

St. Thomas More Parish

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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

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| 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

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| 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

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

Legion of Mary

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

Who Are You?



In today's Gospel, the priests and Levites challenge John the Baptist, asking: "Who are you? What do you say about yourself?" John confesses he is not the Messiah, but that his life is a testimony to what God has done for us. We too would be wise to consider this all-important

question – who are we? What do our lives say about ourselves?

I am Harry, married to Jennifer for nearly forty years. I am a father of six and grandfather of three – so far. I suffer with memory loss, I wear hearing aids and arthritic pain is a frequent companion. Each day I join my suffering with Jesus, who makes it holy. I don't understand how, but I believe.

I recognize the joys and sufferings in this life to be opportunities for God's love and mercy. When I walk with others, whether in celebration or consolation, I am always pointing, like John the Baptist, to Jesus, the reason for my hope.

We who believe must rejoice, as did our Blessed Mother, that we have been chosen and give thanks in all things. We are called to be witnesses, crying out in the wilderness of our day, testifying so that others might hear and believe. This is the will of God and it is to this worthy mission that we are called to dedicate our lives and to persevere.

Adapted from *Living With Christ*
Harry McAvoy, Newmarket, Ontario

Mass Intentions for December 16 – 23, 2023

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | +Angelo Di Maio, requested by the family |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +Fe Carlos, requested by the family |
| | 10:00 a.m. | +Gliceria Talag and Pedro Gonzales, requested by the family |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Intentions of the parish community |
| | 8:00 p.m. | +Francisco, Maria and Aleina Lagundi |
| Monday | 7:15 a.m. | +Amparo Aperoch, requested by the Lim family |
| Tuesday | 7:15 a.m. | +Sarah Bedford-James, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Mr. and Mrs. Maximo Rabino Sr., requested by the family |
| | | +Giovanni & Maria Montisano and Thelma Smith, requested by the family |
| | | Intentions of Nathanael & Vivian Rodrigues |
| | | +John, Tonya and Chett Di Falco, requested by the family |
| | | +Francis and Olga Gonsalves-Teixeira, requested by the family |
| | | +Joseph and Edward Teixeira, requested by the Gonsalves family |
| | | +Carmelita De Souza, and Neville De Silva, requested by the Gonsalves family |
| Wednesday | 7:15 a.m. | +Adeline and Joseph De Silva, requested by the Gonsalves family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Ivan Uribe, requested by V. Rey |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | +Martinus Wiradi Prajogi, requested by Cathy and Sharon |
| | 7:15 a.m. | +Juanito, Jun, Romeo and Jose Chua, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Deceased members of the Achoy, Petruccia, Stephen and Lue Sue families, requested by the family |
| | | +Myrna Perpose, requested by the Yeo Family |
| | | +William Richard Berry, requested by the family |
| | | +Franciskus Rudy Hartono, requested by the family |
| | | Intentions Pat Patel |
| | | +Michael Madigan, requested by B. and M. Serrain |
| Friday | 7:15 a.m. | +Roney Patel, requested by M. Chaves |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Myrna Perpose, requested by S. McPherson |
| Saturday | 7:00 p.m. | +Eusebius Lewis, requested by the D'Mello family |
| | 9:00 a.m. | +Louis Nympe, requested by the Nelson family |

Christmas and New Year's Day Mass Schedule

| Date | Mass time |
|---|---------------------------|
| Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent | 8:30 a.m. English Mass |
| | 10:00 a.m. English Mass |
| | 11:30 a.m. English Mass |
| Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve | 5:00 p.m. Children's Mass |
| | 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass |
| | 9:00 p.m. English Mass |
| | 11:00 p.m. English Mass |
| Monday, December 25 Christmas Day | 8:30 a.m. English Mass |
| | 10:00 a.m. English Mass |
| | 11:30 a.m. Mass |
| | 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass |
| | <i>NO 8:00 p.m. Mass</i> |
| Tuesday, December 26 (Office closed) | 9:00 a.m. English Mass |
| Wednesday, December 27 to Friday, December 29 | 7:15 a.m. English Mass |
| | 7:00 p.m. English Mass |
| Saturday, December 30 | 9:00 a.m. English Mass |
| | 5:00 p.m. English Mass |
| Sunday, December 31 Feast of the Holy Family | 8:30 a.m. English Mass |
| | 10:00 a.m. English Mass |
| | 11:30 a.m. English Mass |
| Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve | 5:00 p.m. English Mass |
| | 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass |
| Monday, January 1 Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Day) (Office closed) | 8:30 a.m. English Mass |
| | 10:00 a.m. English Mass |
| | 11:30 a.m. English Mass |
| | 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass |
| | <i>NO 8:00 p.m. Mass</i> |
| from Tuesday, January 2 onwards | 7:15 a.m. English Mass |
| | 7:00 p.m. English Mass |

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.



Child volunteers are requested for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass on Sun., Dec. 24 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Parents are asked to contact Nardina at 416-831-9768 or nardinagrande@gmail.com

if your child is interested. A meeting and rehearsal will be held on Sun., Dec. 17 after 10:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall.

SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com



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.

2024 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

Parishioners who have a numbered set of Sunday offertory envelopes can pick up their new set for 2024 in the parish office. Those parishioners who would like to receive a set are also asked to come to the parish office to pick one up.

Advent Confessions

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

Confessions for Advent will be heard in English on **Tues., Dec. 19th** 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. 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 23 at 6:15 p.m.

A Children's Christmas Party is being held on Sat., Dec. 23rd at 6:15 p.m. after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office (416-439-1545) to register your child.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Eunice Simone, 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.

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