

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



November 06<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 32<sup>nd</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.

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meses** de anticipación.

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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.

*"Now he is God, not of the dead,  
but of the living; for to him  
everyone is alive"*

-Luke 20:38



-Scripturefortodayblog

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear parishioners of STA parish,  
Earlier this week we celebrated the solemnity of *All Saints* and the Commemoration of *All Souls*. Both celebrations challenged us to reflect on the reality of death, as well as on the hope of life after death. The first (2 Maccabees 7.1-2, 7, 9-14) and the Gospel readings (Luke 20.27-38) of this Sunday invite us to continue thinking about the afterlife. What happens after we die? Decomposition? Surely, we are mortals after all! Yet, life is larger than logic. Do seeds not corrupt before they germinate? Could we say that the seed died and then lived again? Which one is more alive: the seed or the plant? What power enables the seed to grow and bear seed-containing fruits which eventually die and become new plants and then again trees? But make no mistake; there is no reincarnation of souls because, created in God's image and likeness, "human beings die only once, after which comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Hence, death is the gate to immortal life with, or without God. Dear brethren, may we never lose sight of the bigger, and main picture: eternal life with our heavenly Family.

Have a blessed week!

**Our 2022/2023 Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule is on the way! Besides, we have lots of exciting parish end-of-year events. Stay tuned!**

Our **2022/2023 Sunday Missals** are available behind the Church following each Mass. **The cost is \$5 only.** The 2023 Spanish Missals will be made available very soon.

### **The Shepherd's Trust**

#### **Next Weekend Nov. 12/13 - Second Collection**

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care.

*Thank you for your support of this important work.*

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

By the kind generosity of  
Marie Georgini

Thank you and God bless you.

*Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.*



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

*November 2022*

***For the whole month of November, we have no specific Mass intentions. All the Masses will be offered for our faithful relatives and friends who died since the past year.***

***Parishioners are welcome to write down the names of their beloved dead in the "All Souls" folder or envelopes by the altar. They may also make an offering in the "All Souls" box by the left corner of the sanctuary.***



**We are not having specific Mass Intentions during the month of November**

## AT STA PARISH AND THE COMMUNITY



### Labyrinth Walk & Festival of Lights at Niagara Falls

Join us for a new road trip on Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
Departing at 10:30am. **Cost:** \$70.00 per person

### Bilingual Bible Study

As help for Christmas preparations, our STA parish will be offering a weekly bilingual Advent Bible Study on **Wednesdays, from November 23 to December 14 @ 7pm, in our parish halls.** We shall be using the **Agape Bible Study material.** Visit:



[https://www.agapebiblestudy.com/Advent%20Study/Advent Study Menu.php](https://www.agapebiblestudy.com/Advent%20Study/Advent%20Study%20Menu.php)

### Parish Simbang Gabi/Christmas Novena

As before the pandemic, we shall resume our Christmas novena (Simbang Gabi) from **December 15 to December 23, beginning with Mass at 7pm,** followed by sharing, Christmas carols, etc., **in the parish hall.** Everyone is welcome!



### Come & See - Weekend Retreat November 18 to 20 St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 18 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 20 (2 p.m.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration must be done online at  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

For more information, please email:  
[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Poster: <https://bit.ly/ComeAndSeeRetreatPoster>

### FREE WEBINAR!!!

### ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

**Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 9:00 am**

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

To register, send us an email to:

[development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

Please include **'webinar November 19<sup>th</sup>**, in the **subject line** and provide your **name in the body of a message.** Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member.

You will receive a link a couple of days before the webinar.



### Your Helping Hand is the Answer

**NEW:** Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, all contributions to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

*"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."* – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



# ALL ABOUT FAITH



## Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Rome

November 9

A church's walls do not make one a Christian, of course. But a church has walls nonetheless. Walls, borders, and lines delimit the sacred from the profane. A church structurally embodies supernatural mysteries. A church is a sacred space where sacred actions make Christians unite as God's family. Walls matter. Churches matter. Sacred spaces matter. Today the Church commemorates a uniquely sacred space, the oldest of the four major basilicas in the city of Rome. The Lateran Basilica is the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome and thus the seat of the Pope as Bishop of Rome.

The Laterani were an ancient Roman noble family whose members served several Roman Emperors. The family built a palace carrying their name on a site which in the fourth century came into the possession of the Emperor Constantine, who then turned it over to the bishop of Rome. An early pope enhanced and enlarged the basilica style palace into a large church, which, in turn, became the oldest and most important papal church in the eternal city. The popes lived at the Lateran until the start of the Avignon papacy in present day France in 1309.

With the Avignon papacy ensconced far from Rome for seven decades, the Lateran Basilica was damaged by fires and deteriorated so sadly that by the time the popes returned to Rome in 1377, they found the Basilica inadequate. The Lateran Basilica retains its venerable grandeur, despite now being a baroque edifice with only a few architectural traces of its ancient pedigree. Walls do not make us Christians, but walls do clarify that certain sacred rituals are practiced in certain sacred spaces and in no others.

-My Catholic Life

## Pope at Angelus: "Like Saints, be Builders of Peace"



On the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Francis says the lives of the saints can inspire us to live radically as peacemakers, boldly building the way to peace through works of mercy, love, and justice.

[Read More](#)

[Léa Más](#)

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## Why the Ascension? Couldn't Jesus Have Stayed?



Today, Fr. Josh answers a comment from Brontë Picou: "This was so beautiful and helpful! Can you talk about the meaning of the Ascension of Jesus? Why didn't Jesus stay on earth after His Resurrection?"

Ask Fr. Josh is the question and answer show to help you navigate life when our Catholic Faith doesn't give an easy "fill-in-the-blank" answer. In each video, Father addresses one question from three different perspectives: your relationship with God, your relationship with the Church, and your relationship with others.

[Watch Video Here](#)



## Living With Joy

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

-John 15:10-12

## 3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Cinco Cosas que Puedes Hacer en Vez de Juzgar a los Demas

Jesús sabía que el juzgar a los demás es una tentación constante. En el plano de la vida material el hacer juicios está relacionado directamente con la sobrevivencia. ¿Puedo cruzar las vías antes que el tren? ¿Debo confiarle a este tipo todos mis fondos de retiro? Sin embargo, a nivel espiritual, el juzgar a los demás detiene todo crecimiento desde el principio.

[Léa Más](#)

### God's Story Two Sons and a Father



This parable also known as the Parable of the Lost Son, tells the story of a foolish man who rejects his father and squanders his inheritance. Desperate the Prodigal Son returns home in shame. But on his journey home the son is met by his father who wraps his arms around him overjoyed that his son has returned!

[Children's Video](#)

### Wish You Had Spoken Up? 3 Things You Need Next Time



You're with a group of friends and they start gossiping about another friend; what do you say? You're with a co-worker and he or she takes the Lord's name in name and blasphemes the Catholic Church; how do you respond?

Today Fr. Mike challenges us to speak up for the truth and explains how you and I might overcome these spiritual defects: lacking in wisdom, courage, or love.

[Watch Here](#)

### If You're Not a Fan of Saint Movies, These 6 Films Might Change Your Mind



Get to know these saints at your next movie night - and don't forget the snacks!

[Read More Here](#)

**If God is slow in answering your request, or if you ask but do not promptly receive anything, do not be upset, for you are not wiser than God.**

*St. Isaac the Syrian*

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