

# 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 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
12:00 noon, 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	<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	416-831-9768
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](mailto:melperpose@gmail.com)**Young Adults for Christ**

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Nathan.....[stmyac@gmail.com](mailto: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

**To Understand God's Word**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus, in short, says, "Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, and hated." At the same time, He also says that woe will come to those who are rich, full, laughing, and praised. A cursory reading of the Gospel text may lead us to wonder about a few things. Is Jesus advocating for poverty and a masochistic lifestyle? Is He condemning wealth and prosperity? When we read what Jesus is saying in the Gospel, we need to do so with the eyes of faith. It is with the eyes of faith that we can grasp the truth of what Jesus is teaching.

With the eyes of faith, we can understand that Jesus is revealing a profound truth about life. He is not simply challenging the ways and values of the world; He is also showing how God blesses His people. God's blessings fall upon those who are poor, hungry, weeping, and hated. God is present for them and will bless them because He knows they have no one to turn to and nothing else to rely on. On the other hand, for those who are rich, satisfied, happy, and well-regarded, their wealth is so abundant that they no longer hunger for anything. Everything seems easy, smooth, and they have high social standing. In this case, will they ever feel the need for God? Perhaps, but for them, God becomes just one of many options. It is only in times of desperation that they may turn to Him.

What Jesus is conveying in this Sunday's Gospel invites us to view life's adversities and difficulties through the eyes of faith. We are called to believe that it is in those very struggles that God will shower His blessings. For it is in our adversities and difficulties that we become the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the hated—precisely the people Jesus says God will bless abundantly.

Therefore, may we have the eyes of faith to see this truth and understand that we need only God, and God alone. Our reflection: How do we, as followers of Jesus, view the suffering, poverty, misfortune, and serious problems that surround our lives? What should we do?

**Mass Intentions for  
February 15 – 22, 2025**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Deceased members of the Soosipillai Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Raffaelle, Sebastiana and Maria Privitera and Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family
	10:00 a.m.	+Petronilla De Guzman requested by the Family
	12:00 noon	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+ Lavy Reyes
Monday	7:15 a.m.	+Timothy Aseervatham
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	+Angela Sebastianpillai requested by the D'Mello Family
	7:00 p.m.	+Paola Di Giulio, requested by Cristiano Family
		+Ofelia Lim requested by Family
		+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by family
		+Jamie Madigan requested by B & M Serran
		+Miguel Tuazon Cruz
		+Bhanu Arasaratnam
		Intentions for increase of Vocations
		+Harj Virk
+Jeremias & Josephine D'Mello		
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Michelle Rodrigues
	7:00 p.m.	+Adoracion & Eliseo Madulid requested by E. Alon
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	+Palmira Pereira, requested by M. Fernando
	7:00 p.m.	+Yusef Patel requested by Patel family
		Intentions of Michelle Rodrigues
		Intentions for increase of Vocations
		+Joseph Pito
		Intentions of Lydia Cebrian
		+Mary Lilly Marianayagam
Intentions of Salud Rudillas		
Friday	7:15 a.m.	+Bobby, Susan and Darryl Rejano, requested by the M. faller
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving for the Nalliah Family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Julienne D'Mello, requested by the family

## Community Outreach Street Patrol



**On Saturday, February 22nd beginning at 9:30 am**, our Community Outreach Street Patrol will be helping the less fortunate in our city.

Thank you for the excellent participation last year in the outreach events.

**We are preparing winter packages to help the homeless during the cold weather.**

**We welcome donations of winter hats, socks, gloves, or cash.**

**Donations may be dropped off at Parish office.**

Please register on the parish website or call the parish office if you would like to participate in preparing the packages.

Please note, registration will close on Monday, February 17th, to help with outreach planning.

## 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 on 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.

## Parish Campaign – Collection



There will be a second collection next week for the Parish Campaign.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for our Campaign.

## 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.

## Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Jill Downs, Melina and Rolando Castillo, Keith Achue, Victoria Munson, Eileen MacDonald, Doug & June Smith, Jose Benjamin Mallari, Rob Dunklin, Rachel Cleveland, Arianna Lindsay, Tina Lopes, Bill and John Bailey, Winda Viterbo, Christopher Morrison, Joseph Michael Alves, Triva Steenberg, Nida Morales, Jeffrey Mo and Lito Gana.

May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

## Is Jesus calling you? Would you give your life for Him?

The Church is blessed with a rich diversity of vocations; all of them are born from God as He calls us to participate in his work of redemption. If you are thinking about God's call and trying to find purpose for your life, we are here to help you. Maybe He is inviting you to be a priest, a religious brother or sister, to serve the Church with love and generosity.

Come and talk to us! We will help you discern your vocation.

Contact: Fr. Antonio Resende Pereira, SCJ  
(Priests of the Sacred Heart Vocation director)



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