

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	416-831-9768
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

Youth Ministry

Youth Minister

Mel Perpose.....melperpose@gmail.com

Young Adults for Christ

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

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

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Parish office.....416-439-1545

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Gordon Lovgren.....416-439-7827

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

The Ascension of the Lord



This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord, and it is an important feast day and a day of obligation because it points to one important aspect of our faith: *"Jesus has gone up to heaven to prepare a place for us so that where He is we too shall be."*

At His Resurrection, He conquered sin and death and raised us to life. In the Ascension, this life takes on a clearer and more profound aspect-eternal life in heaven with Jesus.

That should make us set our hearts on things of above and not on things of the earth. But does that mean that we don't bother about anything and do nothing about our life here on earth?

Of course, it is needless to answer that question. But at the same time, we also need to understand that our life on earth is a preparation for the eternal life of heaven. So, what must we do on earth then?

What Jesus said to the Eleven, He also says to us: *"Go into all the world, proclaim the Good News to the whole creation."* And Jesus also gave a list of signs that will be associated with believers: they will cast out devils, have the gift of tongues, pick up snakes in their hands and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.

All that seems rather lofty and maybe even unbelievable. Can we do all that? Have we done all that?

Yet, before we discourage ourselves with a barrage of *"No"* to what Jesus said, we need to find out what is the sign that Jesus wants us to be. And we have to remember before He ascends into heaven, Jesus wants us to prepare ourselves for the descent of the Holy Spirit, who will empower us to be witnesses and to be signs. It means that we have to set our hearts on the things of above and with this we will be witnesses and signs to the people of the earth. We must be living signs to point them to heaven. Because that's where we are going and we want them to go along with us.

The question is: have we fulfilled the command of Jesus to proclaim the Good News to the whole creation? How do we do it?

Fr. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for May 11 – 18, 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Antonio and Clavel Solis, requested by the Ladines family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Khalil McDoom, requested by S. McDoom
	10:00 a.m.	+Donna Gozun Jacinto, requested by M. Gozun
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+Victorine Stanislaus, requested by the family
Monday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Fr. Savio Bruto de Costa
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	+Nemesio Sr., Jun, Romeo & Jose Chua, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Beatrice Da Silva, requested by the family
		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 Joshlene
		Intentions of Bridget Brennan
		+Bert Dessailly, requested by K. D'Mello
		In thanksgiving, Anna and Sabino Fernandes
		+Lilia & Ludovico Castro and Noel, Ernesto & Ricardo Pabelico, Ferdinand Herediano, Panfilo Maranan and Rhea Mea, requested by the family
		+Gan Zhao Zhong, requested by the Dessailly family
		Intentions of Cecilia Bertazzon
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	+Mary Joyce Li Yan, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+James Joven, requested by the family
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	+Juan Pablo Reluz Caballero and intentions of Ana Reluz
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Sabino Fernandes
		+Kimberly Nicholson, requested by the D'Mello family
		+Bert Dessailly, requested by M. Fernando
		+Paul Torpiano, requested by T. Vella
		+Albert Vella, requested by the family
Friday	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Thadeaus Udarbe family
		+Gitendran Saverimuttu, requested by John
Saturday	7:15 a.m.	+Aurita Fernandez, requested by T. Fernandez
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of our Confirmandi
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius

Happy Mother's Day!

Archbishop Francis Leo has written a Message for this occasion which is available at

www.archtoronto.org

ShareLife Parish Campaign 2024



ShareLife and World
Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kinds to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice

Thus far we have raised \$20,091.65. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website or at www.sharelife.org/donate

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12

Heavenly Father, I come to You today on Mother's Day with a heart full of gratitude and reverence for the precious gift of mothers. I offer this prayer not only for my own mother but for every mother, known and unknown, including those of my friends, family and countless others. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

The Appeal of Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday, May 18 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.



The International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima will be at St. Thomas More Church! Father Francis Tiquia, Spiritual Director of

the Alliance of the Holy Family International will give a talk on the "Urgent Call for Prayer and Reparation: The Appeal of Our Lady of Fatima". It will be held on Sat., May 18 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in our parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

Our Lady of Fatima Procession

Sunday, May 12 after 2:00 p.m. Mass

Our Hispanic Community will be honouring Our Lady of Fatima on Sun., May 12th after the 2:00 p.m. Mass with a procession. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com



The Sacraments

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 Memory Book



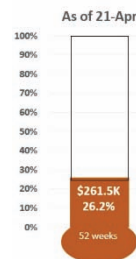
We welcome the families of St. Thomas More Parish to join our project of a memory book to celebrate our 60th parish anniversary. Please call Emily at 647-465-0821 to book an appointment.

March for Life

May 9, 2024

This year's March for Life took place on Thurs., May 9th in Ottawa. Archbishop Francis Leo has written a Message for this occasion, which is available at www.archtoronto.org.

Our Parish Campaign Status



Thank you to all those who have contributed to date for our Parish Campaign! The total raised, as of April 21st is \$261,538.00 which is 26% of our goal!

Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Lee Zheyu, Anton Ferdinand, Kayden and Barbara De Silva, Teresita Bruce, Erna Grzincic, Maylene L. Ibale, Luisito Santos, Lee Esmonde, Benjamin Zdesar and Tina Lopes. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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