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# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)  
8:30 a.m. English Mass  
9:30 a.m. Low Mass  
(Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)  
11:00 a.m. Sung English Mass  
12:30 p.m. Sung Mass  
Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More  
(Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter)

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Before every Mass on Sundays  
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

## WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday  
10:00 a.m. Saturday

## MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

**BAPTISMS:** On Sundays by appointment.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:** 647-727-8758

## PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Peter Bishop: 416-535-7646

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-8544

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**THANK YOU!**

Christ is Risen! Our Easter Vigil was such a joy-filled event, with seven new parishioners baptized, and one baptized Christian received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Paschal Triduum such a beautiful and joyful event.

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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES (NACN)**

**Wednesday, May 1 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Email us for the link to hear Dr. Moira McQueen speak about the implications of *Humanae Vitae* and *Donum Vitae* for Catholic nurses. This event is open to Catholic nurses worldwide through the Family Committee of our parent association, CICIAMS. Our goal is to align professional practice with faith through prayer, education, service, and participation in public discourse. Please join us as a member through our website: <https://catholicnurses.ca> Send an email: [nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com](mailto:nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com)

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**AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH:**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** every Friday from 8:30 - noon  
**Legion of Mary:** by the statue of our Lady every Wednesday at 6 p.m. (weather permitting).  
**Coffee House:** After 9:30am & 11:00am Masses

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CORNER**

***Divine Mercy Sunday***

Last Saturday night, when the sun had gone down, we began the solemn Easter Vigil Mass. The vigil begins with the lighting and blessing of the Easter fire, the fire that represents God the Father. The fire is then used to light the Paschal candle that represents God the Son made man, crucified and risen from the dead. The Paschal (Easter/Passover) Candle is then carried into the darkened church. From that one candle, all those in the church who are baptized light their own small candles. Christ is the light of the world. He enlightens everyone who enters this world. If the Easter fire represents the Father and the Paschal Candle represents the Son, what represents the Holy Spirit? The flame itself. The Holy Spirit is the living flame of Love that springs forth from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit descended on the Church at Pentecost as tongues of fire.

Why does the Holy Spirit appear as fire? Why is fire that is spread from one person to another so representative of the Holy Spirit? Fire transforms what it touches into itself. When the flame of one candle touches the wick of another, the wick is turned into fire. The Holy Spirit transforms into itself all those it touches.

The Holy Spirit is the mutual Love and Joy, the mutual loving Acceptance of the Father for the Son and the Son for the Father. The Holy Spirit unites the Father and the Son in a bond of joyful Love. Well, we are called to be, in the words of a recent saint, “a bond of connection between persons, a link in a chain.”

God has formed humanity into a mystical Body, his Church. Christ is the head of this body and we are his members. Each one of us has a part to play. No one can be thrown away. We are connected to Christ and to each other. The spiritual union between the body parts is the soul. And in the mystical Body of Christ, the Church, the Holy Spirit is present in the whole Body and in each member. The Holy Spirit makes us one Body in Christ.

Last Saturday night, seven new living members of this Body were born in our church. At our eight-sided font in the back of the church, seven people were baptized. They professed their faith in Christ and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. With us, they call on God their Father. After they were baptized, an eighth new Catholic made his solemn profession of faith and was received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for these eight new Catholics. Please pray for their families and sponsors/godparents. Last weekend was the 100th anniversary of the first Easter celebrations in our present “upper church.” We give glory to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the many graces of this centenary year. These eight new Catholic Christians must be a constant source of thanksgiving. God is showing special favour to our parish this year. May we cooperate with His grace. May we live as children of the Father, brothers and sisters of God the Son, and Temples of the Holy Spirit. May we imitate the Holy Spirit in uniting others to Jesus Christ!



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