

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



February 12th, 2023 | 6th 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

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CATECHISM & RCIA

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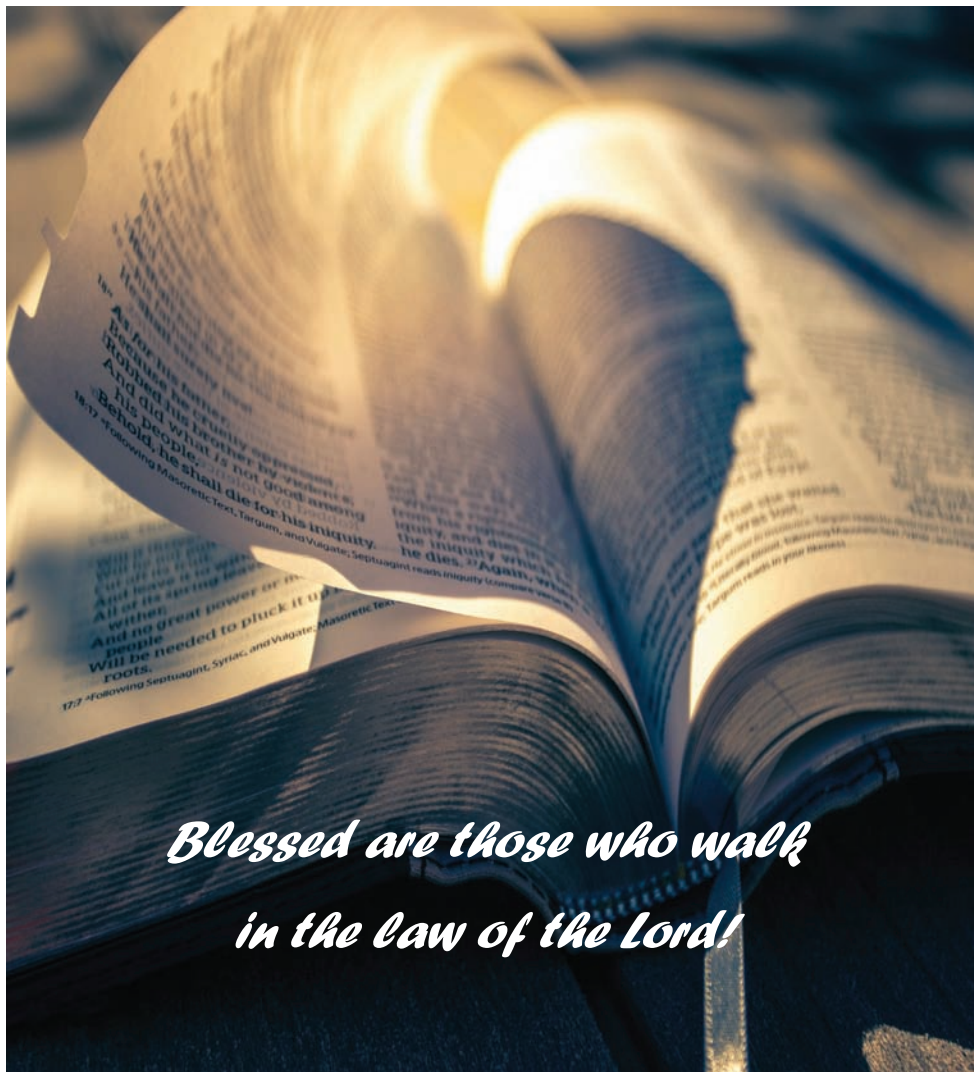
Please call the office for visits or
Communion visitations to the sick.

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



*Blessed are those who walk
in the law of the Lord!*

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ALL ABOUT FAITH

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order—February 17



Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene, and Buonagiunta were seven successful cloth merchants from Florence, Italy. As members of a lay organization dedicated to the Blessed Mother, they were each devout in their faith. Their comradeship, centered around their faith, not only united them more fully to God, but also to each other with a holy bond and a holy mission. Around the year 1233, it is reported that all seven of these devout men individually experienced an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, calling them to withdraw from the world and to devote themselves entirely to the service of God. They obeyed, and on September 8, the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, they gave up their careers and property and moved into a dilapidated house outside the city wall. They embraced the mendicant life of begging, poverty, and prayer. Many were drawn to them and found in them men of wisdom and virtue. As a result, they received many requests for spiritual counsel and moral guidance.

United as one in Christ, each individual was strengthened and the fruitfulness of their labors grew exponentially. You, too, are called to holiness and to a holiness that unites you with others who share your mission. Pray to God that you will be able to follow the example of these holy men by joining with those whom God has put in your life to strengthen your faith and expand the mission you have been given.

—My Catholic Life



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](#)

Reflecting on Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Sacred Heart and Social Justice

Jesus draws on the Old Testament to remind us of the two great commandments of love: "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39) On the cross itself, the compassionate love of the heart of Jesus reaches out to console the criminal crucified with him. (Luke 23:39-43) It is not a love that is restricted to some safe place of religious piety: the love of the heart of Jesus encompassed the most marginalized in his society, symbolized by the lepers he healed. It is a practical love represented by the shrewd practicality of the Good Samaritan, who knew what to do to really help the man lying wounded at the side of the road. (Luke 10:33-35). The Sacred Heart statues with outstretched hands challenge us to care for those most in need.

[Read More](#)



Simple Rules

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

- Matthew 22:37

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

The Story of St. Valentine



Animated Children's Bible Stories

[Children's Video](#)

Pope grieving for victims of quakes in Turkey and Syria



Pope Francis is saddened by the huge loss of life caused by earthquakes in Turkey and in Syria. His words of closeness and assurances of prayers came in telegrams sent to the apostolic nuncios of the countries.

[Read More or Watch Video Here](#)

Virtue in a Modern World



"Virtue is the most direct path to attaining true happiness."

Andrew Whitmore

[Read More Here](#)

Are You a "Child of God"?



When we're baptized, we become adopted sons or daughters of God. We become "children of God". So... does that mean we aren't children of God before that? And if we aren't... what are we?

Today, Fr. Mike explains to us how baptism makes us "partners in the divine nature", so that we can truly call God our Father.

[Short Video](#)

"Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."

-Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

The readings of today remind us of something technically called *the fundamental natural moral law*, that is, "Do good and avoid evil", or, "Do and continue doing good; discontinue and avoid doing evil". It appears obvious, doesn't it? Indeed! But, I think what is not obvious is why we naturally find it easier to do evil in order to achieve "good", and resist a superior good so as to stay in our comfort zones. I can affirm with full guarantee that, one of the greatest treasures of our Christian faith is that it is founded on Truth (with the capital letter "T"); and, it is only in harmony with this Truth that goodness, beauty and unity acquire their fullest meaning. Indeed, "blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord" (Psalm 119.1) May the Lord fill your heart with his Truth, Goodness, Love, Peace, and Joy during this week. Amen!



Blessed Sacrament's Candle and Flowers

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Thank you and God bless you.
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.**

Our heartfelt **congratulations** to all those who are married, especially those who have shared their milestone with our parish Community. May your love continue to blossom like flowers in spring. Amen.

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory and tour of the Ice Hotel in Montreal on **March 18/19, 2023**. Cost is \$245. For more information, contact Edith at 416-420-5185.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2023 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

Youth Ministry for Friday, Feb 17th

Topic: Games and Trivia 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 22nd From 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 3: YouTube Video:

Or download "The Chosen" App
Please bring along your Bibles, Catechism,
and notebook.

Parish Financial Statement

Next weekend, we shall be sharing our parish financial statement for the year 2022. Please stay tuned.

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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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Feb 11th to Feb 18th 2023

SATURDAY, Feb 11th

9:00am + Juanita & Ismael Villaflor, + Nelson Lim

5:00pm + Jim McCallum

SUNDAY, Feb 12th

9:00am + Pasquale Teresa & Mario Nudo / + Francesco & Ida Tortera / + Mario Toter & Antonio Greco / In memory of + Peter Gallion's 4th death anniversary

10:30am (available for intentions)

12:00pm (available for intentions)

2:00pm Descanso del alma de + Esteban Sandino, + Carlos Lopez Solis, +Francisca Graciela Gutierrez / Por la salud de Hipolita Medrano, Heide Park, Gina Pinargo le, Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Andrew Copen Sandino, Graciela Scarleth Conde, Jorge Lopez, Daria Dalsass / *Repose of the soul of + Florencio Perez*

6:00pm + Merlyn Stephens

MONDAY, Feb 13th

9:00am + Blake McPhail / + Maria Madalena Ngu & all souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, Feb 14th

9:00am + Ron Edwards / + Peter Andersen & + Vincent Tuong

WEDNESDAY, Feb 15th

9:00am + Emilia Amorim / + Gioan Baotixita Dinh & + Maria Ngo

THURSDAY, Feb 16th

9:00am + Merlyn Stephens's death anniversary & + Denzil Stephens / + Vincent Nguyen and + Maria Dinh

FRIDAY, Feb 17th

9:00am + Francois Felicite / + Vincent Nguyen & + Maria Dinh

SATURDAY, Feb 18th

9:00am *Repose of the soul of Domenico Rutigliano, + Zofia and Stanislaus Misko & + Florencio Perez/ Healings of Mary Wahba, Heide Park, Gina Pinargote / Birthday blessings upon Sienna Rose Rutigliano Ianuzzi, Rebeca Isabel Peña Monge and Julian*

5:00pm + Joan Stephens

We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS CONTINUED

OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Parking space is available on the south side of our Church, in front of the school gym
- We ask parishioners to kindly return their palms from last year for this year's Ash Wednesday.

2023 LENTEN SCHEDULE

- 1) Ash Wednesday and Distribution of Ashes: February 22, at 9am & 7pm.
- 2) Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is available every Friday during Lent, from 6:30pm to 6:50pm.
- 3) Evening Mass will be celebrated every Friday during Lent at 7pm
- 4) Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays at 7:30pm.
- 5) **5-minutes** Lenten Reflection on the **5 Precepts of the Catholic Church** every Sunday after the Concluding Prayer.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Join us for a **Parish Family Day Movie Night** on **Sunday, February 19th, 2023 from 3:15 pm to 5:15 pm**. We will be watching *Jesus Lead Among Us—God with Us (Animated)*. To participate, please indicate the number of participants from your household, cut off this section and drop it in the sacristy. Your snack donation is greatly appreciated!

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