# 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

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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.

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Sunday

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.

Ushers/Greeters

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**

Lorna D'Souza Lectors 416-431-7685 Clara Peters-Onagoruwa Eucharistic Ministers 416-439-1545 Music Ministry **Donald Torres** 647-449-6583 Altar Servers

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#### **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 Young Adults for Christ Annenshia Pathi Nathan.....stmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups	
Parish Council	
Clara Peters-Onagoruwa	416-439-1545
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Parish office	416-439-1545
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Gordon Lovgren	416-439-7827
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#### Repentance

In this third Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells us about two tragic events that caused anguish and distress. Some people came and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. That was disgusting and revolting. Jesus then cited the case of the 18 people who died when the Tower of Siloam fell on them. In both cases, Jesus asked if those who died so tragically were greater sinners than the rest. Was it some kind of retribution? But Jesus did not engage in the topic of retribution. Instead, He emphasized repentance. His warning is clear enough: "Unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

The call to repentance invites us to rethink our understanding of the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule assumes that people will reciprocate in kind. In other words, whatever we do to others, others will also do to us. So, when we love others, we kind of expect others to love us in return. And when others wrong us, can we do the same back to them? If we can't, can we say that they will get their retribution, as in "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth"? But if we think like that, are we really doing anything exceptional?

The call to repentance urges us to look at the new commandment of love that Jesus gave us: "Love one another as I have loved you." This means loving our enemies, blessing those who curse us, doing good to those who treat us badly, and praying for them. In other words, to repent is to look at the Cross and at Jesus, who suffered and died to save us. Jesus loved us first, and there is nothing we can do to return His love. Jesus is only asking us to love others just as He has loved us. To love others is the fruit of repentance. With love, there is no longer a need for vengeance or retribution. By heeding the call to repentance, we recognize that we are sinners. Yes, we can say, "I am a sinner, but I also have a Savior." That is the Good News we must share with the world. The question is: do we want to repent? When and how will we do it?

Fr. Aegidius Warsito, SCJ

Mass Intentions for		
March 22 –		
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+ Cirilo Diaz, requested by Mutuc family
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+ Raffaelle, Sebastiana & Maria Privitera and Mr. & Mrs.
		Kennedy, requested by Privitera Family
	10:00 a.m.	+ Lourdes Solis
	12:00 noon	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+ Maria Strziner & Irt Jnanez, requested by Faric
Monday	7:15 a.m.	+ Mark Tanel, requested by S.McPherson
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	+Darren Camillus, requested by J. Nimalraaj
	7:00 p.m.	+Manuel Agrela, requested by family
		Intentions and healing for Joshua Nimalraaj
		+Pierre Claver Kayumba &
		Beatrice Kamaraba, requested by the family
		+ Jeanne Mukabigiro & Richard
		Ndayizeye, requested by the family
		+Emerita Liceralda, requested by Nida Obtinario
		Intentions of Andrea D'Souza
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	Blessings and good health for The Sebastian family
	7:00 p.m.	+Caterina Palumbo, requested by M. Palumbo
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Jordan, Jaden and Joshua Marcus Rey, requested by V.Rey
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Keith Francis
		In Thanksgiving, Melwyn
		Intentions of Jacqueline Vaughan
		Intentions of Louis Gauci
		Intentions of Joanne Brennan
		+ Michael Arends, Rebella,
		Lloyd, Barbara, Shirley Lowe
		and Louisa Gilbert, requested
		by The Lowe family Intentions of Cathy Murtagh,
		Egidio Cortinovis and Patricia Kelly
Friday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions and blessings, for Joshlene Nimalraaj
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Emily Fraser
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+ Kerri & Barrett William Csath, requested by the Dessailly Family
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# Finding Peace in the Storm: A Catholic Approach to Mental Health



If you're between the ages of 19 and 35, mark your calendars for an evening that promises to bring peace to your heart and soul.

We are excited to invite you to our monthly event on Saturday, April 5th, at St. Thomas More Parish from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

In today's fast-paced world, many young adults find themselves struggling with the stresses and anxieties of life. Whether it's school, work, or personal challenges, the pressures can sometimes feel overwhelming. That's why we've chosen a timely and important theme for this month's gathering.

We are thrilled to welcome Jennifer Lobo, MPS, RP (Qualifying), Counsellor from Catholic Family Services of Toronto, who will guide us through practical tips for managing stress and anxiety in a faith-filled way.

#### What to Expect:

- Holy Rosary
- Holy Mass
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Talk by Jennifer Lobo
- Q&A Session
- Fellowship

Bring your friends, your questions, and an open heart. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this meaningful evening with you!

Please visit our parish website for more details and registration.

#### Easter Lilies - Young Adults for Christ



Our Young Adults will take orders for Easter Lilies and Hydrangea plants on the weekends of March 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, which will be part of

the altar display at Easter in memory of your deceased loved ones.

#### **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.

#### Share Life - 2025

#### Announcing the 2025 ShareLife Campaign



### How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by ShareLife volunteering at a local organization.

If your schedule doesn't allow it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies.

Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection.

Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign by mail or online.

Next Sunday, March 30th, is ShareLife Sunday.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

#### 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.

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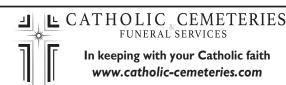
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