

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



September 11th, 2022 | 24th 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.

*"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and
loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine
in the open country and go after the lost sheep
until he finds it?"*

Luke 15:4



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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PASTOR Fr. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR Fr. Peter Paul C.C.E.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,
 Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd (Luke 15:1-10). He seeks us out at all costs. Some saints have said that God is a "crazy lover". It would not make much sense to us that a good shepherd would leave ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness and go after one that was lost. But, that's our own human logic! For God, it is all about mercy, and his own divine logic is perfect. The Gospel parable actually reminds me of the other story narrated by our Lord about a rich landowner who, having agreed on a specific wage, deployed some people at dawn to work in his farm. But when the reckoning time came, the labourers who were the first to arrive realized that other workers who joined in much later got the same pay as they did, they began to murmur. Responding to their grumbling, the landowner said this: "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why should you be envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:13-15). Wow! Breaking news!! We are all worth same before God!!! This week, my friend, remind yourself that you are *wonderfully made* and *especially beloved* by the Father. God bless you!

The Installation of Our New Pastor Rev. Patrick Ezimora



Installation will take place next
Sunday, September 18th 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.



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 10th to Sept 17th 2022

SATURDAY, Sept 10th

5:00pm *Maria Teresa Colucho de Henriquez †*

SUNDAY, Sept 11th

9:00am *Fortunata Suppa †*

10:30am *Filomena Rotondi Genesco † Giovanna Guerra †*

12:00pm *Atanasio Sosa †*

2:00pm *Roberto Julian Aguilar † Teresa de Jesus Cornejo †*
 Por las almas del purgatorio y los agonizantes
 Birthday blessings upon Claudio Manuel Calix

6:00pm *Jose Maria Flamenco †*

MONDAY, Sept 12th

9:00am *Maria Magdalena Acevedo de Flamenco †*

TUESDAY, Sept 13th

9:00am *Jorge Calle †*

WEDNESDAY, Sept 14th

9:00am *Angel Pineda † Marina Carlota Moz †*
 For the Priests / Holy Cross of Marylake,
 Healing of Irena, Toty Calle

THURSDAY, Sept 15th

9:00am *Erlinda Quiazon Montana † Lauren Gopaul †*
Rosa Vaclaro † Encarnacion Alas Palma †
Enriqueta Tabanbgan Tinguha †
 Birthday blessings upon Sandra Gyan

FRIDAY, Sept 16th

9:00am *Camen † Alvira † Gretzco † Terry Fox †*
 Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
 Healing of Rheal Therrien, Heide Park

SATURDAY, Sept 17th

9:00am *Diego Mendoza † Francisca Graciela Gutierrez †*
 For all Priests living and deceased

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



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*



**Feast of the Holy Protectors
Sts. Cosmas & Damian, St. Francis of
Assisi, St. Michael the Archangel and
St. Padre Pio**

Sunday, Sept. 25
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
72 Mansfield Ave., Toronto

Join us for our traditional autumn procession.
Mass in Italian at 2:30 p.m. Procession at 3:30 p.m.
We hope to see you there!

V'invitiamo a prenotare la data di domenica
25 settembre. Così, insieme celebriamo la festa dei
nostri santi protettori. Passate la parola. Santa Messa
Solenne in italiano alle 2:30 pm
Processione alle 3:30 pm

CONTACT: St. Francis of Assisi Parish

PHONE: 416-536-8195

POSTER: <https://bit.ly/HolyProtectorsFeastProcession>

EMAIL: stfrancis.sec@gmail.com

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"



First Communion and Confirmation Sacramental Programs

"The St Thomas Aquinas Parish will
begin its 2023 Sacramental Programs
in First Holy Communion and Confirmation with
welcoming Introduction Masses as follow:

**First Holy Communion - grade 2 and up,
September 14th 2022 at 7:00pm**

**Confirmation - grade 7 and up
September 21st 2022 at 7:00pm**

Both Masses will be held at the church

Please contact the Parish Office or email:
staconfirm5@gmail.com if there are any
concerns.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto

Re: Love Thy Neighbour Scholarship



To celebrate Catholic Family Services of
Toronto's 100th year anniversary, a **one-time
scholarship of \$5,000** is offered to a deserving student
who exemplifies the golden rule:

"Love Thy Neighbour."

Eligibility:

- Toronto residents
- Applying to or currently enrolled in a community
service (or other related) program that reflects CFST's
values, such as Nursing, Social Work, Mental Health
services or Counselling
- Applicants from all ethnic, religious, cultural, and
socioeconomic groups are welcome

Requirements:

- One short essay (250 words)
- Two short-answer questions (see website for details)
- Resume / CV
- One letter of reference
- Most recent school transcript
- Proof of enrollment in Fall 2022 semester

Deadline: October 10, 2022

APPLY: Online [HERE](#)

To scan the QR code, please see poster.

POSTER: <https://bit.ly/LoveThyNeighbourScholarship>

CONTACT: Charlene Taboy, Executive Assistant,
CFS Toronto

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ALL ABOUT FAITH



The Holy Name of Mary

Today the Church commemorates a name, as much as the person who bears it. The holiness of the name of God, which the Second Commandment forbids man to take in vain, is reflected in the holy names of all the saints and holy things and holy places dedicated to Him. The name of the Mother of God, the Holy or Blessed Virgin Mary, should be safe in our mouths. This feast falls during the Octave of the Birthday of the Virgin Mary and was inserted into the Church's universal calendar just after the triumph of the Christian army over the Turks at the Battle of Vienna in 1683. The feast was suppressed after Vatican II but once again placed in the calendar by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2002. Mary's name evokes tenderness and maternity. All Christians should call upon the blessed name of the Mother of God as the most powerful intercessor before the throne of Her Son in heaven. Her name puts us in relationship with her. She is not far away. She is close to us, as a mother should be, and she wants to be called upon by her children who are so in need of her.

-My Catholic Life

Social and Political Inertia Turns Parts of the World Into Desolate Byways



Pope Francis thanks promoters of the "Open Hospitals in Syria" project for their work in the suffering nation, and says domestic and international disputes and the robbing of opportunities are leaving great numbers of marginalized people and nations stranded by the roadside.

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Why Pleasing God is not About Adhering to Rules

If young people nowadays reject the very idea of chastity, this does not mean that they are degenerates. It only means that no one has spent time explaining to them the meaning of it, and what this choice aims at. Many of us still think that adhering to some rules pleases God. This is sheer paganism. Faith brings about freedom and liberation, and not neurosis or anguish.

[Read More](#)

Is Judas In Hell?



Is Judas in Hell? The overwhelming consensus over time is that he must be. But has the Church proclaimed that he definitely is? Surprisingly... no. Why?

Jesus teaches us that, while we can evaluate "a tree by its fruits," it is left to God alone to make a final judgement upon someone's heart and determine their destination. Everyone has the grace and the opportunity to say "yes" to God. The sobering flipside to this reality is that hell is real—and it's not something that only really, really bad people choose.

"Wide is the road that leads to destruction."

Today, Fr. Mike invites us to ponder our final destination, and whether or not we are truly doing God's will.

[Watch Video Here](#)



"Celebrate Forgiveness"

Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.

Luke 15:23-24

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

The Power of Praying the Rosary



Fr. John Anthony speaks with Fr. Mark-Mary about the power of praying the Rosary. As he holds his Rosary made of gun metal, Fr. John Anthony tells us how the Rosary is a weapon against the powers of evil. If you don't think you have time for the Rosary, be confident that when you do pray it Mary goes ahead of you and makes time for you to pray it.

Patricio Slim, son of Carlos Slim—one of the wealthiest people in the world—runs his father's businesses. Father John Anthony knows Patricio, and learned that he is a devout Catholic who prays the Rosary three times a day. Patricio took the leap of faith to make time for the Rosary, and now he says he doesn't have time to not pray it.

[Watch Video](#)

La Virgen, Tu Madre Película de Dibujos Animados



Por algún motivo inexplicable para Tomás, se traslada dos mil años atrás en el tiempo y conoce a la Virgen María. Con ella vive los acontecimientos más importantes de su vida y otros momentos ordinarios.

Descubrir a María e incorporarla a nuestra vida ordinaria es uno de los grandes regalos de Dios.

Película realizada en dibujos animados.

Duración 23 minutos.

[Película](#)

Meditation of the Day

Stretching Out Our Hands in Faith and Prayer

The fruit of prayer is a deepening of faith, and the fruit of faith is love; and the fruit of love is service, in whatever form, even in our family. Love begins at home. And how does it begin? By praying together; for the family that prays together stays together. And if you stay together, you will love God as He loves you. You will love one another as He loves you. What a wonderful thought, that God loves me, and that I can love you, and you can love me, as He loves us. What a wonderful gift of God!

Let us remember that Jesus always praised the faith of people—therefore often during the day we will pray: “Jesus in my heart, increase my faith, strengthen my faith. Let me live this faith through living, humble obedience.”

Love, to be true, has to begin with God in prayer. If we pray, we will be able to serve, and therefore today let us all promise that we will give our hands to serve the poor. That we will give our hearts to love them, for they too have been created for great things, they are the great people—the poor.

Are you really in love with Him, with that intimate love for Him, that personal attachment like Saint Peter? *It's good for us to be here. Is it good for you to be with Him?*

Put your hand in the hand of Jesus—walk along with Him all the way. We try to hold something else—we are human beings; that's why people need to hold, that's why we hold the hand of Jesus.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

-Aleteia

Children's Prayer for Vocations

God, thank you for loving me.

In Baptism You called me by name
to live as Your child.

Help all Your people to know their call in life.

For Your greater glory, raise up generous leaders
to serve as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers.

Amen.

-LoyolaPress

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