St. Thomas More Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

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

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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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St. Edmund Campion Elementary School

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Repentance and God's Forgiveness

Today is the first Sunday of Lent and in today's Gospel we heard that the Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness where He remained for 40 days and was tempted by the devil. He was with the wild beasts and the angels looked after Him.

During those 40 days in the desert wilderness, Jesus faced two dangers. One was the temptations of the devil which challenged Him in the spiritual realm, to test whether He will stand firm on God's side or not. The other danger was in the physical realm. With the wild beasts roaming around, would He succumb to fear and run off to safety and give up His mission?

The temptations from the devil were subtle. In the other Gospels, we hear of those temptations: to turn stones to bread, to jump off the parapet of the Temple, to bow down to Satan. The depth of the Heart of Jesus was tested to see where He stood and who He was. But while the temptations of the devil were subtle, the danger from the wild animals was real, because they could cause harm and injury.

The reason Jesus went into the wilderness was to restore the brokenness and to reconcile man with God and man with nature. He fought off the devil's temptations. He faced the wild animals, not to fight them but to tame them.

We are in the season of Lent now and during these 40 days we will practice the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our goal for doing this is to repent of our sinfulness and put our hope in God's forgiveness. God will send His angels to help us just as the angels looked after Jesus in the desert wilderness.

Therefore, let us go with Jesus into the spiritual wilderness and be trained by Him with prayer, fasting and almsgiving to fight temptation and to bring peace to a wild world.

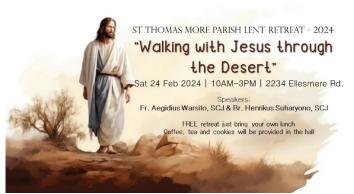
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Mass Intentions for		
February		
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Ofelia Lim, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Ofelia Lim, requested by S.
	10.00	McPherson
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Marie Fernando
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Tyrone Felix Wallinson
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Michelle Rodrigues
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	+Maria Paz Ledda, requested by the
		family
	7:00 p.m.	+Caroline Alescandor, requested by
		P. Alescandor
		+Yusuf Patel, requested by the
		family
		+Michael Madigan, requested by Maddy, Josh and Evan
		+Elizabeth Ramsbotham
		+Deceased members of the Henry
		and Josiah families
		Intentions of Gilroy and Yannah-
		Marie D'Mello
		Intentions of Romulo and Lilic
		Victorino
		+Elizabeth Marin and the souls in
		purgatory, requested by N. Marin
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	+Bobby, Susan and Darryl Rejano,
		requested by M. Fuller
	7:00 p.m.	+James Joven, requested by the
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	family +Christine Long, requested by the
Thursday	7.10 d.III.	D'Souza family
	7:00 p.m.	+Deron Camillus, requested by the
	7.00 p	family
		In thanksgiving, Kevan Rupesinghe
		+Deceased members of the Henry
		and Josiah families
		Intentions of our priests and the
		families of the Serviam Ministry of
		St. Thomas More and for vocations
		to the priesthood and religious life
		Intentions of Zenaida Salazar
		Intentions of Myra and Max
		Hernandez
Fulal - : :	7.15 -	Intentions of Sara Philip
Friday	7:15 a.m.	+William Dumm, requested by the
	7.00 n m	Taylor family
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Sebastian and
Caturday	9:00 a.m.	Stephanie Leggatte +Kayumba Claver Pierre and
Saturday	7.UU d.III.	Beatrice Kamabara, requested by
		the family
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On Monday, February 19th Mass is at 9:00 a.m. and the parish office is closed for the day.

Parish Lenten Retreat

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



Oour annual Parish Lenten Retreat Day will be held on Sat., Feb. 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

Lenten Schedule for Fridays



The schedule on Fridays during the season of Lent will be as follows:

- 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

Coffee Sunday

Sunday, February 25 after all morning Masses



Come and enjoy a beverage and treats (hosted by our Serviam Group) on Sun., Feb. 25th after all morning Masses while you meet other parishioners and

meet members of some of our groups in the parish! We would love to see you!

Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Gustavo Caceres, Andrea E. Bernabey, Anne Evola, Thatcher Willifon, Gloria Paraan, Victor Lim and Tina Lopes. May they be supported by our prayers

and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

As part of our year-long 60th anniversary celebrations, parishioners are invited to design and submit a logo and/or a slogan commemorating 60 years of the founding of St. Thomas More Parish. The rules and more details of the contest are available at the parish office and on our parish website (www.saintthomasmoreparish.org). The deadline

for submission is Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing the creative talents at St. Thomas More Parish.

Pope Francis's Advice for Lent

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**.
Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.
Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate**to others.

Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**. Fast from **words** and be silent so you can **listen**.

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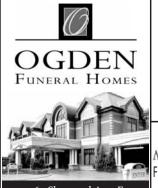
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