

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



March 12th, 2023 | Third Sunday of Lent

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

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.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR Fr. Peter Paul C.C.E.

CHURCH HOURS

The church is open Mondays to Fridays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturdays
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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

Jesus says to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water" (John 4.10). The Holy Spirit is the Father's best Gift and Jesus Christ obtains It for us. In your prayer, what do you ask of the Lord? Amen.

3rd Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

**Live the Gospel by helping
our vulnerable brothers and sisters**

ShareLife Sunday is March 26 and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Installation of Archbishop Leo and Final Sunday Mass for Cardinal Collins

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on **Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Central Region on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Blessed Trinity Parish in Toronto**. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

Youth Ministry for Friday, March 17th

Topic: Music Night

8pm to 9pm in the parish hall after the Stations of the Cross; 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!

St. Joseph's Feast Day

You are welcome to join us for a Solemn Mass (trilingual) in honour of St. Joseph on **Monday, March 20th, 2023 at 7:00 PM.**

**Bible Study for Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023
From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 5:
The Wedding Gift**

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

PARISH FUNDRAISING MEAL

Jewish Seder vis-a-viz Christian Eucharist

When: **Saturday, 25th March – 6:30pm.**
Tickets are available in the parish office and after each weekend mass in the hall. Cost is \$30 for adults & \$15 for children under 12.

Note: Our main hall can only take a limited number!

Divine Mercy Sunday Pilgrimage

Stockbridge, Massachusetts, USA
April 14-17, 2023

\$395 per person - 4 persons in a room
Please contact Edith at 416-420-5185

English and Spanish Copies of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** are available for sale in the Parish Office. The cost is \$15.

FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT:

Confessions is available at 6:30 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass & Stations of the Cross (Trilingual) at 7:30 pm

SUNDAYS DURING LENT:

5-minutes Reflection on the 5 Precepts of the Catholic Church at the end of each Sunday Mass.



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

March 11th to March 18th 2023

SATURDAY, March 11th

9:00 am Healing of Otto Rivera & Maria Arcadia de Meza
5:00 pm + Gerald Duncan, + Joe Carreiro & + Alberto Rivero

SUNDAY, March 12th

9:00 am Birthday blessings upon Letty Campos
10:30 am + Frank Perri, + Pietro & Maria Toter, + Pasquale & Teresa Nudo
12:00 pm Birthday blessings upon Mathew Duncan
2:00 pm All Priests living and deceased
6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, March 13th

9:00 am + Maria Madalena Ngu & all souls in purgatory / + Flor de Gonzalez, + Ada & Alfonso Mendicino, Birthday blessings upon Florecita Gonzalez

TUESDAY, March 14th

9:00 am + Maria Vu & Vincent Long / Birthday blessings upon Giselle Monge

WEDNESDAY, March 15th

9:00 am + Peter Andersen & Vincent Tuong / + Marcrina, Jose, & Bernardo Lepana

THURSDAY, March 16th

9:00 am + Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh / + Maria Cristina Duran, + Margarita Escobar / Birthday blessings upon Isabela Sofia Alvarez / + Timothy Ian Francis Alvarez

FRIDAY, March 17th

9:00 am + Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh / + Irene Bone, + Maria Magdalena de Flamenco / Birthday blessings upon Rocio Reyna, Ana Dolores Rivera
7:00 pm Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

SATURDAY, March 18th

9:00 am + Arturo Gonzalez, Sr. / Birthday blessings upon Arturito Gonzalez Moz, Camila Gotlik & Ruben Garcia
5:00pm Repentance, confession, conversion, unity and peace in the world

We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week

PREPARATION FOR EASTER CELEBRATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Schools

- Tuesday March 28th – 10:00am D'Arcy McGee
- Wednesday March 29th – 10:00am St Thomas Aquinas

Parish Reconciliation

- Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) 6:30pm to 6:50pm
- Friday, 31 March, 6:00pm to 6:50pm

Palm Sunday Celebration

- Saturday, April 1 – 5:00 pm English
- Sunday, April 2 – 9:00am English | 10:30am Italian | 12:00pm English | 2:00 pm Spanish | 6:00pm English

EASTER TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023 - 7:00 pm- Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the feet (Trilingual)
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Until 12:00am (midnight)



GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023 - 3:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)
5:00 pm – Stations of the Cross at STA School Yard (Trilingual)
7:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Trilingual)



EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY

April 8, 2023 – Easter Vigil – 8:00pm
April 9, 2023 – Resurrection of the Lord
 9:00 am English
 10:30 am Italian 12:00 pm English
 2:00 pm Spanish 6:00 pm English

ALL ABOUT FAITH

Saint Patrick, Bishop—March 17



Patrick was born in Roman-ruled Britain to loving parents, perhaps as an only child. His father was a senator and a deacon, and his grandfather was a married priest. Despite his Christian upbringing and the clerical influences of his father and grandfather, Patrick struggled with his faith, stating later that when he was young he “did not know the true God.” This testimony, and the quotes to follow, come from his own hand, preserved in his *Confessio*, Saint Patrick’s short autobiographical confession about the workings of God’s grace in his life and ministry. During the fewer than thirty years that Patrick evangelized the people of Ireland, he endured many hardships, including another short captivity, the constant danger of being killed, and staunch opposition from the druid spiritual leaders. But he also converted countless pagans, baptized and confirmed “so many thousands,” built churches, established religious life, ordained native clergy, and changed pagan Ireland as a whole into one of the greatest Catholic nations on earth.

As we honor Saint Patrick, seek to imitate him by joining him in his initial humiliation. See your sins and pray that God purifies you by any means necessary. Convert your heart. Increase your daily prayer. Allow your heart to become inflamed by God’s Spirit. Say “Yes” to Him when He calls, and go where He sends you. Like Saint Patrick, God wants to send you on a mission, but He cannot do so until you fully convert your heart to His.

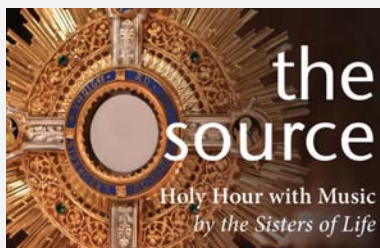
Saint Patrick, you were captured and made a slave. God used that captivity to change your heart and draw you to Himself. Once converted, you chose to become a holy slave of Christ, bringing His saving message to a hostile and pagan land. Please pray for me, that I may imitate your conversion and place myself at the service of the will of God. Saint Patrick, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.
- My Catholic Life



Reflecting on the Stations of the Cross is an exercise in imaginative prayer. They call us to think of more than how Jesus sacrificed himself for our sins: In praying the stations we imagine ourselves walking with Jesus on this journey. We then link our reflection to whatever is going on in our lives today. On our journey we experience both joy, days of stress, and possibly terrible suffering. As members of families and communities we are witnesses to the joys and sufferings of others. Thinking of Jesus on the way to his unjust execution can lead to reflection on his care for the millions throughout the world who lack basic human needs such as clean water, sufficient food, or fundamental human rights.

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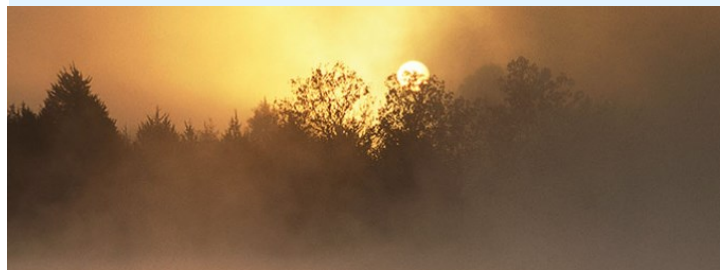
The Source with the Sisters of Life



Thursday, March 23, 2023 07:00 PM -09:00 PM
St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street, Toronto

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

[Find Out More Here](#)



Seeking Justice

For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

— James 2:26

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

The Woman at the Well



Animated Bible Story

[Children's Video](#)

I love; therefore, I fast



Lent will be a wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it. And we will give ourselves to it if we want it badly enough. We need to prepare our hearts. We can do so by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing.

Preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing a sense of anticipation. If I imagine Lent as an “ordeal” or a time I dread in some way, then I’ve already predisposed myself to not get very much out of it. Lent is a time to anticipate something wonderful that is about to happen.

[Read More](#)

12 Great Lenten Reads from Dr. Sri to Dante



Lent is a great time to do some reading and spiritual reflection. But what should we read? Here’s a list of possibilities that will supercharge your Lent. I have tried to provide a list of uncommon recommendations and to give a number of books so there’s something for everyone. The list is divided into brief devotional booklets, studies of themes related to Lent, and classic works.

[Find Out More Here](#)

What Does God Think of You?



If you’re struggling due to distractions and discouragements, take heart because God wants to remind you that you are his son or daughter—and he is not giving up on you. You didn’t do anything wrong. Trust God. He is here with you.

[Short Video](#)

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

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