

St. Thomas More Parish

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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.

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

Annenshia Pathi Nathan.....stmyac@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

Alan King.....416-284-7190

Screening Committee

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Legion of Mary

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

Faith in the Face of Despair

Nothing is more unsettling than the inability to understand the world around us. Physical blindness is a terrifying prospect for most of us, but even the moments of being metaphorically blind while chaos reigns in our life can be equally terrifying. When our lives seem to be spiralling downward and we feel that we're overwhelmed by danger and pain, these can be moments of complete distress.

In such a situation, when full of alarm and terror, and all our efforts produce no solutions, we can do one of two things. We can give into despair and surrender to the belief that things are hopeless. Alternatively, we can do what Bartimaeus does in today's Gospel: go deeper in prayer, Bartimaeus' pleas to Christ are prayers made by desperate man.

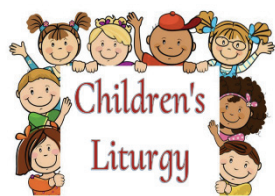
When Bartimaeus begins shouting "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" he is met by scorn from the crowds. This serves as a stark reminder that prayer doesn't always yield an instant fix to our problems. However, Bartimaeus persists in prayer, and the outcome is ultimately one that sees a solution to his plight. Whether or not we get the answer we expect, we can take consolation in today's Gospel that for those of us who persist in prayer in dire circumstances, Christ will not leave us abandoned. Or faith will make us well.

Adapted from Living with Christ
Andrew Hume
Toronto, ON

Mass Intentions for October 26 – November 2, 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Rosario Mutuc, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Joseph Appiah, requested by S. McDoom
	10:00 a.m.	+Caterina Palumbo, requested by M. Palumbo
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+John and Susan Chou, requested by the Kwan family
Monday	7:15 a.m.	+Rene T. Goddard, requested by the DeJuan family
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	+Shihan De Silva, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Emerenciana Lim, requested by the family
		+Benedict Sandrasagra, requested by the family
		Intentions of Magdalene Trotman
		In thanksgiving, Elizabeth Fernandes
		Intentions and healing for Amales Satha
		+Nilanthie Danil, requested by C. Dessailly
		Intentions of Alex Solomon
		Intentions of Joe and Corinne Alphonso
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of Marg Durrer
	7:00 p.m.	+Antonio Carlos, requested by the Joven family
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	Intentions of MagdaleneTrotman, requested by C. Peters
	7:00 p.m.	+Jillianne Gabriel, requested by M.Faller
		In thanksgiving, Shamal Rupasinghe
		+Maria Remedios Benitez
		+Dona Revadula Clemente, requested by the family
		Intentions of Caesar Bugayong
		+Winston Pereira, requested by the Chaves and D'Mello families
		+Jesse Joseph Solomon, requested by Edgar, Rose, and family
		Intentions of MacLeod Robin
Friday	No Intentions	
Saturday	No Intentions	

Children's Liturgy



The Children's Liturgy of the Word begins on Sunday, October 6th and will run at all 10:00 a.m. Masses every Sunday until December 15th. We invite

all children from Junior kindergarten to Grade 4 to attend our Sunday School. The priest will call the children up to the front.

Young Adults Meet and Greet Event



Calling all Young Adults aged 19-35! Join us for an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and faith!

Whether you're new to the area or seeking to connect with fellow Catholic young adults, this is the perfect opportunity to meet like-minded individuals who share your values.

Date: Saturday, November 2

Time: 5:00 PM -Mass **6:15 PM - Eucharistic Adoration** and **7:15 PM – Fellowship**

Location: Saint Thomas More Parish

RSVP: stmyac@gmail.com

What to Expect:

- Connect with fellow young adults in a welcoming atmosphere
- Enjoy light refreshments and snacks
- Participate in fun activities, icebreakers, and karaoke
- Discover upcoming events and how you can get involved in our ministry

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, this is a fantastic chance to forge friendships and deepen your faith together. Bring a friend or come solo—everyone is welcome! Let's build our community in faith and friendship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Adoration



Join us for Adoration on **Saturday, November 2nd, at 6:15 p.m.** conducted by the Holy Trinity Community. The Adoration will last for one hour.

This is a special opportunity for prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord and deepen your faith.

All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you.

SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration is now open.

CONFIRMATION

- Registration is now open.

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

- Registration is now open.

Lay Pastoral Visitors Training



The annual Archdiocesan training for Lay Pastoral Visitors will be offered online on **Wed, Oct 23 and 30, Nov 6,13,20 &27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** This program will prepare you to provide Pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion

to the sick, elderly and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Space is limited. Participants are required to attend all online sessions, complete pre- homework and pass a final assessment to receive full training. For more information:

contact formation@archtoronto.org

416-934-3400 ext. 523

Christmas Card Sale



We will be having a sale of Christmas Cards after all Masses on **November 10th, 16th and 17th.** A pack of 10 cards and envelopes will cost only \$10.

Payment is by cash only. Net proceeds from the sale will support our Parish Campaign. Please be generous in your support!

Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Jill Downs. Melina and Rolando Castillo, Keith Angelo Hizon III, Kayden De Silva, Teresita Bruce, Victoria Munson, Benjamin Zdesar, Jose Benjamin Mallari, Steve

Dowell and Tina Lopes. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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