

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



November 13th, 2022 | 33rd 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 3:00pm The office is closed from 12:00noon to 12:30pm

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives"

-Luke 21:19



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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PASTOR Fr. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA parish, This Sunday is the penultimate of the Liturgical Year C. The tone of the readings, especially the Gospel (Luke 21:5-19), reflects the imminent Second Coming. Hence, it goes without saying that the Lord wants us to stay awake and persevere in doing good and avoiding evil. What comes to mind is my childhood days. Dad and mum would assign us some domestic tasks as they left for work or shopping. I remember that we would spend most of the time playing away. But as soon as we heard the squeaking gate or, at times, the actual knock on the door, that was when we usually went running randomly to begin or finish off our chores. The fact is that even adult believers still battle with some spiritual childishness. Some of the signs of the Parousia that Jesus spoke about are already happening today. Yet, are we aware that the salvation of our souls is at stake today more than ever before? "By your endurance you will gain your souls" (Luke 21:19).

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

This 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



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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. 3rd, 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_Study_Menu.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!



New Beginnings Presents:

Death and Living with Grief

Keynote Speaker: Jenifer Merifield

Location: Online via Zoom

Date & Time: **Wednesday Nov. 30, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**

Register Online at: <https://dlwg.eventbrite.ca>

For more information please contact:

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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

Please include **'webinar November 19th**, 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.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne



Today's saint was born into a large, refined, educated Catholic family situated in an enormous home in France. Despite the favored parentage, Rose would leave the world and all the advantages she inherited to become a hardscrabble missionary nun serving rough settlers and Indians in the American plains. Saint Rose was named after the first canonized saint of the New World, Saint Rose of Lima. When Rose felt the call to a religious life as a teen, she joined, against her father's wishes, - the Congregation of the Visitation. After the revolution, when religious life was no longer illegal, Rose tried to re-establish her defunct convent by purchasing its buildings. The plan didn't work, and Rose and the few remaining sisters united themselves to a new French Order, which would later be known as the Religious Sisters of the Sacred Heart. In 1817, a bishop serving in the United States came to France on a recruitment tour. After receiving permission from her superiors, in 1818 Rose boarded a ship with four other sisters for the two-month sea voyage to U.S.A. In remote Western Missouri, Rose began a convent in a log cabin and then started a school and a small novitiate. The people were poor, the settlers generally unschooled, the weather cold, the food inadequate, and life hard. Rose struggled to learn English. Yet after ten years, the Sacred Heart Sisters were operating six convents in Missouri and Louisiana. At seventy-one years old, Rose joined this missionary band for her example of prayer. Saint Rose prayed so incessantly that she was on her knees before the tabernacle when the Indians went to sleep and kneeling there when they woke up, still praying. St. Rose was beatified in 1940 and canonized in 1988.

-My Catholic Life

Ukraine Nuncio: Pope Appeals 'From His Heart' to Stop the War



Archbishop Visvaldas Kulbokas, nuncio of the Holy See to Ukraine, spoke to Vatican News on Monday, November 08, about Pope Francis' recent and urgent appeal to end the war in the country.

The Archbishop identified three key elements of [the Pope's remarks](#), which were made on the in-flight press conference on the way back from his recent visit to Bahrain.

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RedWednesday 2022 Prayer Vigil for Persecuted Christians Wednesday, November 16 – 7 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond St., Toronto



The pontifical charity, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN Canada), and the Archdiocese of Toronto invite all to participate in the Red Wednesday Prayer Vigil, on November 16, at 7 p.m., at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The annual event intends to raise awareness about the alarming situation of persecuted Christians worldwide, to remember those who have perished as victims of their religious beliefs, and to pray for religious freedom. On that day, St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, among other important buildings, such as the largest Shrine dedicated to St. Joseph in Canada, Montreal, QC., will be lit in red to symbolize the martyr's blood. Please remember there are many other ways to contribute to this day, such as wearing red and inviting others to do the same. Share your pictures of solidarity on social media channels with the hashtag [#RedWednesday](#), or hold a fundraiser to help the affected communities.

WEBSITE: acn-canada.org/red-wednesday



Recognize the Sacred

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening"

-1 Samuel 3:10

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

God's Story The Good Samaritan



Jesus told us to love our neighbors. One time, a guy asked Jesus to explain who He meant by “neighbor.” Find out who Jesus wants us to love in this parable from Luke 10:25-37

[Children's Video](#)

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of another day.

When I am tempted to take the blessings of my life for granted, remind me that You have provided all that I need—not just for today but for my eternal salvation.

There are no accidents in Your loving plans, but we don't always understand how everything works for our benefit.

May I be grateful to You for everything this day, for the little things and for the gift of life itself.

Amen.

(From Living Faith Prayers for Catholics)

The Right Way to Receive the Precious Blood of Jesus at Holy Mass



We believe as Catholics that at every Mass the simple bread and wine are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

But do we need to receive both species, namely the Eucharist and the Precious Blood in order to receive ALL of Jesus?

Today Fr. Mike explains the practice of intinction, dipping the Holy Eucharist into the chalice of the Precious Blood and when it's a bad idea and when it may be appropriate.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Immature Love (Romance) VS Mature Love (Virtue & Responsibility)



What is the difference between a mature love and an immature love? Dr. Edward Sri shares advice on dating relationships and how to develop a mature love with virtue & responsibility.

[Short Video](#)

One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to scarify what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying.

St. Joan of Arc

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