

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Martin K. Antony SCJ Priests of the Sacred Heart

**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

## Humility in Prayer

Dear brothers and sisters, in the experience of prayer, we often come to the Lord with a list of needs that we require. "Lord, I need this and that because I am this and that." We almost dictate to the Lord, expecting Him to grant our requests according to our plans. It seems as though we leave little room to surrender ourselves to the will and plan of God. When our prayers seem unanswered, we come to the Lord and say, "Please, Lord, I need this and that. Please answer my prayer." Yet, perhaps the Lord has already answered our prayer and blessed us in a different form, but we may not realize it.

Beloved brothers and sisters, today's Gospel teaches us the attitude of humility in prayer. It is related that a man with leprosy came to Jesus, begging Him and kneeling, said, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Leprosy was not an ordinary illness. Those suffering from leprosy not only endured physical pain but also psychological distress. Leprosy was considered a contagious and impure disease. This Sunday's first reading illustrates how those with leprosy were treated—they were isolated, marginalized and shunned by society. Even in such a desperate situation, the man with leprosy did not impose his will on Jesus. He surrendered himself to His will and gave Jesus the freedom to choose. And Jesus also had an extraordinary response, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Jesus truly understood the needs of the person and with His words alone, the man was made clean.

Beloved brothers and sisters, today's Gospel invites us to reflect: "Do I have humility in my prayers? How am I developing humility in my prayers?"

*Bro. Henri Suharyono, SCJ*

## Mass Intentions for February 10 – 17, 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Alfredo Trono, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+K. P. Joseph, requested by Jimmy and the family
	10:00 a.m.	+James Joven, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+Teodora Yambot, requested by the Bedford-James family
Monday	7:15 a.m.	+Guillermo Maranon and intentions of Lydia Antonio, requested by M. Gozun
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Genie Rey
	7:00 p.m.	+Jacintha Seidakuner, requested by P. Alexandor
		+Sixto and Carina Antonio, requested by M. Gozun
		+Norman Gozun and intentions of Marisa Gozun
		+Elizabeth Ramsbotham
		Intentions of Marie Chaves
		Intentions Zenaida Salazar
		Intentions of Myrna and Max Hernandez
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions McLeod Robin
	7:00 p.m.	+Kandiah, requested by the family
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Sharon McPherson
	7:00 p.m.	+Elizabeth Ramsbotham
		Intentions of Robin and Tina Lopes
		+Vijay Dharkar, requested by R. & T. Lopes
		Intentions of Lilia and Romulo Victorino
		Intentions of Lucienne Nelson
		Intentions of Pat Knox
		+Susan McClean and the souls in purgatory, requested by N. Marin
Friday	7:15 a.m.	+Ivan Uribe, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Timothy Aseervatham, requested by the Benedict family

## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 14, 2024



Ashes will be distributed for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, at **7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Please note the time change for the morning Mass.

## Ash Wednesday



*Ash Wednesday*  
*Remember that you are dust,*  
*and to dust you shall return.*  
~Ecclesiastes 3:20

Catholics worldwide will observe Ash Wednesday on Wed., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a day of fast (less food for

those who are between the ages of 14 and 59 years) and abstinence (no meat for adults). This begins the season of Lent, a time of penance when we make more time for prayer, works of piety and charity. Some examples include praying the Stations of the Cross, visiting the sick and elderly, praying the rosary, reading the bible and giving alms to those in need.

## Parish Lenten Retreat

Saturday, February 24: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Please mark your calendars for our annual Parish Lenten Retreat Day on Sat., Feb. 24 from 10:00 a.m.

to 3:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch although light refreshments will be available. More details will follow.

## Thank You!



Our first Children's Christmas Party on December 23 was a great success. We thank all our volunteers (especially Donna) who worked so hard to make it so successful. Thank you also to the

parents who attended and helped their children enjoy this evening so much!

## Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- How to avoid problems
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions

Ways to register:

- Follow this QR link:  
<https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>
- Send an email to:  
[development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org) with "webinar Feb. 24" in the title and your name in the message.

## SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS

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

## Prayer and Life Workshop

Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer and Life Workshop is a series of sessions that help you to learn and deepen in the art of prayer. This learning has a very practical character, like a workshop: by praying we learn to pray. Sessions include prayer methods such as prayerful reading, prayer of surrender, adoration and contemplative prayer. Participants overcome anxieties through healing and reconciliation, acceptance and surrender. In every session we meditate on readings of the word and listen to a message from Fr. Ignacio Larranaga OFM Cap., our founder. The workshop consists of 15 weekly sessions of 2 hours each, and one final one-day retreat. Instruction is free and the workshop materials have a total cost of \$20.00. This current session will be held from Tues., Feb. 20 until Tues., May 28 in the Spanish language. For more information and/or registration contact Betty at [bettymagana@hotmail.com](mailto:bettymagana@hotmail.com) or 647-982-3934.

## Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Thatcher Willifon, Gloria Paraan, Merglin Lewis, Victor Lim, Tina Lopes, Jason Bornstien, Kenneth Colaco, Roberto Huang, Victoria Munson, Martel Gordon-Tennant, Enza Savatti, Theresa Tomaschek Sr. and Ana Lisa Patena. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.



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