

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 29th, 2022 | 4th 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.
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meses de anticipación.

WEDDINGS - BODAS

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advance. Llamar a la oficina con **un**
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CATECHISM & RCIA

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(Baptism, First Communion &
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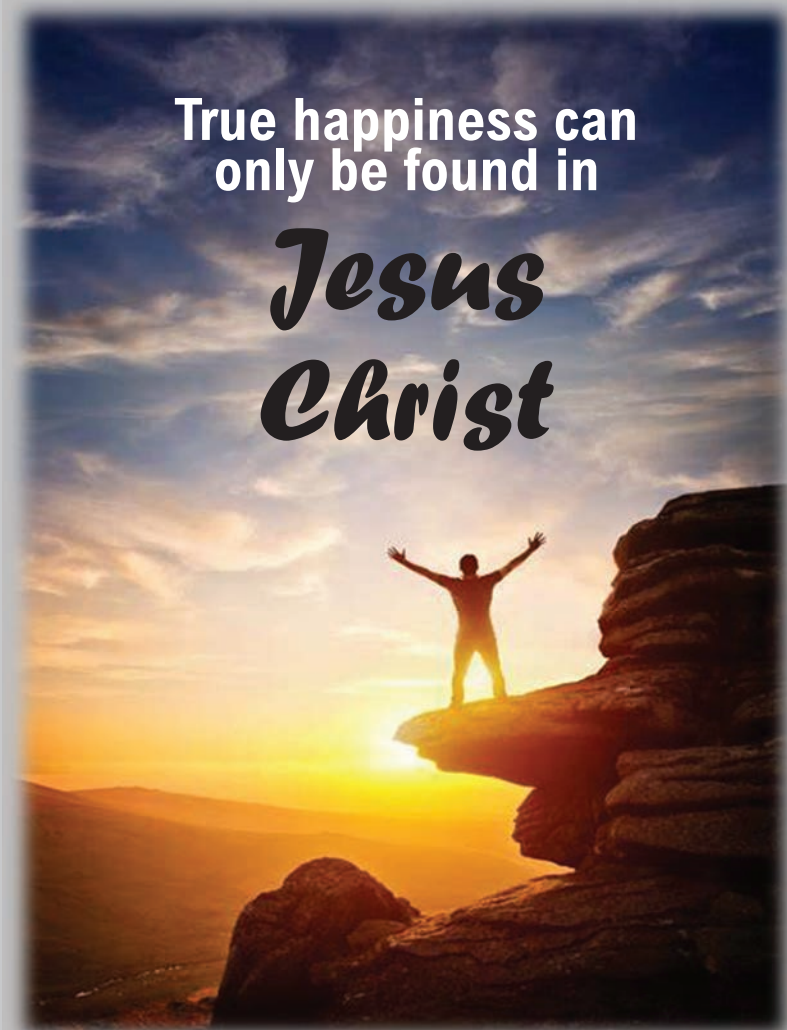
Please call the office for visits or
Communion visitations to the sick.

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



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,

Just recently, I dusted a small book which I received as gift some five years ago. Despite the catchy title, *Unleash the Magnet in You. The Ultimate Challenge*, I never really gave it any chance. But now that I have, I am beginning to realize what I have been missing. The Gospel reading of today (Matthew 5.1-12) presents what could be considered the *ultimate challenge* for Christians today: *Blessedness* or, better, *Happiness*. What makes happy? How could a believer be truly blessed? At the surface, Jesus' answer does not seem to meet our expectations. The list sounds more like losses than gains, doesn't it? Nonetheless, I would encourage, and even, challenge you to go home, find a quiet moment, pray, and read the beatitudes again. But there are two conditions: First, you need to deeply desire to be happy, and secondly, as you read, you must open the ears of your heart to the God of the word. May the Lord fill your heart with His love and peace during this week.

Amen!



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Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.

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.**

New Office E-mail Address!

stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org

This Weekend, Jan 28/29 Altar Servers' Appreciation Weekend

We will be celebrating our Altar Servers at all the Masses, followed by sharing in hall. All are welcome

Marriage Sunday - February 11/12

We invite and encourage couples who wish to renew their marriage vows within the Mass to register at our parish office not later than Friday, February 4th.

Youth Ministry for Friday, Feb 03rd Topic: Music And Talent Night!

7pm to 8:30pm in the parish hall; refreshments will be provided. 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, Feb 08th From 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 3: Jesus Loves the Little Children
YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/RLhAd3rrBJs>
Or download "The Chosen" App

Please bring along your Bibles, Catechism, and notebook.

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.

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.

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ALL ABOUT FAITH



The Presentation of the Lord (Feb 02)

At the heart of this celebration is the encounter of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child in the Temple. It is in that holy encounter that Jesus' divinity is manifested by a human prophet for the first time. At His birth, the angels proclaimed His divinity to the shepherds,

but in the Temple, Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Savior of the World. He also prophesied that this salvation would be accomplished by a sword of sorrow that would pierce the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Anna, a prophetess, also came forward and "gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). Thus, these ritual acts were also a moment in which Jesus' divine mission was made manifest to the world.

Ponder, today, your soul being the new temple of the Lord, and acknowledge your need to be purified and offered to the Father in Heaven. As Christ continues to enter into the temple of your soul, pray that He will shine forth for others to see so that, like Simeon and Anna, they will encounter our Lord within you.

-My Catholic Life



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
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Online Winter Women's Discernment Group For women Ages 18-29

From **Tuesday February 28 - March 28, 2023.**

The Office of Vocations is offering a weekly **Online Discernment Group** for **single women aged 18-29.**

They will be journeying with the book "**Pray, Decide, and Don't Worry**" by **Fr. Mike Schmitz.**

Books can be purchased through the Office of Vocation for \$10. Meetings will run from 7-9pm

[Register Here](#)



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen

Sunday, February 12 – 2:30 p.m.
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond St., Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples



Word Became Flesh

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

- John 1:14

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Don't Worry



Animated Children's Bible Stories

[Children's Video](#)

Pope: The Word of God Calls to Conversion, Heals, Raises Up



At the Mass on Sunday of the Word of God, Pope Francis says the Word of God is for everyone, leading us to conversion, and making us heralds of the Good News of God's boundless love for all.

[Read More or Watch Video Here](#)

God Made You for Happiness Chris Stefanick Show



Contrary to popular belief, Jesus did not say, "I came to make them boring." Instead, He wants us to live life to the fullest. Dive into the heart and soul of what it means to be Catholic with Chris Stefanick and his guests.

[Watch Video Here](#)

What Is Humility? Hint: It's NOT Thinking Worse About Yourself



Today, Fr. Mark-Mary defines what the virtue of humility is, as the antidote to pride and how we can grow in it and wrestle with it.

[Short Video](#)

Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways.

Pope John Paul II

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