

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 2<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.  
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  
4:00pm The office is closed from  
12:00noon to 12:30pm

*Glorious Lamb of God, You have come and  
taken away the sins of the world through the  
sacrifice of Your sacred life on the Cross. Please  
help me to understand Who You are and all  
that You have done for me, especially every  
time I come to behold You and receive You in  
Holy Communion. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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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 parishioners of STA Parish,

The first reading of this Sunday (Isaiah 49.3,5-6) got me, especially the part that says, *"It is too small a thing that you should be my servant [...] I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth"*. Amazing privilege, isn't it? At times we imagine saints to be angels in human form or cloistered nuns and religious men who live outside the advanced world. On the contrary, the Lord has called you and me, as weak and sinful as we are, to be saints, that is, "sanctified in Christ Jesus". I do believe that holiness is not so much about what we accomplish, but rather who we are by God's gracious operation and our own responsible cooperation. For the Holy Spirit to transform us into the best version of our true selves, may be we simply need to surrender ourselves by confessing every blessed day, hour, and minute: *"Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will"* (Psalm 40).

God bless you!



## Blessed Sacrament's Candle and Flowers

By the kind generosity of  
Giuseppe and Rita Nudo  
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!

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

## 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 for Friday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

### Topic: Faith Formation!

7:00pm to 8:30pm in the parish hall; If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night.

Thank you in advance!

## Bible Study for Wednesday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>

### From 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 2: Shabbat

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/gdvZ9QoJQfk>

Or download "The Chosen" App

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.

## Visit us on Facebook by searching:

[St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Toronto](#) (or click on link)

## Visit us on Instagram by searching:

[staparishto](#) (or click on link)



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 14<sup>th</sup> to Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 2023

### SATURDAY, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

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

5:00pm (Available for Mass Intentions)

### SUNDAY, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00am *Franca Lombardi +*

10:30am (Available for Mass Intentions)

12:00pm *Joan Coral + & Derrick Hines +*

2:00pm (Available for Mass Intentions)

6:00pm (Available for Mass Intentions)

### MONDAY, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00am *Maria Madalena Ngu + All Souls in Purgatory*

### TUESDAY, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00am *Peter Andersen + Vincent Tuong + Antonio Annuncia Sebastiano + Michael Mongonerito +*

### WEDNESDAY, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00am *Healing of Rodney Saymour Vincent Nguyen + Maria Dinh + Lolita Montero + first year Death Anniversary Wedding Anniversary of Rodrigo and Floresita Montero Healing upon Maria Lidin Alvarado Rosalba Campos*

### THURSDAY, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00am *Denzil Stephens + Vincent Nguyen + Maria Dinh +*

### FRIDAY, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00am *Vincent Nguyen + Maria Dinh +*

### SATURDAY, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

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

5:00pm (Available for Mass Intentions)

We are accepting Mass Intentions though the office during the week

## AROUND STA AND THE COMMUNITY

### Catechism in a Year !



In 365 days, Fr. Mike Schmitz will read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, providing explanation, insight, and encouragement along the way.

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### The Bible in a Year is Back for 2023! La Biblia en un Año Está de Regreso!



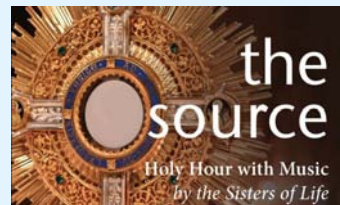
In The Bible in a Year podcast, you are guided through the **entire Bible** in 365 episodes. Using an exclusive reading plan rooted in The Bible Timeline (a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins) you won't just read the Bible ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!

**English**



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**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

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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**POSTER:** <https://bit.ly/TheSourceJan2023>



# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr (Jan 20)



Fabian's election to the papacy took place in a divinely inspired way. After the death of Pope Anterus, who served for only one year, Fabian, a layman, traveled from his farm to the city of Rome to attend the election of the new Bishop of Rome with the people and clergy. It is not known what status Fabian held in the Church as he traveled to Rome. Yet no one present even considered Fabian as a possible pope, since other far more noble churchmen were being considered. During the public discussions, however, all that changed. The fourth century Church historian, Eusebius, explains what happened next. "All of a sudden...a dove flew down from above and settled on his head as clear imitation of the descent of the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove upon the Savior; whereupon the whole people, as if moved by one divine inspiration, with all eagerness and with one soul cried out 'worthy,' and without more ado took him and placed him on the episcopal throne" (*Ecclesiastical History*). *Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove at His Baptism, it appears that the Father chose an unsuspecting farmer as His Son's new vicar on Earth.* Saint Fabian is also known for being a good administrator of the Church, who organized the Church into various districts with appointed leaders. He had a heart for evangelization and sent several bishops as missionaries to Christianize Gaul (present-day France). Lastly, like many other saints of his time, he stomped out heresy, working to preserve the pure and orthodox faith.

-My Catholic Life

## Newman Centre Faith & Reason Lecture Series Faith, Reason & Beauty

**Guest Speaker Prof. Randy Boyagoda  
Thursday, January 26 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Newman Centre Catholic Mission  
89 St. George St., Toronto

In this lecture, Professor Randy Boyagoda, argues that the great interest, in recent years, in horror movies is indicative of a suppressed but enduring desire for faith and beauty. Situating his discussion in the context of the Catholic intellectual tradition, Professor Boyagoda makes a case for how to best to cultivate an openness to the transcendent in mundane times.

**Tickets: \$30 for adults, \$15 for students - in person  
& \$20 for virtual attendance.**

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**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](http://www.archtoronto.org)



## Faith is Strength

But you, remain faithful to what you have learned  
and believed, because you know from whom you  
learned it.

-2 Timothy 3:14

## 3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

# LIVING YOUR FAITH

## Jesus is Baptized



The Baptism of the Lord for kids!

[Children's Video](#)

## If God Loves Everyone, Why Doesn't Everyone Go to Heaven?



"If not everyone is going to heaven, then I don't want to be there." Is this sentiment honorable? Or misguided? Fr. Mike addresses the mystery of heaven and hell and gets to the core of what it means to be with God... or without Him.

[Watch Video Here](#)

## Answering The Most Googled Questions About Catholicism



In this episode of The Catholic Talk Show, the guys answer the most searched questions about Catholicism.

In this episode, we will discuss:

- Why Do Catholics Eat Fish On Fridays?
- Why Do Catholics Confess To A Priest?
- Why Do Catholics Do The Sign Of The Cross?
- Why Do Catholics Pray For The Dead?
- And much more

[Watch Video](#)

## At Funeral, Pope Francis Remembers Benedict's 'Wisdom, Tenderness, Devotion'



Pope Francis presided over the Mass and Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, dean of the College of Cardinals, was the main celebrant at the altar. Some 120 cardinals, another 400 bishops and 3,700 priests concelebrated. The vestments and stoles were red in keeping with the color of mourning for deceased popes.

[Read More Here](#)

**"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."**

*St. Gregory Nazianzen*

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