Mello
		+Sr. Margaret Rodericks, requested by the D'Mello family
		+Kiron Advani, requested by the D'Mello family
		Intentions of Madelaine Trotman
		+Raymond and in thanksgiving, requested by Sashan
		+Mohan Tambimuttu and Larissa Ratnathurai, requested by Jake
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	+Mariano Ocampo, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Maria Paz Ledda, requested by the family
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Sharon McPherson
	7:00 p.m.	+Stephen Lue Sue, requested by the Patel family
		+Harold Cuthbert, requested by the family
		Intentions of the Deepu family
		Intentions of Josna Joseph
		Intentions of Pat Patel
		Intentions of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Friday	7:15 a.m.	+Michael Madigan, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Pasquale Palumbo, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Kenn Shah, requested by S. McDoom

## Angel Tree is Here!

Please return your "angel" by this Sun., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> so that your "angel" will not be disappointed.

## Advent Confessions

Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. (English)

# Advent Confession Schedule

Confessions for Advent will be heard in English on **Tues., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **7:30 p.m.** (after the 7:00 p.m. Mass) with several priests on hand. Confessions in Spanish will be heard on Wed., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The schedule of confessions for surrounding parishes are as follows:

- St. Boniface Thurs., Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- St. JosephFri., Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m. and  
Thurs., Dec. 21 at 10:00 a.m.
- St. BarnabasWed., Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m.  
and Dec. 11, 12, 14, 15 at 6:00 p.m.
- St. Aiden Tues., Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Epiphany Tues., Dec. 19 and Wed., Dec.  
20 at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- O. L. of the Rosary Fri., Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- St. LawrenceFri., Dec. 22 at 9:00 a.m. and  
3:00 p.m.

## Poinsettias & Hydrangeas Orders



The Young Adults for Christ are taking orders for poinsettias and hydrangeas for our Christmas altar display. Envelopes are available in the church foyer or from the parish office.

Poinsettias are available at the cost of \$10 (small), \$20.00

(medium) and \$35.00 (large). Hydrangeas are available at the cost of \$25.00 (medium) and \$35.00 (large). Please write down the type and size of your flower order on the envelope.

## Thank You for Your Help!



Thank you to all our parishioners who supported the Mexican Food Fair fundraiser on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds have covered the costs for the celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. God

bless your generosity!

## SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS

Email: [stmpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmpsacraments@gmail.com)



The Sacraments

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration is now closed.

### CONFIRMATION

- Registration is now closed.

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

- Registration is now closed.

## Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Jason Bornstien, Roberto Huang, Kendrick Mohammed, Victoria Munson, Austin Rosario, Martel Gordon-Tennant, Enza Savatti, Claire Alles, Ana Lisa

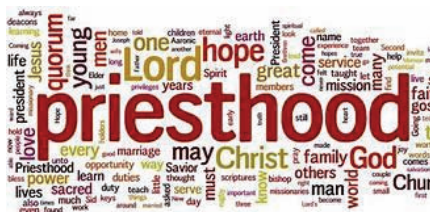
Patena, Theresa Tomaschek Sr., Sharmi Basnayaha, and Alisha May Lobo. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

## Marriage Preparation Courses

There are two parishes in our area that are offering Marriage Preparation courses:

St. Barnabas	Jan. 25 – Mar. 7, 2024 (Thursdays) 7-9 p.m. 416-298-0989
Epiphany of the Lord	Mar. 9 – 23, 2024 (Saturdays) 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 416-499-2196

## Is God Calling You?



John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends

priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Antonio at 416-298-6500.



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