

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



September 18th, 2022 | 25th 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.

*“The person who is trustworthy in very
small matters is also trustworthy in great
ones; and the person who is dishonest in
very small matters is also dishonest in
great ones”*

Luke 16:10



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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 parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas parish, By commending a dishonest but astute manager (Luke 16:1-13), Jesus drives home a simple but profound message: we should be smarter in heavenly things than we are regarding the passing things of this world. The shrewd servant prepared for the rainy day because he knew that he was about to be fired.

"Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much" (Luke 16:10). Although he was wasteful, the manager was also generous with those indebted to his master.

Dear friends, Jesus' teaching hinges on two contrary realities: God and wealth. "You cannot serve God and wealth" (Luke 16:13). God requires our loyalty and dedication, but so too do money and material things! So, what is the takeaway here? Jesus instructs us to not allow our appetite for, and pursuit of the passing, *dishonest* things of this world obscure our quest for, and possession of, the true riches of heaven. As we begin a new week, let us be smart, like the dishonest but astute manager, and place God and His kingdom first before all else.

God bless you and, remember:
"You are the light of the world!" (Matthew 5:14)

Congratulations to our new Pastor Rev. Fr. Patrick C Ezimora CCE.



We wish him, his pastoral team and our STA parish, God's choicest blessings in the years ahead.

Holy Mass, training, and refreshment for all our volunteers, experienced and new, will take place on **Tuesday, September 27th at 7pm**. This includes all those who render service in our parish: choir members, lectors, ushers, EMHC, altar servers' coordinators, sacristans, counters, etc.

We shall be welcoming new, vibrant, and faith-filled volunteers.

Are you new to our parish? You are welcome to join us every Sunday for Mass. If you wish to register, please call our **parish office @ 416-782-8943** or write us an email at office@stthomasaquinasparish.com. If you are non-Catholic, and would like to become one, you may contact us as well. God bless you!

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



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sept 17th to Sept 24th 2022

SATURDAY, Sept 17th

5:00pm *Maria Magdalena Regalado †*

SUNDAY, Sept 18th

9:00am *Carlos Lindo †*

10:30am *Mario Trevisan †*

12:00pm Por la sanación de Toty Calle

6:00pm *Betty Guerrero Bravo † Justin Quezada † Delia Calderón †*

MONDAY, Sept 19th

9:00am *Maria Magdalena Ngu † Giuse Doan † Adalberto Gomez † Leticia Gomez †*
Birthday blessings upon Maribel de Fuentes and Jose Roberto Gomez

TUESDAY, Sept 20th

9:00am *Estanislao Padayao † Maria Dilla † Peter Andersen † Vincent Tuong † Rogelia Gomez de Rocero † Osvaldo Enrique †*
Birthday blessings upon Melina Clavijo and Ricardo Urgiles
Healing and blessings upon Rafael Marroquin, Ania Misko

WEDNESDAY, Sept 21st

9:00am *Gioan Baotixita Tinh † Marina Dao †*

THURSDAY, Sept 22nd

9:00am *Vincent Nguyen † Maria Dinh † Anita Peralta † Carlos Hernan Rivera † Nicolas Amilcar Rivera †*
Birthday blessings upon Rev. Priest Pious Malliar

FRIDAY, Sept 23rd

9:00am *Vincent Nguyen † Maria Dinh †*
In honour of St. Pio
Thanksgiving for the anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. Priest Ruggiero Dibenedetto
Birthday blessings upon Daniel Urgiles and Karen Manzano de Calix

SATURDAY, Sept 24th

9:00am *Carlyle Gyan † Ameeza Gyan †*
Birthday blessings upon Asli Tanem Kura and Francisco de Anda Varela

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: \$100.00 per person

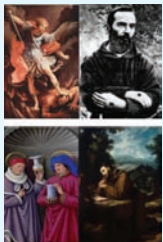
Oct 01, 2022: Pilgrimage to National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima.

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>

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Blessed Sacrament's Candle and Flowers

By the kind generosity of
Maria Bagnoli

Thank you and God bless you.

Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.



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
took place September 14th 2022 at 7:00pm**

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

Mass will be held at the church

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

Needs of the Church in Canada - Special Collection Next Weekend, September 24/25

Thank you for your support of this important work.

Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Special Collection - October 1/2

Following Pope Francis' "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada and the financial commitment of the Archdiocese of Toronto toward healing and reconciliation, **our first special collection for Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation will take place on the weekend of 1/2 October.** Kindly please pick up your own yellow envelope at the exits of our parish and make your generous contribution to this important archdiocesan project.

This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Almighty God, You are the author and sustainer of all human life; grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen, whom You granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and power of Your Spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

Padre Pio



Padre Pio lived virtually his entire priestly life at a modest Franciscan friary in the rural town of San Giovanni Rotondo. Beginning in 1918 he began to experience the stigmata, or marks of the sufferings of Christ. He bled where Christ bled. Holes perforated his hands. He had sharp pains in his side. He also began to display supernatural gifts: bilocation, prophecy, miracles, and healings. His personal routine of prayer and mortification was itself stupefying. He did not want his private passion to play out in public, but it did. He became famous in Italy for being holy. Then he became widely known the world over. By the time of his death in 1968, Padre Pio was a bona fide Catholic superstar. Padre Pio had mystique. That mystique was not rooted in good looks, a chateau on the Côte d'Azur, or in movie roles. It was how he said Mass. People flocked to witness Padre Pio say long, intense, devotional Masses. In the modern world, sin has mystique. It's cool, retrograde, impulsive, and "edgy."

-My Catholic Life

What "Following Christ" means for Gen Z Chris Stefanick Show



Chris talks with Fr. Peter Mussett, an awesome priest from Boulder, Colorado. He works in campus ministry and talks to us about what Gen Z is like and how their faith differs from previous generations.

[Video](#)



Why Padre Pio Was a Grouchy In the Confessional

While Padre Pio was clearly a saint during his life on earth, it doesn't mean he didn't struggle with his own weaknesses.

In particular, it was difficult for Padre Pio to stay calm and collected in the confessional.

[Read More](#)

Interview with Mother Teresa



In this episode of The Catholic Talk Show, through the power of technology, the guys are joined by Mother Teresa to discuss her charism, love of God, love of the poor, and more.

[Watch Video Here](#)



"Choosing the Good"

How can I be a witness for Christ in my life today? How can I do good today or seek peace and pursue it? What does it mean to "do good," anyway?

The psalm is telling me to pursue peace while doing good. The wise psalmist of ancient times says to me, now in the 21st-century, that inner peace must go hand in hand with the desire to give myself to others.

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH



What is the Value of a Human Life

Have you ever looked at your fingerprint? Like, really looked at it? In a world of 7 billion people, you are unrepeatable and unique. Each one of us is. Today, Mari Pablo helps us understand the worth of every human life, from conception to natural death—including yours.

[Watch Video](#)

Put Your Hands to Work



One of my favorite bits of masculine wisdom came from a priest I know. He told me, “It’s good for men to work with their hands.”

The trouble is, that’s easier said than done. My job requires me to sit in front of a computer all day. Last year I moved into a second-floor apartment with no yard to take care of, no workshop out back, and no “honey do” list.

The priest was right, though. I needed to find ways to work with my hands. And I did. I’ll tell you how in a little bit.

[Read More](#)

The Lovely Girl with the Two Apples

A lovely girl was holding two apples with both hands.

Her mum came in and softly asked her little daughter with a smile; my sweetie, could you give your mum one of your two apples?

The girl looked up at her mum for some seconds, then she suddenly took a quick bite on one apple, and then quickly on the other.

The mum felt the smile on her face freeze. She tried hard not to reveal her disappointment.

Then the little girl handed one of her bitten apples to her mum, and said: mummy, here you are. This is the sweeter one.

No matter who you are, how experienced you are, and how knowledgeable you think you are, always delay judgment.

Give others the privilege to explain themselves.

-dailytenminutes

La Vida de San Juan Pablo II Película de Dibujos Animados



[Ver Película Aquí](#)

**Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.**

St. Francis of Assisi

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