

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

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Screening Committee

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Legion of Mary

Vijitha Valentine.....416-439-1545

Advent

This Sunday, we begin our new liturgical calendar with the 1st Sunday of Advent. At the beginning of the Mass, we bless the Advent wreath and we light the first candle of the wreath.

The Advent wreath is rich in symbols. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent in which we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The circular wreath symbolizes the eternity of God who is without beginning or end, and that He loves us with an everlasting love. The evergreens of holly and pine represent our hope in the saving love of God, a hope which is fulfilled in the birth of the Saviour and the hope of eternal salvation.

As Advent progresses, from the 1st week to the 4th week, the number of candles are lighted accordingly. This has a profound spiritual meaning in that Jesus, the light of the world is coming to scatter the darkness of our sins and with each passing week, the light of the candles in the Advent wreath grows brighter in preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the True Light.

Jesus wants to come into our lives with His light and blessings. He wants to bring us healing from the darkness of our sins and help us be reconciled with one another especially in the family. He wants to be in our families so that we can experience His love and joy and peace with each other. But we must invite Him. The Advent wreath would be the means to bring the family together in prayer and to let the light of Christ shine in our hearts and bring about the warmth of love and peace that we always wanted for our families and for ourselves.

Therefore, what we need is: to stay awake and be vigilant in prayer. Lighting the candles of the Advent wreath and praying together as a family may be a small and humble act but the blessings that Jesus gives will be bountiful.

Let us ask ourselves: what will we do during this Advent season to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

Fr. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 2 – 9, 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Juan Bernal, requested by the Dessailly family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Frank Bruns, requested by F. Bruns
	10:00 a.m.	+James Joven, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Victor Kwan, John, Susan and Steven Chou, requested by the Kwan family
Monday	7:15 a.m.	+Juan Bernal, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	+Margaret Dent, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Anna DiMaio, requested by the family
		Intentions of Yannah Marie D'Mello
		Intentions of Klarissa D'Mello
		Intentions of Mark Gayathrie and Arasaratnam
		In thanksgiving, McLeod Robin
		Intentions of McLeod Robin
		+Albert Vella, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	+Juan Bernal, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Souls in purgatory, requested by M. Palumbo
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	+Juan Bernal, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Gwen Whittle and Petruccia Lue Sue, requested by the Patel family
		+Mary Lavrisa, requested by the Patel family
		+Deceased members of the Lue Sue, Alexis, Patel and Joseph families, requested by the family
		+Anastacia De Juan, requested by the family
		Intentions of the Serviam Group, our priests and for priestly vocations
		+Xavier Richard, M. L. John, Aliyamma & Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence, requested by the family
		+Andrea R. Marfori, requested by the family
Friday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Lucienne Nelson
	7:00 p.m.	+Yusuf Patel and the deceased members of the Lue Sue family, requested by the Patel family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Juan Bernal, requested by the family

Breakfast With Santa

Sunday, December 3 after morning Masses



The Youth Group will hold a fundraising "Breakfast with Santa" on Sun., Dec. 3rd after all morning Masses. Delicious pancakes will be served as you come to meet with Santa. Come and support our youth!

Angel Tree is Here!

Sunday, December 10th to return your "Angel"



Everyone is invited to take an "angel" from the St. Vincent de Paul Society Angel Tree. The age and sex of the child is indicated on each "angel" on the tree. Please purchase an age-appropriate gift for \$20.00, wrap it and securely attach the "angel" to the gift. Please return the gift by Sun., Dec. 10th so that your "angel" will not be disappointed. Anyone is also most welcome to donate sweets.

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!!



Thank you to all our parishioners who celebrated the 30th anniversary of ordination of our pastor, Father Aegidius Warsito SCJ, last Saturday, November 25 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All those who helped in any way and those who participated made this a very special parish celebration for this milestone in Father's life! God bless you all!

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.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Jason Bornstien, Roberto Huang, Kendrick Mohammed, 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.

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.

The schedule of confessions for surrounding parishes are as follows:

- St. Boniface Thurs., Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Joseph Fri., Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Thurs., Dec. 21 at 10:00 a.m.
- St. Barnabas Wed., 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. Lawrence Fri., Dec. 22 at 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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