

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 22nd, 2022 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm English

Sunday 9:00am English
10:30am Italiano
12:00pm English
2:00pm Español
6:00pm English

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by
Appointment

BAPTISMS - BAUTIZOS

Three months in advance, please
call the office.

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meses de anticipación.

WEDDINGS - BODAS

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año de anticipación.

CATECHISM & RCIA

For the Sacraments of Initiation
(Baptism, First Communion &
Confirmation), please contact the
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SICK CALLS

Please call the office for visits or
Communion visitations to the sick.

DEVOTIONS / DEVOCIONES

- **Holy Rosary:** Wednesdays &
Saturdays at 8:30am
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Fridays
from 9:30 am to 11am.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 9:30am to
4:00pm The office is closed from
12:00noon to 12:30pm

"Come, follow me"

-Matthew 4.19



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This third Sunday in Ordinary Time is dedicated to the *Word of God*. But it also coincides with the *Week of Prayer for Christian unity*, a period during which the *Conversion of St. Paul* (January 25th), is liturgically commemorated. Let me explain! You would know that the early Christians did not sleep on a bed of roses. Due to a diversity of cultural heritage, tensions and disagreements never lacked. The second reading gives us a hint (Cfr. 1Corinthians. 1.10-13,17-18). Praise God, our Lord Himself broke that barrier by opening the gates, reaching out to other peoples, and ultimately sending his followers on a worldwide mission (Cfr. Matthew 28.18-20). Furthermore, following his conversion, St. Paul (formerly called "Saul") was commissioned to be Christ's own *chosen instrument* to preach to the Gentiles (Cfr. Acts 9.15). Thus, our Lord's invitation to reach out with love to everyone continues to resound even today, in our cracking planet. You and I may help salvage the situation by offering a resounding yes to our Lord's untiring, kind invitation, "Come, follow me". (Matthew 4.19).

God bless you!

Jan 28/29 Altar Servers' Appreciation Weekend

We will be celebrating our Altar Servers at all the Masses, followed by sharing in hall. All are welcome

St. Thomas Aquinas Memorial Saturday, Jan 28th

Join us for morning Mass with procession. Coffee and tea in the hall after the evening Mass.

Marriage Sunday - February 11/12

We invite and encourage couples who wish to renew their marriage vows within the Mass to register at our parish office not later than Friday, February 4th.

Youth Ministry for Friday, Jan 27th Topic: Games & Trivia Night!

7pm to 8:30pm in the parish hall; refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night.

Thank you in advance!

Bible Study for Wednesday, Jan 25th From 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 2: Shabbat
YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/gdvZ9QoJQfk>
Or download "The Chosen" App

Please bring along your Bibles, Catechism, and notebook.

First Friday of every month, evening Adoration of reparation/praise & worship **at 6:00pm**, followed by Mass at 7:00pm and youth ministry at 7:30pm.

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Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.



Lights, Camera, Action



We are debuting a Parish Family Movie Night (once every month) on a **Sunday – from 3:15pm to 5:15pm** – It will be a decent, uplifting movie for families. Pizza, popcorn, and pop will be available. For our first movie night this **Sunday, January 22nd**, we shall be watching **MOANA**. To participate, please indicate the number of participants from your household, cut off this section and drop it in the sacristy. **A monetary contribution of \$10 per adult and \$5 for kids would be very much appreciated.**

Number of Adults _____ **Number of Children** _____





MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Jan 21st to Jan 28th 2023

SATURDAY, Jan 21st

9:00am *Thanksgiving for Lucio Rego + & Souls of Purgatory & in Honour of the Sorrows of Jesus*

5:00pm (Available for Mass Intentions)

SUNDAY, Jan 22nd

9:00am (Available for Mass Intentions)

10:30am *Antonio Pitaro + Repose of the soul of Salvatore Zaffino +*

12:00pm *For the deceased members of the Patiam family + Gonzales family + Ibabao family + & Barraca family*

2:00pm (Available for Mass Intentions)

6:00pm (Available for Mass Intentions)

MONDAY, Jan 23rd

9:00am *Maria Madalena Ngu + & All Souls in Purgatory*

TUESDAY, Jan 24th

9:00am *Victor Alfredo Leon + & Raquel Leon + Peter Andersen + & Vincent Tuong +*

WEDNESDAY, Jan 25th

9:00am *Healing of Rodney Saymour Vincent Nguyen + & Maria Dinh +*

THURSDAY, Jan 26th

9:00am *Vincent Nguyen + & Maria Dinh +*

FRIDAY, Jan 27th

9:00am *Vincent Nguyen + & Maria Dinh +*

SATURDAY, Jan 28th

9:00am *Thanksgiving for Lucio Rego + & Souls of Purgatory & in Honour of the Sorrows of Jesus*

5:00pm (Available for Mass Intentions)

We are accepting Mass Intentions though the office during the week

AROUND STA AND THE COMMUNITY

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2023 Donation Envelopes

2023 Envelope boxes are still available at the back of the Church and in the Parish Office. Just pick up any envelope number and **fill out your full information**, it will be your number for this year 2023.

While we appreciate the generous donations of many parishioners during our Christmas food drive for the needy, please note that we still have lots of uncooked food stuff available for pick up.

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New Office E-mail Address!

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ALL ABOUT FAITH



St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & Doctor (Jan 28)

Patron Saint of students, Catholic schools, apologists, booksellers, chastity, philosophers, publishers, scholars & theologians

Among the greatest intellectuals in the history of the Church, Saint Thomas rises far above the rest. He is not only a Doctor of the Church

but is given the titles Angelic Doctor, Common Doctor, and Universal Doctor.

Thomas was born in a grand castle in central Italy near the town of Aquino. His father was a knight in the army of the Emperor Frederick II. Thomas began his studies when he was only five at the famous Benedictine monastery, Monte Casino, where his uncle was abbot. When he was fourteen, Thomas moved to the newly founded University of Naples to continue his studies. It was there that he came in contact with the Dominicans who influenced him greatly and who made plans for Thomas to join their newly founded order. At the age of nineteen, the year after his father died, Thomas joined the Dominicans. This news angered his family who wanted him to become the Abbot of Monte Cassino since it was more fitting for the nobility. To remedy this, his mother had Thomas abducted and locked in a family castle where he remained imprisoned for about a year. Eventually, his mother permitted him to escape the castle at night as a way of saving the family from further disgrace. In 1252, at the age of twenty-six, Brother Thomas was given the title "Master in Theology" by the pope. For the next twenty-two years, Brother Thomas wrote numerous books, sermons, commentaries of Scripture, and even composed some of our Church's most beautiful hymns. St. Thomas Aquinas passed away in 1274 after a series of illnesses.

-My Catholic Life

Faith, Reason & Beauty - The False, Bad and Ugly: Looking for Faith and Beauty in Movies and Other Dark Mirrors

Thursday, January 26 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Newman Centre Catholic Mission
89 St. George St., Toronto

In this lecture, Professor Randy Boyagoda, argues that the great interest, in recent years, in horror movies is indicative of a suppressed but enduring desire for faith and beauty.

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Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen

Sunday, February 12 – 2:30 p.m.
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond St., Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples



The Order of the Universe

By faith we understand that the universe was
ordered by the word of God. .

- Hebrews 11:3

3 Minute Retreat

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The Stories We Tell Our Children Have Consequences



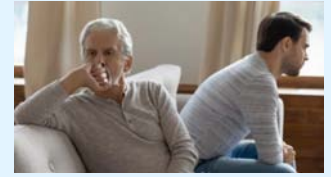
Stories matter. We tell them to help us understand the world around us. But what if the stories we tell don't mirror our Catholic morals? What if the lessons that they teach don't agree with our values? Should we keep telling those stories?

Today Fr. Mike wrecks your childhood version of the Little Mermaid and spoils the ending of the real story.

Spoiler: It doesn't have a happy ending.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Do You Build Walls in Your Family? Here's a Way to Avoid It



When it comes to family, there will always be people who are easier to deal with while others take more effort. It has to do with "chemistry" between people — character traits, shared opinions and interests, and a similar approach to things. It's also true that sometimes it's easier to live together than at other times. A family is like a living being: it changes constantly, grows, and exists in relation with other living beings. There are moments of peace and moments when everything feels like it's on shaky ground. And it's more demanding when challenges like illness or economic instability befall us.

[Read More Here](#)

Pope Announces Ecumenical Prayer Vigil for Synod



Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis looked ahead to the traditional [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#), which takes place each year from 18 to 25 January.

[Read More Here](#)

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know You, a heart to seek You, wisdom to find You, conduct pleasing to You, faithful perseverance in waiting for You, and a hope of finally embracing You. Amen

St. Thomas Aquinas

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