

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



April 9th, 2023 | Easter Sunday

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

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call the office.
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meses de anticipación.

WEDDINGS - BODAS

Please contact the office **one year** in
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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.

The Lord is truly risen,
Alleluia!



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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PASTOR Fr. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118). On behalf of Fr. Peter and the entire staff of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, I wish you and your loved ones a joy-filled Easter Sunday. Christ is Risen; Truly He is Risen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

"Questo è il giorno che il Signore ha fatto; rallegriamoci ed esultiamo" (Salmo 118). A nome di don Pietro e di tutto il personale della Parrocchia di San Tommaso d'Aquino, auguro a voi e ai vostri cari una buona Pasqua, piena di gioia. Cristo è risorto, è veramente risorto. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

"Este es el día que ha hecho el Señor; alegrémonos y regocijémonos" (Salmo 118). En nombre del Padre Peter y de todo el personal de la Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino, les deseo a ustedes y a sus seres queridos un Domingo de Pascua llena de alegría. Cristo ha resucitado; verdaderamente ha resucitado. Aleluya, Aleluya, Aleluya.

Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord April 9, 2023

Show your love by giving to ShareLife

Jesus' love for us invites us to give to others, especially those most in need. ShareLife agencies continue to support the most vulnerable in our community through services that are only possible through your kind and generous donations.

Thank you for your 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. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. A blessed Easter to you all!

Youth Ministry for Friday, April 14, 2023 Topic: Faith Formation Night

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm 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!

Bible Study for Wednesday, April 19, 2023 From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 7:
"Invitations"

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

Welcome Archbishop Frank Leo



The pastors and parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas Parish congratulate Archbishop Frank Leo on the occasion of his appointment as our new Chief Shepherd. As we welcome you, we also assure you of our prayers and best wishes!

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 after 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.

THANK YOU! MUCHAS GRACIAS! GRAZIE MILLE!

Our Seder Fundraising Meal was a success: A resounding applause to the members of our Parish Social Committee for their generous gift of time and talent to the success of our Seder Meal debut. The same appreciation goes to all those who contributed monetarily and assisted physically. Thanks to your support, we raised the amount of \$2,300 towards our centenary parish renovation projects. Thank you so much and God bless you. We look forward to the 2024 Seder Meal!

Special Collection for Maintenance of the Church

April 15/16 weekend will be our second 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!

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

The parish office is closed on Easter Monday, April 10th, 2023. Thank you for understanding!



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

April 8th to April 15th 2023

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8th

8:00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9th

9:00 am +Denzil Stephens / +Ruth Paria /

40 days since the passing of +Marcelo San Mateo

10:30 am (available for intentions)

12:00 pm +Maria Bagnoli

2:00 pm Descanso del alma de +Angel Francisco Martinez, +Carlos A. Menjivar, +Carlos Alberto Recinos, Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Santiago Marquez

6:00 pm Healing for Siena / +Giovanni Guadagnolo

EASTER MONDAY, April 10th

9:00 am +Maria Madalena Ngu and all souls in purgatory / Repose of the soul of +Eusebia, & +Amelia Arce, & +Maria Luisa / Birthday blessings upon Maria Delia Avalos / +Rodolfo Morla / +Escolastico Palomo

EASTER TUESDAY, April 11th

9:00 am +Grazia, +Domenico, +Francesco, +Nicola, +Nunziata, +Vincenzo / +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong / +Julia Tejada Choto/ Birthday blessings upon Rosita Emilia de Tejada

EASTER WEDNESDAY, April 12th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / +Porfirio Guimaraes / +Maria Isabel, + Maria de los Angeles & +Maria Paula Rodriguez / Birthday blessings upon Maria de Dolores de Arevalo

EASTER THURSDAY, April 13th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / +Guillermo Turcios, +Celina Ramirez de Moran, +Carlos Antonio Moran

EASTER FRIDAY, April 14th

9:00 am Repose of the soul of +Maria Elena, +Jose Denis & +Jose Antonio Elias/ Birthday blessings upon Ana Celia de Chacon

EASTER SATURDAY, April 15th

9:00 am +Domenico Rutigliano, +Chizo Eucharía Ezeudu, +Rev. Fr. Miro / Thanksgiving for the healing of George, Nicola, Victor and Paolino

2:30 pm Baptism of Amara Smith-Jeffrey

5:00pm For the intentions of Patricia De Maria / +Jose Cabral, +Gloria Sousa & +Alfredo Sousa

We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week



I want to heartily thank all our parishioners for participating so actively and generously during the last Easter festivities. A special thank you to our amazing volunteers who offer us their stewardship of time and talent in such an untiring and exemplary manner. Thumbs up to each and every one of you. More power to your elbows!

-Father Patrick

Voglio ringraziare di cuore tutti i nostri parrocchiani per aver partecipato così attivamente e generosamente alle ultime festività pasquali. Un ringraziamento speciale va ai nostri straordinari volontari che ci offrono il loro tempo e il loro talento in modo così instancabile ed esemplare. Complimenti! Sempre avanti così!!

-Padre Patrick

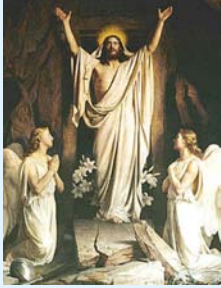
Quiero agradecer de corazón a todos nuestros feligreses su participación tan activa y generosa durante las pasadas fiestas de Pascua. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestros increíbles voluntarios que nos ofrecen su tiempo y talento de una manera tan incansable y ejemplar. ¡Felicidades y sigamos siempre así!

-Padre Patrick



ALL ABOUT FAITH

Prayer Meditation for Easter Octave



Halleluia! All glory, praise and honor to You, Most Glorious Lord Jesus! You have risen from the grave, You have conquered sin and death, You have opened the gates to Heaven! Halleluia! All praise and honor to You, Most Glorious Lord Jesus!

My Lord, hope is restored, joy and excitement are instilled in many hearts as You quietly, gently and gloriously rise from the dead and bring forth new life for this fallen world. Sweet Jesus, give me the eyes of faith that I may see and believe in Your Resurrection. Help me to know the effects of Your triumph in my life. As I come to know You, my resurrected Lord, help me to entrust to You all that I am and all that I hope to be. Help me to trust in the abundant Mercy that flows from Your resurrected soul.

Dear Lord, help me to enter deeply into the mystery of Easter during this eight day celebration of the Octave of Easter. I pray that every day of this Octave will be a day of deepening trust and union with You in the glory of Your Resurrection.

Lord of Mercy, as our Church prepares for the glorious celebration of Mercy, poured out in a special way on the eighth day of this Octave on Divine Mercy Sunday, help me to open my heart more deeply than ever before to the abundance of Grace and Mercy You wish to bestow. Pour forth Your Mercy into my life and into the lives of all Your children. I offer You my family, friends, community and the entire world. I pray for the faithful, the sinner, the lost and confused, the clergy, our Holy Father and all of Your precious children. May we all anticipate, with eager hope, the abundance of grace You wish to dispense.

-My Catholic Life

What the Saints Say About Easter



Easter is the feast of all feasts, as the saints have proclaimed throughout the ages. Easter is the great cause for rejoicing because it is the promise of eternal life fulfilled. Jesus our Lord and Savior has broken the bonds of death and restored us to life. Saints have broadcast the message unceasingly, from past to present centuries.

"Christ's resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life." — St. John Paul II, 1996

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New Beginnings Online Bereavement Introductory Program



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Date & Time: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint and time will be allocated for questions and group discussion.

[Register Here](#)



One with God

"The Father and I are one."

John 10:30

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

The Resurrection: Easter Story



Animated Bible Story

[Children's Video](#)

"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 Mission of the Resurrection



For forty days Jesus stayed among the people, until he was taken up to heaven in a cloud. During this time, he laid the foundations for his church to continue his presence and work on earth. He gave final instructions to his twelve handpicked apostles, the patriarchs of this new extended family of God. He taught them how to interpret the Scriptures and preach. He breathed his Spirit into them, confirmed their authority to forgive sins in his name. He gave them a mission—to preach the good news of his salvation to the ends of the earth, to celebrate the breaking of the bread in his memory, to teach what he had taught them, to baptize all nations and make them one family in God.

Jesus ascended to heaven in his glorified, risen body. He took his place in heaven in all the fullness of his humanity, bearing for all time the marks where the nails had been, the signs of his passion carved forever into his precious skin. From that day forward, we could never think of God without thinking of humankind. The very being of God—the Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit—now contains One who is one of us.

[Read More](#)

Hope, the Resurrection, and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy with Scott Hahn



Scott Hahn, a theologian and founder of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, explains how the virtue of hope can help us understand the glory of Christ's Resurrection, and encourage us to love the poor, serve the marginalized, and preach the Gospel. In Hahn's new book, *Hope to Die*, he explores how pain and suffering unite us with the Cross of Christ and help us to live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

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"All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection!"

— St. Francis of Assisi

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