

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	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

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Racine Senining.....stmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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Vocation to the Priesthood

Dear brothers and sisters, on March 3, 2023, the Vatican Newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, reported the latest statistics of the global Catholic Church, collected at the end of 2021. According to the report, the number of Catholics worldwide increased by 16.2 million compared to the previous year. However, the total number of priests in the world decreased by 0.57% to 407,872. Two continents that experienced a significant decline were Europe (down by 3,632) and America (down by 963). From the data, we can see that there is a significant gap between the need for services and the availability of priests.

Beloved brothers and sisters, the overview of global Catholic Church statistics invites us to think about the future of our Church, especially concerning the vocation to the priesthood. The liturgical readings today also encourage us to reflect on this calling. The first reading tells the story of the calling of Samuel. Initially, Samuel doubted the call of the Lord. He heard the call but remained uncertain. Three times the Lord called Samuel until he was truly convinced that the call originated from the Lord and he followed it.

Today's Gospel also recounts the calling of the first disciples of Jesus. Andrew, who had met the Messiah, shared the good news with his brother Simon Peter. Andrew brought Peter to Jesus and eventually, both of them followed Jesus. Today's readings urge us to expand the call of the Lord. Perhaps we know someone currently doubting their calling, like the story of Samuel. Our task is to be like the prophet Elijah and Andrew, to reassure that calling and encourage more people to follow Jesus more closely.

Some tangible actions we can take in responding to the needs of the Church are, firstly, to encourage and promote the vocation to the priesthood among our family members and relatives. Secondly, to pray for the growth of vocations worldwide. Thirdly, to support the formation and education process of aspiring priests, both in prayer and financially. By doing these three things, we all participate in ensuring the future sustainability of our Church. Therefore, the question for us is, "Am I moved to pay attention to the needs of the Church? What efforts am I making to provide support and attention to the vocation to the priesthood?"

Bro. Henri Suharyono, SCJ

Mass Intentions for January 13 – 20, 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Jose Rullen and Rachel S. Siy, requested by the Ladines family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Lucila Ocampo, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Tony Santino, requested by the Francis family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Patrick Xavier and Jessy Patrick
Monday	7:15 a.m.	+Salvador Luna, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	+Jean McKenna, requested by S. McPherson
	7:00 p.m.	+Priscila Celia Lim, requested by the family
		+Deceased members of FOSS and souls in purgatory, requested by S. Francis
		Intentions of Pat Knox
		Intentions of Lynette and Dion D'Mello
		+Joseph Teixeira and Endre Bari, requested by the family
		+Carl and Terrence Gonsalves, requested by the Teixeira family
		Intentions of the Rodrigues family
		+Luis Humberto Moreno, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Maria Elena Tobon
	7:00 p.m.	+James Joven, requested by the family
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Francis and Beatrice D'Almeida
	7:00 p.m.	+Deceased members of FOSS and souls in purgatory, requested by M. Tobon
		In thanksgiving to St. Anthony
		+Edith and Charles Pereira, requested by Maribella
		In thanksgiving, Troy Felix Wallinson
		Intentions of Hy and Vinnette Francis
		+Teodora Yambot, requested by the Bedford-James family
		Intentions of Savannah Samuel
Friday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Adriana Kiriakou
	7:00 p.m.	+Camilla Palumbo, requested by M. Palumbo
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Sarah Marie Francis

Sunday Offertory Envelopes

Please print your name and address on your offertory envelope to ensure recording accuracy.

VALENTINE'S + LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DINNER AND DANCE

Join us for a fun evening on

Saturday, February 10th

beginning at 6:30 p.m.

in our parish hall as we celebrate our

Valentine's + Lunar New Year's Dinner and Dance!

A buffet dinner will be served for your enjoyment along with a cash bar!

There will be door prizes and gifts for all the lucky ones!!

There will also be many raffle draws!

Dinner and Dance tickets are available for \$50.00 each.

Raffle tickets are available for \$20.00 for 20 tickets
after all Masses each weekend.

If you wish to be a sponsor for this Dinner and Dance to advertise your business,
please call the parish office (416-439-1545).

Prayers Needed for the Sick

Prayer Works



We are praying for the sick of
our parish: Merglin Lewis,
Victor Lim, Tina Lopes, Corrine
Alphonso, Jason Bornstien,
Kenneth Colaco, Roberto
Huang, Kendrick Mohammed,
Victoria Munson, Austin

Rosario, Martel Gordon-Tennant, Enza Savatti,
Claire Alles, Frank Palmiari, 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.

15th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Old Mill

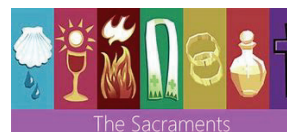
Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins

Speakers include Kathleen Beckman, Carissa
Douglas, Anna Boyagoda, Tammy Peterson and
Dorothy Pilarski

For registration: www.dynamicwomenoffaith.com

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.

Is God Calling You?

A good vocation prayer to say everyday is found
in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord,
for your servant is listening". If you think God is
calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent
deacon, contact Fr. Matt at 416-968-0997 or at
vocations@archtoronto.org.

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