# 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

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Communion to the Sick

**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**

LectorsLorna D'Souza416-431-7685Eucharistic MinistersClara Peters-Onagoruwa416-439-1545Music MinistryDonald Torres647-449-6583Altar ServersMark Opinaldostmparish.altar

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#### **Schools**

St. Thomas More Elementary School

St. Edmund Campion Elementary School

St. John Paul II Secondary School

2300 Ellesmere Road
30 Highcastle Road
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416-393-5356
416-393-5531

#### Youth Ministry

Youth Minister

Mel Perpose.....<u>melperpose@gmail.com</u>

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

Legion of Mary

Vijitha Valentine......416-438-6961

#### The Transfiguration of the Lord

On this second Sunday of Lent, our Gospel speaks about the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus was transfigured, not transformed. In the Transfiguration, the true divine nature of Jesus was revealed, and for a moment, it manifested over His human nature. There was nothing earthly placed upon Him to make Him radiate with divine glory. The voice from the cloud affirmed the true identity of Jesus as the Son of God and also commanded us to listen to Him.

Jesus is divine, yet He took on human nature with its weaknesses, and He even went on to suffer and die on the Cross to save us. In saving us, Jesus restored our true human nature, showing that we are created in the image of God. In our true human nature, we manifest and express the image of God and His holiness. However, sin has disfigured and deformed our human nature, and so instead of radiating the holiness of God, we reflect the ugliness of sin and evil.

Instead of being loving, kind, and gentle, we give in to selfishness, anger, and even cruelty. Instead of being heart-warming, we become nerve-chilling to others. Instead of being charitable, we choose to be irritable and irritating to others as well. But in His Transfiguration, Jesus showed us who He is, and we are also reminded of who we are: that we are created in the image of God and that we are His children. We have listened to the voice of the world and followed its ways, often attracted to the lights of glamorous appearances.

But let us listen to the voice of Jesus and ascend with Him to the mountain of prayer so that we can see who we truly are. Therefore, may we be healed of our sinfulness and restored to the image of God in which we are created. May we also radiate the holiness of God and help others rise from the lights of the earth and journey toward the eternal light above.

Fr. Aegidius Warsito, SCJ

| Mass Intentions for |            |   |
|---------------------|------------|---|
| March 15            | – March 2  |   |
| Saturday            | 5:00 p.m.  | In Thanksgiving, Belen                        |
| Cumalay             | 0.00 0 70  | Caevas  |
| Sunday              | 8:00 a.m.  | + Heather Watkins, requested by L.Ditta       |
|                     | 10:00 a.m. | + Jose Solis, requested by the family         |
|                     | 12:00 noon | Intentions of the Parish Community            |
|                     | 8:00 p.m.  | + Salvador Reseall, requested by the family   |
| Monday              | 7:15 a.m.  | +Amante Abad, requested by the family         |
| Tuesday             | 7:15 a.m.  | +Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by Amparo |
|                     | 7:00 p.m.  | +Giles Chaves, requested by D'Mello family    |
|                     |            | + Lawrence Rodrigues,                         |
|                     |            | requested by L. Rodrigues                     |
|                     |            | +Sabino Fernandes                             |
|                     |            | + Bella Dsa, requested by                     |
|                     |            | D'Costa family                                |
|                     |            | +Yvonne Augustine,<br>requested by the family |
|                     |            | Intentions of MacLeod Robin                   |
|                     |            | + Kathy Goddard, requested                    |
|                     |            | by C. De Juan-Goddard                         |
| Wednesday           | 7:15 a.m.  | + Michael Madigan, requested by the family    |
|                     | 7:00 p.m.  | +Satkunam Emmanuel,                           |
|                     | 7.00 p     | requested by the family                       |
| Thursday            | 7:15 a.m.  | Intentions of Viromi and Viraj<br>Fernando    |
|                     | 7:00 p.m.  | In Thanksgiving, Andrea<br>D'Souza            |
|                     |            | +Armando Quiazon by the family                |
|                     |            | +Dolores Richards, requested                  |
|                     |            | by the family                                 |
|                     |            | +Karingen Paolo Joseph,                       |
|                     |            | requested by the family                       |
|                     | 7.15       | Intentions of T. Bastianpillai                |
| Friday              | 7:15 a.m.  | + Dennis Perena                               |
|                     | 7:00 p.m.  | +Leopoldo I Cruz                              |
| Saturday            | 9:00 a.m.  | + Dora Alphonso, requested by D'Souza family  |

#### Feast of St. Joseph



Our annual Rosary in honour of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada, will take place on his feast day, **Wednesday, March 19**<sup>th</sup>, **at 6 PM** before the evening Mass.

Please join in this time of prayer for the needs of our

country and for our own needs under the patronage of the foster father of Jesus.

Men of the Parish are especially encouraged to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Hall.

#### **Lenten Retreat – March 22nd**



Our Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on Sat, March 22nd, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Father Sojan Augustine Athickal will lead our 2025 Parish Retreat. The theme for the retreat is: "Living the Beatitudes: A Lenten Call to Holiness."

Let us come together to reflect, pray, and grow in our Lenten journey. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **Prayer and Life Workshop**



Prayer and Life Workshop is a service that helps in learning and deepening our prayer life. By praying we learn to pray, and by deepening how we pray we

learn to live and see life differently. Sessions include prayerful reading, methods that lead to integral reconciliation and contemplative prayer.

The workshop will be held in Spanish and begins on Sunday, March 23rd from 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the Ushers room.

The workshop has 15 sessions, one session per week. The instruction is free, and all materials have a total cost of \$20.00

Please contact Lidia Pereira at 647-519-1251 for more information

### **SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS**

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com



#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Class #3 (12:30 – 2:00 pm)

#### **CONFIRMATION**

• March 29<sup>th</sup> – Class #9 (10:00 – 11:30 am)

**R.C.I.A.** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Registration is now closed.

#### Parish Campaign - Update



Our Parish Campaign has raised \$438, 700 as of March 2025.

Every dollar donated goes towards the costs of renovating our Parish Hall and the washrooms.

The work is now scheduled to start in the spring of 2025.

We thank you for your continued support and ask for your prayers and the success of our Fundraising Campaign.

#### Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Melina and Rolando Castillo, Keith Achue, Victoria Munson, Doug Smith, Rob Dunklin, Arianna Lindsay, Tina Lopes, Bill and John Bailey,

Winda Viterbo, Christopher Morrison, Joseph Michael Alves, Triva Steenberg, Nida Morales, Jeffrey Mo and Lito Gana, Elijah Nymphe. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

#### Lent Schedule



Please come and join us during the Lenten Season.

Lenten schedule is as follows:

Regular weekday mass schedule.

Friday evening:

Adoration - 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 6:30 pm

**Mass** - 7:00 pm

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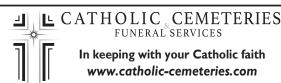
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