

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 08th, 2022 | Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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.

WEDDINGS - BODAS

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(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

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and
on entering the house they saw the child
with Mary his mother. They prostrated
themselves and did him homage. Then they
opened their treasures and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

-Matthew 2:10-11



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord and then with tomorrow's feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season officially comes to an end. That means we have a few more hours to say "Merry Christmas". "*Epiphaneia*" is Greek word for *manifestation*. It recalls the visit of the three wise men from the East by the guidance of a star. Hence, even when lights go down, the Light of Christ continues to manifest himself in the heart, mind, and hands of every person of good will. The Gospel reading (Matthew 2:1-12) narrates that the three wise men "observed His star at its rising". Their wisdom consisted in following God's direction. Thus, we could ask ourselves at the onset of the new year: Am I following the signs of God's love in and around me? Nowadays, people entrust their lives to the guidance of horoscopes. But the fact of the matter is that Jesus Christ is our only Star, the "Pioneer and Perfecter of our Faith" (Hebrews 12:2). He alone is our "Way, our Truth, and our Life (cf. John 14:6). He made you *the light of the world*. May 2023 be a year to arise and *let your light shine*. God bless you!



Blessed Sacrament's Candle and Flowers

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

While we appreciate the generous donations of many parishioners during our Christmas food drive for the needy, please note that we still have lots of uncooked food stuff available for pick up. Please give us a call or write an email.

New Office E-mail Address!

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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.

Youth Ministry Resumes in our STA Parish

When? Fridays 7pm to 8:30pm; Where? In the parish hall; What? (games/fun nights; artistic skill enhancement and faith formation).

If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night.

Thank you in advance!

We shall resume our collective deepening of the faith through a chronological Bible Study, from Genesis to Revelation. **The Class will happen every other Wednesday, beginning January 11th, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** – Topic: The book of Genesis. Please bring along your Bibles, Catechism, and notebook.

2023 Donation Envelopes

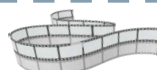
2023 Envelope boxes are still available at the back of the Church and in the Parish Office. Just pick up any envelope number and fill out your full information, it will be your number for this year 2023.

Our **2023 Spanish Sunday Missals** are available behind the Church following each Sunday Mass. The **cost is \$10.00**. Misales en Español estan disponibles despues de cada misa dominical. **El costo es de \$10.00**

First Friday of every month, evening Adoration of reparation/praise & worship at **6:00pm**, followed by Mass at 7:00pm and youth ministry at 7:30pm.



Lights, Camera, Action



We are debuting a Parish Family Movie Night (once every month) on a **Sunday – from 3:15pm to 5:15pm** – It will be a decent, uplifting movie for families. Pizza, popcorn, and pop will be available. For our first movie night on **Sunday, January 22nd**, we shall be watching **MOANA**. To participate, please indicate the number of participants from your household, cut off this section and drop it in the sacristy. **A monetary contribution of \$10 per adult and \$5 for kids would be very much appreciated.**

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____





MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Jan 7th to Jan 14th 2023

SATURDAY, Jan 7th

9:00am The Legion of Mary
Thanksgiving for Lucio Rego + All Souls in
Purgatory & in Honour of the Sorrows of Jesus
Helen Cervales + on 10th death anniversary

5:00pm Severino Drusian + Rina Drusian +

SUNDAY, Jan 8th

9:00am Jonathan Atienza + on 5th death anniversary

10:30am Frank Perri + Rocco Nicastro + Pietro Toter +
Maria Toter + Egno Merchoci +
Elizabeta & Niso Danelizzi +

12:00pm (Available for Mass Intention)

2:00pm (Available for Mass Intention)

6:00pm Denzil Stephens +

MONDAY, Jan 9th

9:00am Denzil Stephens + Eugene Stephens + death
Anniversary
Maria Madalena Ngu + All Souls in Purgatory
Thanksgiving for all the Blessings Received

TUESDAY, Jan 10th

9:00am Peter Andersen + Vincent Tuong +

WEDNESDAY, Jan 11th

9:00am Vincent Nguyen + Maria Dinh +
Healing of Rodney Saymour

THURSDAY, Jan 12th

9:00am Vincent Nguyen + Maria Dinh +

FRIDAY, Jan 13th

9:00am Vincent Nguyen + Maria Dinh +

SATURDAY, Jan 14th

9:00am Thanksgiving for Lucio Rego + Souls in
Purgatory & in Honour of the Sorrows of Jesus

5:00pm (Available for Mass Intention)

We are accepting Mass Intentions though the office during the week

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The Catechism in a Year

[Click Here to Start](#)

Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

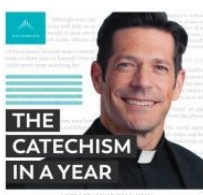
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A prayer for the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of Your
people for Your servant Benedict, who governed Your
Church with love.

In Your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted
to his care to the reward You have promised
Your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries
of Your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with You
for ever in heaven in Your wise and loving care, You
made Your servant teacher of all Your Church.

He did the work of Christ on earth.

May Your Son welcome him into eternal glory.

May Your servant whom You appointed high priest of
Your flock be counted now among the priests in the life
of Your kingdom.

Give Your servant the reward of eternal happiness
and let Your mercy win for us the gift of Your
life and love.

We entrust Your servant to Your mercy with faith and
confidence. In the human family he was an instrument
of Your peace and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with Your saints.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Source: [Vatican Media](#)

ALL ABOUT FAITH



Epiphany of the Lord solemnity (Jan 6 or First Sunday after Jan 1)

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new ruler would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

-My Catholic Life

**Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity
Prayer Service 2023
Sunday, January 22, 2023
4 p.m.**



**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 73 Simcoe St.
(at King St. W.), Toronto**

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches (GTACCC). All are welcome to attend in person.

PLEASE SEE THE POSTER:

<https://bit.ly/3GYgHYQ>

OR VISIT: www.archtoronto.org



**The Source with the
Sisters of Life
Thursday, January 26
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

St. Peter's Church
840 Bathurst St., Toronto
CENTRAL REGION

Join the Sisters of Life for an evening of prayer and fellowship. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in St. Peter's. Confessions will be available. From 8 to 9 p.m., we'll have refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall. We hope to see you there.

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God Revealed

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

-Luke 2:22-24

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Magi!



Magi! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for the Epiphany

[Children's Video](#)

**This Church in France
is Open Every Day ...
Thanks to a
Muslim Man**



Abdelkader Zennaf is one of the oldest inhabitants of his neighborhood. Just imagine: he has lived there for 73 years, in the house where his parents took up residence one year after their arrival from Algeria in 1948. It happens to be right in front of the neighborhood church.

He's always been familiar with the parish, not only because he can see the church's massive silhouette from his windows, but also because he attended activities there as a child. "My parents enrolled me in youth activities on Thursday afternoons," he recalls. "After the activities led by the priest (films, games, hikes...), we all attended catechism classes, including the Muslims. I remember being very impressed by the miracles of Jesus. I even participated in processions dedicated to the Virgin Mary."

[Read More Here](#)

**Does God Need
Me to Pray
for What I Need?**



When we are struggling spiritually or experiencing some physical suffering we can find ourselves asking the question; "Is God listening to my prayer?"

Since He already knows what we need before we even ask Him, should we just trust in His providence? Is it an either or?

Today Fr Mike encourages us with examples from scripture to highlight that we ought to both pray for what we need as well as trust that God hears our prayers and will respond according to His good will and pleasure.

[Watch Video Here](#)

How to Become a Better Father



In this episode of The Catholic Talk Show, the guys are joined by James Baxter from Exodus to discuss how Catholic Men can become better fathers.

[Watch Video Here](#)

**"The reason for our existence is to quench the thirst of Jesus.
When He asked for water, the soldier gave Him vinegar to drink—but His thirst was for
love, for souls, for you and me."**

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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