

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



December 4th, 2022 | Second Sunday of Advent

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



Peace

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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 brothers and sisters in Christ,
 In this second Sunday of Advent, we are presented with two central personalities of the New Testament: John the Baptist (who baptized people for conversion) and Jesus Christ (who baptizes for filial adoption). Sequel to John's appropriation of Isaiah's prophecy about "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight'", St. Augustine interprets Jesus Christ as *the word* whose way *the voice* prepared. Can you imagine speaking audibly without your voice? Yet, understandable word ranks superior in as much as it can be expressed independent of voice. Moreover, whereas the precursor baptized only with water, Christ would baptize also with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Thus, from the moment of our own baptism, we, like Christ, have been richly endowed with the Holy Spirit, *the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and fear of the Lord* (cfr. Isaiah 11:2). Do you still feel the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Have a blessed Advent week!

Adult Confirmations

Adults who have been Baptized, received First Reconciliation and Communion, and have yet to do their Confirmation are invited to take part in an adult-only Confirmation course. It will be 4 classes, once a month during the months of January, February, March, & April, 2023. Attendees will celebrate their Confirmation in April with the rest of the Confirmation candidates.

2000 Hail Mary Prayer Resumes

2000 Hail Mary Prayer Resumes in our parish every **1st Saturday of the month @ 7:30am**. Please come to the Small Hall on the East Side. You are most welcome to join

Our **2022/2023 Sunday Missals** are available behind the Church following each Mass. **The simple cover English Missal costs \$5.00**, while the **hard cover illustrated Spanish Missal costs \$10.00**.

2023 Donation Envelopes

Please start collecting your 2023 donation envelopes. They can be picked up from the Sacristy, behind the altar. Boxes **will not** have your name; rather, on the first three envelopes you use, **print your full name, mailing address and phone number clearly** and you will be assigned the number on the box.

Please only use them starting January 1st, 2023

There are two major feasts of Our Lady coming up early December: The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12). We will have 7pm Masses on both days. We encourage parishioners to prepare themselves well through Confession and Novenas.



Blessed Sacrament's Candle and Flowers

By the kind generosity of an anonymous donour. Thank you and God bless you.
Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Dec 3rd to Dec 10th 2022

SATURDAY, Dec 3rd

9:00pm Circle of Prayer, The Legion of Mary
5:00pm *Maria Barbuscio +*
Vincenzo & Giuseppina Tuzi + Tala Nicholson +

SUNDAY, Dec 4th

9:00am (Available for Mass Intention request)
10:30am *Frank Perri +*
12:00pm *Allanah Doronilla Penafiel +*
6:00pm *Jim McCallum & Barbara Brierly +*
Noriza Alas-as Tabilon +

MONDAY, Dec 5th

9:00am *Vito & Santa Mossa +*

TUESDAY, Dec 6th

9:00am *Arminda Cruz*
Thanksgiving for Lucita G. Climacosa

WEDNESDAY, Dec 7th

9:00am *Kathryn Donnelly +*

THURSDAY, Dec 8st

9:00am *Vittorio Lerullo + Antonio + Agatacina +*

FRIDAY, Dec 9th

9:00am *Richard Sweeney McLaughlin +*
Lourdes Komo + Neil Liwan +

SATURDAY, Dec 10th

9:00am (Available for Mass Intention request)
5:00pm For the Birthday of Francisco P. Tan Jr.

We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Christmas/New Year Schedule 2022-2023



Mass Times

Saturday Dec 24th

9:00am- English

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm- English
8:30pm- Trilingual

Sunday Dec 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am- English
10:30am- Italian
12:00pm- English
2:00pm- Spanish
6:00pm- English

Saturday Dec 31st

9:00am- English

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00pm- English
8:30pm- Trilingual
10:00pm- Adoration
till Midnight

Sunday Jan 1st

2023

NEW YEAR DAY

9:00am- English
10:30am- Italian
12:00pm- English
2:00pm- Spanish
6:00pm- English

2022 Parish End-of-Year Events

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Thursday, Dec 8 @ 7pm

Parish Xmas Concert

Saturday, Dec 10 @ 6:30pm in the Church

Children's Xmas Party

Sunday, Dec 11 @ 3:30pm in the hall

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, Dec 12 @ 7pm

Parish Advent Confession

Tuesday, Dec 13, 6 to 8pm in the Church

CHRISTMAS 4 OUR NEEDY FRIENDS

Saturday, Dec 17, 10am to 12noon
at the parish parking lot

Soup Kitchen for All Parishioners of STA

Sunday, Dec 18, after each Mass
in the hall

Parish Xmas Party with Karaoke

Friday, Dec 23 @ 8pm in the hall

Adoration, Te Deum & Hot Drinks

Saturday, Dec 31 from 10pm to 2023

Simbang Gabi / Christmas Novena Mass & Sharing

Sunday, Dec 04, is the last day for submitting your
Simbang Gabi / Christmas Novena Sponsor forms

Thursday, Dec. 15 @ 7pm, sponsored by
Social Committee & Italian Community

Friday, Dec. 16 @ 7pm sponsored by Altar
Servers

Saturday, Dec. 17 @ 5pm sponsored by
5pm & 9am choir, & Legion of Mary

Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 6pm sponsored by 6pm
Choir, Choir Ushers, Handmaids, etc.

Monday, Dec. 19 @ 7pm sponsored by
Calbayog Association

Tuesday, Dec. 20 @ 7pm sponsored by
Some of the Spanish Community & CWL

Wednesday, Dec. 21 @ 7pm sponsored by
12pm Choir & MFC

Thursday, Dec. 22 @ 7pm sponsored by
some of the Zestful Line Dance Members,
some Lectors, etc.

Friday, Dec. 23rd @ 7pm sponsored by
Circle of Prayer & 12noon Ushers



ALL ABOUT FAITH



The Immaculate Conception (Dec 8 - Feast)

Mary was conceived in the natural human way by her parents, Joachim and Anne. But God had a plan and was eager to give Mary an utterly unique gift that could not wait until her childhood or adolescence to be unwrapped. The gift of the Immaculate Conception was given contemporaneously with Mary's microscopic sparking to life. If we

had the chance to choose our own mother, we would not select a selfish, disordered, mean, and sinful woman. We would lovingly accept such a mother but not deliberately choose her. God could choose His own mother, though, and so logically chose a perfect one. As the author of creation, He crafted a pristine soul incapable of sin or moral disorder. Alone among all creation, Mary reaped the spiritual rewards of her Son's resurrection before its historical occurrence, saving her from death and bodily corruption, sin's cruelest punishments. Mary was simply flooded with God's grace in her very origins and has never ceased to be united with Him after that.

Everything new is experienced as a miracle—a new dawn, a new baby, a new house, a new marriage. The Immaculate Conception is celebrated with the greatest solemnity around the world because it commemorates a new, pivotal moment. In Saint Anne, God was readying the fairest flower of Israel, her most modest daughter and humble rose, for Himself. Mary's virtues of humility and obedience would straighten the path twisted by Eve's sins of pride and disobedience. By God's own choice, Mary alone would escape the grip of Adam's sin. She would be the New Eve, that Spiritual Vessel, House of Gold, and Morning Star whose Immaculate Conception was the first flicker of a greater Light to come.

Mary of the Immaculate Conception, may your purity, virtue, and obedience be a perennial model for all the faithful of the humble and narrow pathways which alone lead to God. Be at our side to encourage and inspire us as we try to be ever nearer to your Son, Jesus.

-My Catholic Life

"Practical Insights of Journeying with Hispanic Youth"

Online Workshop Thursday, Dec 8th - 7 to 9 pm

Join us for this "Online Workshop" as part of a series of workshops for those in ministry with young people. The presenter will lead us in an understanding of some of the unique realities and opportunities of ministering within a Hispanic community, as well as practical insights and implications for the Church and local communities. **Cost is \$15 per person.**

To learn more about this workshop offered by Ignite Ministry Toronto and the Redemptorists, and all of our upcoming workshops through "Network", visit:

<https://ignite-canada.ca/network-workshops/>



Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"?

If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

E-mail: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca



Blessed Are You

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled"

-Luke 1:45

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

The Ten Commandments—Moses



[Children's Video](#)

Pope: Polarization is not Catholic, Dialogue is the Only Way



Pope Francis grants an exclusive interview to the Catholic "America Magazine" in which he answers a vast range of questions, including topics regarding the US, Church issues, social issues, the war in Ukraine, the Vatican's relations with China, and his pontificate.

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Do I have to Obey My Parents When I'm an Adult, too?



"Honor thy Father and thy Mother."

We know from our youth that we are called to obey our parents as commanded by the 4th Commandment. But what about once we're grown and out of their home?

Today Fr. Mike doles out some advise for adult children on what obedience and respect for one's parents looks like and what the Catechism of the Catholic Church has to say about this relationship.

[Watch Video](#)

Where are the Twelve Apostles Buried?



In this clip, the guys explore where the bones of each of the 12 Apostles located

[Watch Video Here](#)

Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers, and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love.

St. Therese of Lisieux

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