

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 7:15 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	Mark Opinaldo	stmparish.altarservers@gmail.com
Ushers/Greeters	Percy D'Mello	647-404-5394
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Nardina Grande	416-831-9768
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

Annenshia Pathi Nathan.....stmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

Clara Peters-Onagoruwa.....416-439-1545

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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

God is calling

We are in the Second Sunday of Advent right now, and we are invited to receive a wonderful call. Advent is about the coming of Jesus as our Saviour. He calls to us, reaching down to us, drawing us closer to Himself. Advent invites us to prepare ourselves to hear this glorious call and for the world to receive the Saviour. The Prophet Baruch reminds us that God is leading Israel in joy by the light of His glory, with His mercy and justice as companions. It may be difficult for us to sense this message in our hearts, but God is calling us to follow Him in joy, by the light of His glory. We can only know this through faith in the Lord. We Christians are invited to answer His call through belief in Jesus and to believe that Jesus has come for the salvation of the world through His Advent.

Our faith in the call of Christ's coming into the world, and in the fact that it has changed the world, is challenged daily. Through news channels, the internet, and social media, we absorb often horrific news about pain, suffering, and death, and we wonder: where is God? Abject poverty, terrorism, hate crimes, and abuses of all forms shake our faith. Yet, we persevere in His Advent, and our faith endures. Despite these terrible setbacks, disappointments, and losses, early Christians acknowledged, and modern-day Christians reaffirm, His call to the light of His glory.

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist calls us to repent and await the coming Messiah. Like John, you and I are called to be a "voice crying in the wilderness," calling out that God is present and here for the salvation of the world. We should be able to proclaim from the depths of our hearts: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Therefore, we are called to be witnesses that God has touched our lives and has come expressly for the salvation of our world. The call of salvation is here in our midst. Let us live in faith and confidence: "God will complete His work." And let us live our lives in this Advent season, and beyond, in a way that more fruitfully receives His call.

Fr. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 7 – 14, 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Patricia Luesue, and Gwen Whittle, requested by P. Patel
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Lucienne Nelson
	10:00 a.m.	+Anastacia DeJuan, requested by the DeJuan family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+Maria Paz Ledda, requested by the family
Monday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Reginold family
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Reginold family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Gilroy D'Mello
		Intentions of Joshlene
		+Wilma Wenadan, requested by the family
		Intentions of the D'Souza Family
		+Sister Tecla D'Mello, requested by the D'Souza family
		Intentions of Edgardo Santiago
		+Noel Bastiampillai, requested by the family
		+Ron Landry
		+Stephen Correia, requested by the Hardy-Smith family
		+Lucia, Luigi, Gina Morra and Gloria McIntyre requested by the family
		Intention of Medhuna Mathew and Amith Baby
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	+Victor Young, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+James Joven, requested by the family
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Myra Colaco
	7:00 p.m.	+Members of Foss and holy souls in Purgatory, requested by E. Toban
		+Stephen Luesue, requested by P. Patel
		+Alejandro Labaque, requested the family
		+Derek, Lance and Clinton De Alwis and deceased family members, requested by the family
		+Linda, Reggie, Adithia and Chandra De Silvia, and deceased family members, requested by the family
		+Deceased family members of the Fernando family, requested by the family
		Intentions of Gayathrie Arasaratnam
		Intentions of Yannah-Marie D'Mello and family
		Intentions of Selvin and Roshani
		+Janet Lim Exconde
Friday	7:15 a.m.	+Mariano Ocampo, requested by M. Palumbo
	7:00 p.m.	+Pasquale Palumbo, requested by M. Palumbo
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Michael Madigan, requested by the family

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday Dec 18th at 7:30 p.m. (English) and on Wednesday, Dec 11th at 7:30 p.m. (Spanish). There will be many priests available to hear confessions. This is an excellent way to prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

**Christmas eve Mass-
The Vigil of the
Christmas
Dec 24th, 2024**

English - 5:00 pm
Spanish - 7:00 pm
English: 9:00 pm
English: 11:00 pm

**Christmas Day- The
Nativity of the Lord
Dec 25th, 2024**

English: 8:30 am
English: 10:00 am
English: 11:30 am
Spanish: 2:00 pm

**New Year's Eve
Mass
Dec 31st, 2024**

No morning mass
6:00 pm Spanish
8:00 pm English

**New Year's Day
Mass -Solemnity of
Mary Mother Our
God
Jan 1, 2025**

English: 8:00 am
English: 10:00 am
English: 12:00 noon
Spanish: 2:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a blessed replica of our Blessed Mother. It is a traveling sacramental offered by the Legion of Mary to be given to any home, wishing to create a prayerful, sanctifying space where family and friends are encouraged to pray the Rosary, and meditate its mysteries. All parishioners are welcome to request the statue

If you are interested in having the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home, please sign your name in the binder provided at the back of the church and a Legion member will contact you.

Mass Schedule Changes

Beginning **January 1st, 2025**, our Sunday Mass schedule will be changing. The new Mass times will be as follows:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

These changes are being made to ease our parking situation.

The 2:00 pm (Spanish) and 8:00 PM evening Masses remain unchanged. We look forward to seeing you at Mass!

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 closed.

Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Jill Downs. Melina and Rolando Castillo, Keith Achue, Angelo Hizon III, Kayden De Silva, Teresita Bruce, Victoria Munson, Marion Blake, Jose Benjamin Mallari, Kayla Reyes Pecson, Steve Dowell, Lilly Ousman, Salvacion Origene, Rene Refuerzo, Christopher Simbulan, Reynoldo Camingal, Janet Lim Exconde and Tina Lopes. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Young Adults- Advent Retreat

Date: Saturday, December 14th

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Saint Thomas More Parish



Are you looking to recharge your faith and connect with others as you prepare for the Advent season? Join us for a special **Advent Retreat** themed **“HOPE: Joyful Expectation for the**

Coming of the Lord.” This day of reflection, prayer, and community will help you prepare your heart for the coming of Christ.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Fr. Allyn Rose, Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

This retreat is free of charge, but registration is required. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your faith and grow in fellowship!

For more information, visit the parish website or check the posters in the church.

Volunteers Needed



We are seeking volunteers to help do a deep clean of our parish on **Monday, Dec 9th at 6:30 pm.**

If you are available to help, please call the parish office. Thank you for your time and support.

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