

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



November 20th, 2022 | Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

Let Him reign so that you can be converted and, through you, others can come to know Him as Lord of all!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Thomas Aquinas | 636 Glenholme Ave. Toronto | 416-393-5236
D'Arcy McGee | 20 Bansley Ave. Toronto | 416-393-5318

CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOMES

Bernardo Funeral Home | 416-789-7661
Vescio Funeral Home | 416-656-3332

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

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Arcangelo Limanni, MRE

alimanni@cfstoronto.com or (647) 215-3978



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ALL ABOUT FAITH



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joachim and Anne consecrated their daughter, Mary, to God at the age of three in the Jerusalem Temple. The prophet Samuel was similarly presented by his mother, Hannah. Both Hannah and her namesake, Anne, were long barren and were thus all the more grateful to see the fruit of their unexpected pregnancies.

To present a child to God, either in a formal ritual or in a private dedication, is to lay that child on a symbolic altar and to say to God: "You create. We procreate. My child is Your child. Do with this child as You will." Such humble and antecedent submission to the will of God is not an abdication of the duty to form a child in human and religious virtue. It is just to be realistic. Children are gifts, not metaphorically but actually. A child is not a piece of property or an object a parent has a right to possess. No one understands this like the infertile couple. When parents consecrate a child to God, whether at baptism or otherwise, even informally, they are manifesting a willingness to return a gift to its remote source, to please the Maker by giving Him what He already possesses, life itself and all who share in it.

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The Search Who is Jesus?



Jesus came so that you might have life, and have it to the full.

Jesus did not come to make you boring, take away your fun, and plague you with guilt.

[Watch Video](#)

Pope at Mass: 'Christians Must Light Candles of Hope Amid Gathering Darkness'



Pope Francis presides over Mass on the World Day of the Poor, and urges Christians to listen to the stifled cry of pain of the frailest members of society.

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Listening to Our Father

"Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me".

-John 6:45

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Christ the King



Christ the King! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for the 34th week in Ordinary Time

[Children's Video](#)

5 Things You Need to Fight the Devil



In this episode of The Catholic Talk Show, the guys share 5 essential spiritual practices to help you resist temptation and defeat The Devil.

[Watch Video Here](#)

How to Pray the Rosary as a Family



We all know that Our Lady has asked us to pray the Rosary daily, but does she really expect little children to be able to sit through an entire Rosary? It doesn't take long before the chaos ensues and the string of beads becomes a weapon, not just against the devil, but directed at their sister!?!

[Watch Video](#)

Why We Should Rethink What "Having a Bad Day" Means



If you examine even the worst day, you may discover some surprisingly good news.

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**I have a Creator who knew all things, even before they were made—even me,
His poor little child.**

St. Patrick

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