# St. Thomas Aquínas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



# September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

#### WEDDINGS - BODAS

Please contact the office **one year** in advance. LLamar a la oficina con **un año** de anticipación.

#### **CATECHISM & RCIA**

For the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation), please contact the office and press **ext. 0** 

#### 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. "Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple"

Luke 14:27



-Penny J. Kendall

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

*St. Thomas Aquinas* | 636 Glenholme Ave. Toronto | 416-393-5236 *D'Arcy McGee* | 20 Bansley Ave. Toronto | 416-393-5318

CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOMES

Bernardo Funeral Home | 416-789-7661 Vescio Funeral Home | 416-656-3332

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas parish, Jesus teaches us in the Gospel of today: "Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). Truth be told, at times we find it hard to wrap our minds around the resolute way in which many saints across the centuries followed Christ. Think, for instance, of St. John Baptist, beheaded for saying the truth; St. Ignatius of Loyola, who gladly became food for wild beasts than denv his Christian name: how about St. Felicity and St. Perpetua, who both embraced inhuman tortures with such admirable courage? St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Padre Pio, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, all teach us perseverance in suffering. We cannot be true disciples of Christ when we keep doing our best to eliminate problems from our lives. It is like eating our cake and still having it! As we begin a new week, may we lovingly welcome our crosses for love of Christ. God bless you!

#### The Installation of Our New Pastor Rev. Patrick Ezimora

Installation will take place on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.

Our local Bishop, Robert Kasun, will be here for the ceremony. More information will follow.

#### Wanted, wanted, wanted!

Our St. Thomas Aquinas is looking for enthusiastic and faithful volunteer Teachers/Catechists to help us guide our Confirmation & First Communion students through their faith formation program. Those interested, please contact the Parish office at 416-782-8943 Ext. 1

#### **Blessed Sacrament's Candle and Flowers**

By the kind generosity of an anonymous donor.

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Thank you and God bless you. Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.



We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week.



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

# *Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sep 11<sup>th</sup> 2022*

## SATURDAY, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

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5:00pm Severino Dursian † Circle of Prayer

#### SUNDAY, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00am Erlando Cayas †
- 10:30am Pietro & Maria Totera † Pasquale, Teresa & Mario Nudo † Franceso & Loreta Ricci †
- 12:00pm Magdalena Corpuz † Thanksgiving for Lorena Gallo
- 2:00pm Lucio Rego † Lolita Montero † Descanso del alma de Pedro Pablo Castro Espinoza, Maria Jacinta Trujillo y Adelaida Murga † Por las almas del purgatorio y los agonizantes
- 6:00pm William Alfred Adams † Pedro & Juana Licudan †

#### MONDAY, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Frank Perri † Giacomo & Santa Verni † Mario LaMacchia † Julia Tejada Choto † Birthday blessings upon Iris Anabell Tejada, Rev. Priest Charles Egbulefu

#### TUESDAY, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Arminda Cruz † For the Priests / Holy Cross of Marylake Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

#### WEDNESDAY, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Frank Perri † Pauline Dixon † Don Dixon † Myriam Faluotico † Birthday blessings upon Dinora Cedillos

#### THURSDAY, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Zofia & Stanislaus Misko † Maria Serafina & Juan Cedillos † All souls in purgatory Healing of Irena Thanksgiving for the Nativity of our Blessed Virgin Mary

#### FRIDAY, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Juana Ines Venegas † Rev. Priest Miro † Birthday blessings upon German Geovanny Aguilar

#### SATURDAY, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Rogelia de Rocero † Osvaldo Enrique † Healing and blessings upon Heide Park, Baby Rosalyn

# **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**



Sept 10, 2022: Fruit and flower picking. You will be able to pick raspberries, blueberries, squash, gourds, sunflowers and dahlias. Apples and corn on the cob are available in the store. To save, please bring your basket and garden scissors. Cost: \$80.00 per person, including bus fare and entrance fee.

**Sept 24, 2022:** Visit Oxford County, the dairy capital of Canada. Explore the Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum and cheese factories in Salford. Stroll at Port Stanley beach. All aboard for fun on train ride through the scenic Kettle Valley and surrounding country side.

#### Cost: \$90.00 per person

Oct 01, 2022: Pilgrimage to National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima.

## Cost: \$70.00 per person

Oct 23, 2022: Labyrinth walk, Monastery of Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls. Cost: \$60.00 per person

> For more information, please contact Edith at 416-420-5185

#### The Archdiocese of Toronto together with the Syriac Catholic Community invites you to a special Mass on the occasion of the 108th

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, September 25, 2022 10:30 AM at St Joseph Syriac Catholic Church 999 Lakeshore Road East, Mississauga



Celebrant: Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins Homilist: Bishop Paulos Nassif RECEPTION TO FOLLOW All are welcome.

# Listening to Indigenous Voices Sep. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 & Dec. 08, 2022 7 to 9 pm

St. Peter's Parish 840 Bathurst Street, Toronto



St. Peter's Parish has invited Elder Bob Philips and Fr. Trevor Scott SJ, of the Jesuit Forum, to introduce our parish community, and those of our wider community who might be interested, to this dialogue process. Interested participants will meet once a month to reflect upon past wrongs that have been inflicted upon Indigenous communities, and how we can move towards right relationships with Indigenous peoples.

Please register in advance with St. Peter's parish office at 416-534-4219 as registration is limited to 40 people.

For more information on the guide itself visit: <u>LTIV.ca</u>

**COST:** \$45 (includes guide)

\$25 (if you already have the guide) The registration fee will be waived for those who cannot afford to pay it.

#### **E-Newsletter**

St. Thomas Aquinas **bulletin** has also become an E-Newsletter! Offering extra pages with religious news and resources for the whole family.

Please visit our website https://stthomasaquinasto.archtoronto.org and click on "Bulletin".

"God is good, all the time. And all the time, God is good"

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you"

Saint Augustine

# **ALL ABOUT FAITH**

#### St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta (Sept 05)



Anjezë (Agnes) Gonxha Bojaxhiu was a tiny Albanian woman whose strong-as-iron faith served as a fulcrum to budge the world closer to God. In the convent, Agnes chose the name Thérèse in honor of the Saint of Lisieux. But another nun had already chosen that name, so Agnes became Teresa,

spelling the name in the Spanish style. Sister Teresa taught at a girls' primary school in Calcutta, taking final vows in 1937, and was known warmly as Mother Teresa. Due to her open personality, self discipline, deep prayer life, organizational abilities, and native intelligence, she became the school principal in 1944. In August 1948, Mother Teresa donned her famous white and blue sari for the first time. She left the comfort and predictability of the Loretto convent school for a hard life on the street among the slums of the poorest, hungriest, and dirtiest people in Calcutta.

-My Catholic Life

#### Why Satan Hates Mary



In this episode of The Catholic Talk Show, the guys discuss why Satan hates the Virgin Mary more than any other human and why Mary is greater than The Devil.

<u>Video</u>

# Fr. Stu Nominated for Lumen Christi Award After Hit Film

The subject of one of the biggest Catholic films of 2022 has been nominated for a distinguished award. **This year, Fr. Stuart Long has been named a finalist for the Lumen Christi Award**, an honor that comes from Catholic Extension, a national non-profit organization that supports underfunded Catholic missions across the United States.

To read more about the Lumen Award and Fr. Stu, please <u>Click Here</u>

# **Pro-Life - Chris Stefanick**

Abortion is bad for women, bad for society, and ends a human life. When you think about it...if abortion isn't wrong, what is? Thankfully, the writing is on the wall...this is the generation that's going to end it.



#### Watch short Video Here



#### "Stand Firm and Hold Fast"

Today's challenges are no less daunting, and these words of St. Paul are needed as much now as they were two thousand years ago.

#### 3 Minute Retreat

<u>English</u>

<u>Español</u>

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# LIVING YOUR FAITH

# The Elderly Can Unite All Generations and Save Humanity, Pope Says



ROME — Pope Francis dedicated his general audience talk to the urgent need for young and old to come together so older people can share their faith and wisdom about the world. "Let's think about dialogue, about the alliance between old and young," he said, as well as make sure this bond is not broken. "May the elderly have the joy of speaking, of expressing themselves with young people and may young people seek out the elderly to receive the wisdom of life from them."



#### A Craft Idea to Help Children Grow in Faith



Talk with the children about what it means when we say that a flower blooms. (It grows.) Explain that, like flowers, we are also called to bloom and grow into followers of Jesus.



## You Are What You Stream (feat. Tanner Kalina)



The media that we consume influences us. From film to music to YouTube videos, we are flooded with messages that shift our perceptions of and interactions with the world. Today, Tanner Kalina encourages us to pay close attention to our media choices and to discern how they inform us, so that we can grow in holiness, not worldliness.

**Short Video** 

## La Fuerza de los Rituales Familiares

Imagínate los Juegos olímpicos sin las ceremonias de apertura y clausura. Si simplemente aparecieran los atletas, compitieran entre sí, y después se regresaran a casa, probablemente no reconoceríamos o celebraríamos el espíritu de las olimpiadas. Las ceremonias de apertura y clausura no son más importantes que los mismos juegos, pero estas nos dan la oportunidad de abrazar los ideales que han llegado a representar a las olimpiadas: internacionalismo, justicia, y el éxito humano. En todo esto, los rituales son sumamente ricos. Nos ayudan a ver lo que de otra manera olvidaríamos ver. El mismo criterio se aplica al hogar. Los rituales diarios y tradiciones familiares ponen de manifiesto ante nosotros y ante nuestros hijos quiénes somos y qué es lo que más nos interesa. Te presento algunas oportunidades para introducir los rituales a tu vida familiar.



Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans.

Wisdom 9:13

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