

# St. Thomas More Parish

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

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**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

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Legion of Mary

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**Battling Temptation**

On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear about Jesus taking up the battle as He faced the three temptations of the devil in the wilderness. Jesus overcame each temptation and exhausted the devil, but that was not the end of the war. The battle would continue all the way to the Cross.

As for us, the battle will take place in the fields, nooks, and corners of our lives. Yet, God will give us strength, and He will train us to prepare our arms for battle and our hearts for war. We draw strength from God through the three spiritual exercises of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The devil tempted Jesus with basic human needs—food, the desire for glory and power, and the urge to put God to the test. The three spiritual exercises are weapons of self-restraint and self-control. With them, we let God be our shield and armor against the devil. But the devil knows our weaknesses, and he will do everything he can to break through our defenses and destroy us. As much as the devil is our greatest enemy, there is also another enemy we need to be aware of, ourselves. We are, in fact, our greatest enemy, because it is up to us to decide whether to say "Yes" to God or "Yes" to the devil. The devil became who he is because he said "No" to God, and it is an eternal and irreversible "No." The devil will always tempt us to say "No" to God and to drop the weapons of self-restraint and self-control.

We say "No" to God when we hunger for attention and glory for ourselves. We say "No" to God when we are prideful and want to win every discussion and argument, putting others down in order to be admired. We say "No" to God when we are selfish and self-centered, harboring anger and resentment against others. Jesus, in this Gospel, teaches us to say "Yes" to God. It is with obedience and humility that we say "Yes" to God and overcome the devil's temptations.

Therefore, let us take up the weapons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, so that we can have self-restraint and self-control. Let us say "Yes" to God and follow Jesus as He leads us into the battle—a battle that will end in victory at the cross.

Fr. Aegidius Warsito, SCJ

**Mass Intentions for  
March 8 – March 15, 2025**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Jakina Sampayo, requested by M. Fernando & family
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Clare and Jason Rogers
	10:00 a.m.	+Marie-Josée Roussety, requested by the D'Souza family
	12:00 noon	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Janet Francisco
Monday	7:15 a.m.	+Alex Ramiriz, requested by Amparo
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	+Cajetan Rosario Alvares, Josephine Alvares, & Suren Matkar, requested by J. Matkar
	7:00 p.m.	+Truong and Dung Nguyen, requested by the Teixeira family
		Intentions of Hy & Vinette Francis
		+Emerita Licalde, requested by Nida Obtinario
		Thanksgiving, Bastianpillai Family
		+Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by the Bastianpillai Family
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Roshani & Selvin, requested by M. Fernando
	7:00 p.m.	+Ilda Caires, requested by the family
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Vicky Munson
	7:00 p.m.	+Tirso and Elizabeth Manadero, Rochelle Gonzales and Ceasar Guerrero
		+Ingrid Beuhler, requested by L. Nelson
Friday	7:15 a.m.	+Ophelia Alialy, requested by the family
		+Emilio and Hernani Yambot, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Ofelia Lim, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+ Marie-Josée Roussety, requested by the Dessailly family

## Prayer for Pope Francis



O merciful and loving God, fountain of all grace and source of eternal healing, be with our Holy Father as he faces this battle with illness.

Surround his spirit, O Lord, with boundless compassion and strength, so that he may regain the health needed to continue to lead your flock with a father's heart.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Lenten Message- Pilgrims of Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we prepare for the Holy Season of Lent, we are invited to reflect on God's love and discern how to cooperate with His grace. This year's Lenten observance takes on a special significance, being the Jubilee Year focused on Hope—hope born from God and nurtured in our hearts.

During Lent, we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which orient us toward God's Kingdom and strengthen our hope. Prayer nurtures hope, fasting purifies our desires, and almsgiving expresses hope through compassion for those in need. Let us consider how we will live these practices this year.

At the heart of Lent is the Paschal Mystery—Christ's death and resurrection, which brings new life. Pope Francis reminds us that Lent is a time to grow in the realization that in Jesus Christ, God is making all things new (Rev 21:1-6). As Pilgrims of Hope, we walk with Christ through His suffering, death, and resurrection, witnessing the triumph of life over death.

In these challenging times, let us heed the voice of Christ, who assures us that "hope does not disappoint" (Rom. 5:5). Let us live differently, with renewed hope, and engage in continuous interior purification and repentance, trusting in God's mercy.

Lent is a time of penitence, renewal, and reconciliation—an opportunity to rediscover the hope we were born into. I encourage you to make use of the Lenten resources on the Archdiocese of Toronto website to enrich your spiritual journey.

Wishing you all a blessed and sacred Lent.

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

## Schedule for Lent



Please come and join us during the Lenten Season.

Regular weekday Mass schedule.

Friday evening: **Adoration** - 6:00 pm

**Stations of the Cross** - 6:30 pm

**Mass** - 7:00 pm

## SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS

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### 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.

## Lenten Retreat – March 22nd

Mark your calendars for our **Parish Lenten Retreat. March 22nd** at St. Thomas More Parish, from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm**, Father Sojan Augustine Athickal, will lead our 2025 Parish Retreat.

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

## 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 at St. Thomas More Church. Please join in this short 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.

## Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: 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.

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



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