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A Thanksgiving Prayer

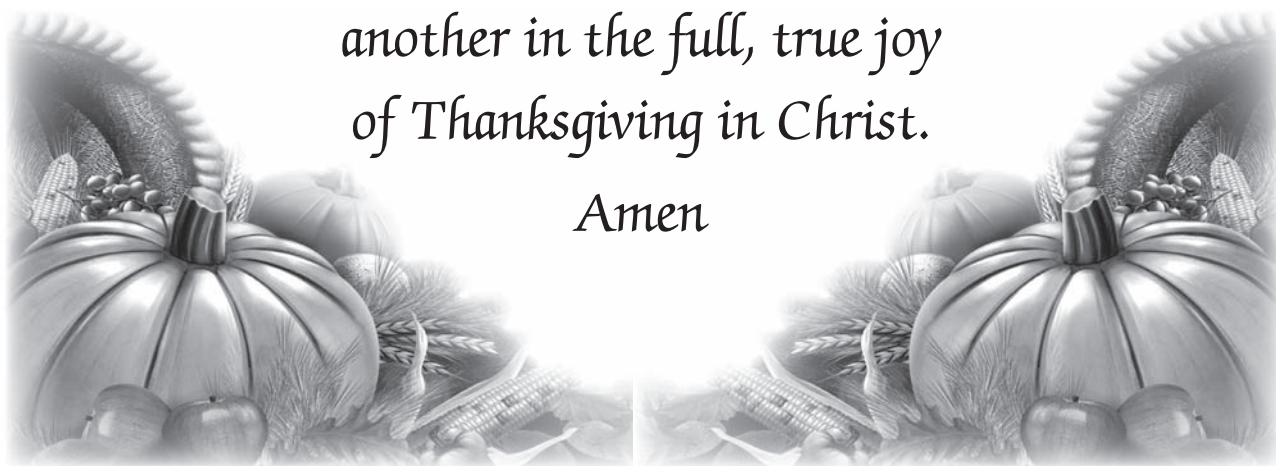
Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen



THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA parish,
As a young teenage seminarian, I was deeply impressed by the story of the ten lepers. It was the song version of it that really captured my tender imagination. What I remember thinking was this: how come only one out of the ten people who received the best gift of their lives returned to say *thank you*? Even now as an adult man of God, I still wonder why, at times, we find it hard to show appreciation for the simplest gifts, especially ones we could not have given to ourselves: sunshine, rain, fresh air, water, food, roof, good health, long life, security, amazing spouse, children, and other fortunes. One might think, *I am sorry, but I broke every single bone in my body to be where I am today and I owe nothing to anybody*. Fair enough and thank you for working so hard! But let us remember that, none of us was born independent. You and I had to rely on others for basically everything before we were able to stand on our own feet. I believe *Thanksgiving weekend* is all about *realizing that everything is a gift*, even our very breath. Hence, it is only reasonable to express gratitude to God, to family, friends, community, country, and even to the dinner turkey (or chicken). Thank you, Lord, for everything! Thank you, dear parishioner, for all your support to our parish family. May God bless you abundantly!

Employment Opportunity!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is seeking a full-time (35 hours p/week) bilingual Parish Secretary to look after the efficient running of the front office.

Fluent in English and Italian or Spanish.

For a full description of the position, please

Click [HERE](#)

Blessed Sacrament's Candle and Flowers



By the kind generosity of
Eliza Tinguha

Thank you and God bless you.

Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.

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!



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Oct 8th to Oct 15th 2022

SATURDAY, Oct 8th

5:00pm For the repose of the soul of Francisco Salamea +
Thanksgiving for the blessings we received Melaya Family

SUNDAY, Oct 9th

9:00am Birthday blessings upon Jonathan Astudillo
10:30am *Repose of the soul of Maria Rosa Dalsass +
Filomena Calitri + Sebastiano Milando +
Maria DiFilipo + Frank Perri + Franca Lombardi +*
12:00pm *For the Repose of the soul of Rosario Lagunda Echanes +*
For the priests / Holy Cross of Marylake
Birthday blessings upon Martin Castillo Velez
2:00pm *Por el descanso del alma de Rosa Judith Jaramillo +
Marta Lucia Cadavid + Marina Galdo +
Por las almas del purgatorio y los agonizantes
Por la sanación de Jonathan Osorio*
6:00pm For all the Priests living and deceased
Healing and blessings Glenda Flores

MONDAY, Oct 10th

9:00am *Maria Madalena Ngu + Giuse Doan +
Maria Cristina Duran + Rev. Priest Miro +*
Birthday Blessings upon Karla Moz Cedillos,
Maria Elizabeth Gomez, Veronica Conde

TUESDAY, Oct 11th

9:00am *Peter Andersen + Vincent Tuong +*

WEDNESDAY, Oct 12th

9:00am *Domenico + Elisa + Rosina + Nicolas + Gioan
Baotixita Ting + Maria Dao + John Michael Fee +
Lawrence Perez +*
Birthday blessings upon Shahira Wahba,
Pilar Phong, Rev. priest Isaias Dulla Argaw

THURSDAY, Oct 13th

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

FRIDAY, Oct 14th

9:00am *Vincent Nguyen + Maria Dinh + Geroage Floyd +
Terry Fox +*
Birthday blessings upon Fatima Da Costa
Healing of Florencio Perez and Irena Misko

SATURDAY, Oct 15th

9:00am *Pasquale Emanuele + Marina Carlota Moz +*
Birthday blessings upon Sezgin Komcu,
Laura Miklas, Rev. Priest Mario Salvatori

We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



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*

Are you Able to Host a Ukrainian Family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived.

If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to:

[Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis
\(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/ukrainian-crisis)

and register for a virtual information session.

Pakistan Floods—Humanitarian Relief

Devastating floods in Pakistan have displaced hundreds of thousands, at one point leaving a third of the country inundated with water. More than 1,500 people have died following record rainfall with 33 million throughout the country affected by this disaster

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada – Development and Peace as well as the Archdiocese of Karachi) to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Thomas Aquinas – Pakistan Floods – Humanitarian Relief

Divina Eloquia

Patristic Talk: The Heroic Ideal in Augustine



The Pontifical Faculty of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary presents this talk as part of its **Series of Patristic Talks** for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

Title: The Heroic Ideal in Augustine

Presenter: Fr. Robert Dodaro, OSA

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Cost: Free - Tickets will become available Sept. 16/22

Location: This event will be held **ONLINE via Zoom**

[Register Here](#)

If you have any questions, please contact our Event Coordinator, Chère MacLean at chere.macleam@utoronto.ca

Are You Caribbean or of Caribbean Descent?

If so, join us for this free special event at the historic St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto, on **Saturday, October 29, 2022**. Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around burials and cremation. This day offers lots more!

Breakfast and Registration begins at 8 a.m.

To register or receive further information, send us an email at: development@archtoronto.org or call us at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519.

Space is limited so please register early!



40 Days for Life

Wednesday, September 28 to Saturday, November 6 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST

Southwest corner of Dufferin Street and Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! From September 28 until November 6, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in Toronto and around the world.

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ALL ABOUT FAITH

St. Teresa of Ávila



Saint Teresa was born behind the high and thick walls of Ávila in Central Spain, amidst that country's greatest century. She was from a large, middle-class and pious family. As a girl, Teresa dreamed of being a martyr, or a hermit, and loved to repeat the words "forever and ever and ever." When she decided to become a religious, she entered Ávila's Carmelite convent mostly because it was there. Teresa suffered various health scares, read some seminal works on mental prayer, had mystical experiences, and slowly became convinced that her convent was too lax. The Church and Christ demanded more. She had developed the practice in examining her conscience to not just weigh her virtues and vices but to consider all the graces, all the good, and all the holiness God desired of her which she had impeded. Teresa decided to found a new Carmelite convent. There was fierce opposition from within her own convent and from the Carmelite Order more generally. Her odyssey of reform, begun in the mid-1550s, bore fruit when her first convent opened in Ávila in 1562. Her sisters wore no shoes (the meaning of the word "Discalced"), were limited to thirteen per convent, and would accept neither dowries nor endowments. The Discalced Carmelites were to be utterly poor, to fast, to mortify, and to pray intensely. But Teresa also wanted no gloomy saints. She practiced, and expected her nuns to emulate, being ever more sociable as she progressed in holiness. Everyone liked Teresa, and she liked to be liked. She led by example. And she did it all with a cheerful disposition and a rich personality that overcame deep-seated opposition. The Discalced Carmelites were given their own Spanish province in 1580 and were recognized as a distinct Order in 1594, twelve years after Teresa's death

-My Catholic Life



Relations with Indigenous Canadians a Top Priority for Canada's Bishops

At their first in-person meetings in three years, Canada's bishops spoke about concrete steps toward reconciliation with Indigenous Canadians — concrete steps that include an \$18.6 million bill for Pope Francis' apostolic visit in July, continued efforts to raise \$30 million over the next five years, easier access for residential school survivors and their families to diocesan archives across the country and forging personal relationships between bishops and Indigenous leaders.

[Read More](#)



ROSARY COAST TO COAST 2022 THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

4 p.m. Eastern Time/ 3 p.m. Central Time/ 2 p.m. Mountain Time/ 1 p.m. Pacific Time/ 5 p.m. Atlantic Time/ 5:30 p.m. Newfoundland Time

Looking for a way to celebrate Thanksgiving? This year, Rosary Coast to Coast will be held this Sunday, October 9. Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the holy rosary and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary! Gather the children of the world to pray together through the recitation of the rosary, ideally in the presence of our Eucharistic Jesus in our churches. If not possible, pray at home with your families and prayer groups!

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Love as Jesus Loves

This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.

John 15:12

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH



Doing Anniversaries and Birthdays the Catholic Way

The passage of time in our lives is marked by birthdays, anniversaries, milestones, and more. Each of these special occasions help us to remember and celebrate something and someone special and unique. But how can we do this better?

Did you know that in the Bible that the word “remember” is mentioned over 250 times? It’s important that whether we enjoy celebrating these milestones or not, that we take account of what God is doing and make time to stop and reflect on it. Today Jackie and Bobby encourage us to lean in to the celebration of these milestones and to do a better job of “remembering.”

[Watch Video](#)

A MARKED MAN: SHOULD CATHOLICS GET TATTOOS?



With the increased popularity of tattoos comes the question of their morality. After all, a tattoo is a permanent marking of the body—a serious issue to be sure. So are they wrong? Should a good Catholic get one?

[Read More Here](#)

But Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.”

Luke 17:29

The uncertain nature of our earthly existence should provoke in us, a radical quest for doing good without discrimination to all. God gives us ample opportunity to share His love which in turn becomes a fraternal responsibility to help transform the life of others now that we have the time.

Beloved in Christ, never fail to correct in good conscience and love, a brother/sister in error. Never close your eyes when you can help better the life of another even with a dip of the finger for a single word can save a soul from perdition.

Fr. Davis CCE

The Man Who Said, Thank You



Why should we say thank you? One of the miracles of Jesus was when Jesus heals 10 lepers. Only one of them comes back to say thanks to Jesus.

[Short Video](#)

Mental prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything.

St. Teresa of Ávila

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