

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



April 2nd, 2023 | Holy Week

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

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(Baptism, First Communion &
Confirmation), please contact the
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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.



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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
from 8:00am to 6:00 pm and Sundays 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

**From Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday, the Church will stay open from 7:30am until
after the evening liturgies.**

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I encourage you to reflect on why this week is called *Holy Week*. We know that every other week is holy and sanctified by the Lord, yet there is something exceptional about these last seven days of Lent. Do you know what it is? If you are now thinking of the palms, the hosanna, the donkey, the singing, the long readings, the massive turnout, etc., sorry, it is way more than that! Here is a hint that will enable us to live our victory everyday. Happy Palm Sunday and do experience a transformative Holy Week. Amen.

Palm Sunday April 2, 2023

Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

Thank you so much for your generous support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need. So far, we have collected the amount of \$12,740 towards our 2023 campaign target of \$25,700.

Bible Study for Wednesday, April 5, 2023 From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

**Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 6:
"Indescribable Compassion"**

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

Needs of the Holy Land Special Collection on Good Friday, April 7

The collection for Good Friday is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our parish would not be taking Mass intentions for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Thank you for your understanding!

Special Collection for Maintenance of the Church

April 15/16 weekend will be our first special collection for funds to be directed toward the renovation of our Church entrance, wheelchair ramps and rectory roof repairs. As we are already excited for our parish's major event—100th anniversary (by year 2026), we are encouraging parishioners and friends to kindly give generously towards the named projects. Thank you so much and may you be abundantly remunerated by the Lord.



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

April 1st to April 8th 2023

SATURDAY, April 1st

9:00 am Circle of Prayers / + Berta Preciosa Alves Domingues / + First year death anniversary of +Teresa de Jesus Cornejo / Second year death anniversary of + Jorge Calle / + Angel Francisco Martinez /

Thanksgiving for Legion of Mary

5:00 pm + Heidi Park, + Darlin Conrad, + Florencia Perez & + Sebastian Milano

PALM SUNDAY, April 2nd

9:00 am (available for intentions)

10:30 am + Frank Perri

12:00 pm (available for intentions)

2:00 pm Descanso del alma de + Any J. Orellana, Bendiciones para Carlos Felipe Gonzalez y Leslie Leyton, Jason y Jessica, Kevin Morales, Sonia Miranda y Juan Claudio Morales / Alejandra Aguilar por la recuperacion de su operacion

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

HOLY MONDAY, April 3rd

9:00 am + Vincent Nguyen & + Maria Dinh / Repose of the soul of + Maria Julia de Meza & +Gloria Meza /

Birthday blessings upon Alicia Isabella Meza & Alejandra Fuentes

11:00 am Funeral Mass for Angela Samsa

HOLY TUESDAY, April 4th

8:00 am + Maria Ivona Lukovska / For the death anniversary of + Antonio Di Cosola / + Vincent Nguyen & + Maria Dinh / + Tadeusz, + Gienek, + Kyrstyna, + Janina, + Alvira & + Carmen

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 5th

9:00 am + Vincent Nguyen & + Maria Dinh / + Giovanni Banchi / +Lauren Gopaul-Roldan, + Maria Rosa Dalsass, +Vivi, +Ram

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6th

7:00 pm Institution of the Holy Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th

3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8th

No Mass in the Morning

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week



Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 118:26

Holy Week Schedule

APRIL 3	HOLY MONDAY 9:00 am Mass
APRIL 4	HOLY TUESDAY 8:00 am Mass
APRIL 5	HOLY WEDNESDAY 9:00 am Mass 7: 00 pm Bible Study
APRIL 6	HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet (Trilingual) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 am (midnight)
APRIL 7	GOOD FRIDAY 8: 00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 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)
APRIL 8	HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8:00 pm Easter Vigil (Trilingual)
APRIL 9	EASTER SUNDAY Resurrection of the Lord Mass times: 9:00 am, 10:30 am (Italian), 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm (Spanish) & 6:00 pm

ALL ABOUT FAITH

Prayer Meditation for Good Friday

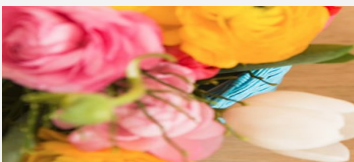


My Most Glorious and Suffering Lord, it is Your Hour. It is the Hour by which You conquered sin and death. It is the Hour for which You came into this world, taking on flesh so as to offer Your precious life for the salvation of the world. May I be with You, dear Lord, in these moments of suffering and death. May I, like Your Mother, John and Mary Magdalene, stand at the foot of the Cross, gazing upon the perfect Gift of Love.

My suffering Lord, may I see in Your Cross the most perfect act ever known in this world. May I see Love in its most pure form. May my eyes and soul look beyond the blood and pain and see Your Divine Heart, pouring forth Mercy upon me and upon the whole world.

Today I kneel in silent adoration of You, my God. I sit quietly, beholding the great mystery of our faith. I behold God, beaten, bruised, mocked, tortured and killed. But in this act, I see all grace and Mercy flowing from Your wounded Heart. Bathe the world in Your Mercy, dear Lord. Cover us with Your grace and draw us to new life through Your death. I love You, dear Lord. I love You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

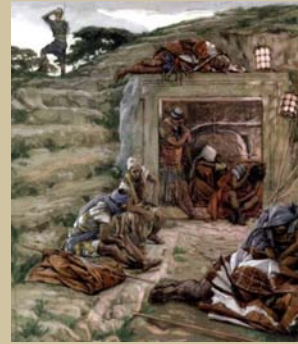
Be Fearless, Be Joyful, Be Renewed: Living the Spirit of Easter



Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.

[Read Devotion Here](#)

Prayer Meditation for Holy Saturday



My Lord, today all is silent. You have given Your precious life for the salvation of the world. You died a horrific death, poured out all Mercy from Your wounded Heart, and now You rest in peace in the tomb as the soldiers keep vigil.

Lord, may I also keep vigil with You as You sleep. I know that this day ends with Your glorious triumph, Your victory over sin and death. But for now I sit quietly mourning Your death.

Help me, dear Lord, to enter into the sorrow and the silence of this Holy Saturday. Today no Sacraments are celebrated. Today the world waits in mourning in anticipation of the glory of new life!

[Read Devotion Here](#)



Glimmers of God

But, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, "Be holy because I [am] holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Good Friday



Animated Bible Story

[Children's Video](#)

Did Christ Really Have to Suffer?



What makes the Cross redemptive is not the fact that punishment was inflicted on an innocent victim or that God's anger was appeased. Rather, at the heart of the saving power of the Cross is Christ's unique and total gift of himself in love. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "It is love 'to the end' (John 13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (CCC 616).

Indeed, Christ's gift of love on Calvary is utterly unique in human history, far surpassing what any ordinary human could do. Because he is fully human, Jesus can represent the human family and offer an act of love to the Father on our behalf. Because Jesus is also fully divine, his act of love takes on infinite value and can bridge the gap between us and God that was caused by our sin.

[Read More](#)

"So What Happens Now? My New Life After the Resurrection" with Fr. Michael Corpus



Saturday, April 15, 2023 08:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Blessed Trinity Church,
3220 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

As the long journey through Lent finally comes to an end and Easter dawns upon us, we can so quickly move onto the ordinary once again. There is new life found in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we are called into the light. Join in this retreat, as Fr. Michael Corpus shares his wisdom on resisting the ordinary and striving for excellence in the Easter Season.

[Register Here](#)

The Shocking Reality of the Eucharist



Fr. Mike discusses the greatest gift God has ever given man: himself. Christ offered his body at the Last Supper, he sacrificed it on the Cross, and he continues to give himself to us at each and every Mass. Fr. Mike explains the shocking reality of what it means to eat Jesus' body and drink Jesus' blood. This flesh, the Incarnate Word of God, redeemed the world. His body and blood are what save our fallen human nature and they are what give us life. This miracle, occurring each time we go to Mass, gives us an opportunity to partake in redemption, unite with our Savior, and live a sacramental life.

[Short Video](#)

"While the world changes, the Cross stands firm."

– St. Bruno

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