

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



April 16th, 2023 | Second Sunday of Easter

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

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
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SICK CALLS

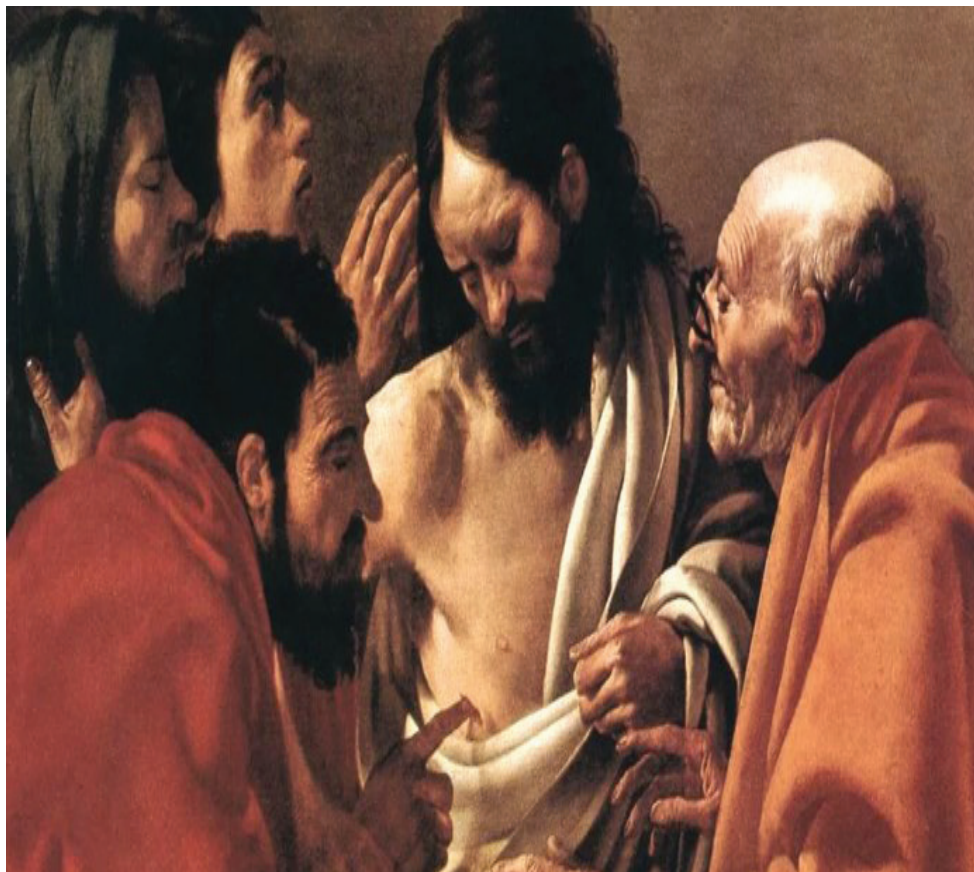
Please call the office for visits or
Communion visitations to the sick.

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.



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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 brothers and sisters in Christ,

Have you ever had doubts about God's forgiveness or, may be, you have at some point, denied someone or other people of pardon? Well then, this Good News is for you and me: "Blessed be God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1.3). May you, too, become now and always, a generous steward of God's mercy and forgiveness. Amen.

**2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy
April 16, 2023**

Your ShareLife gift changes lives

Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far, we have raised \$13,886.50 toward our goal of \$25,700. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Angie Carboni, the Executive Director of St. Bernadette's Resources Centre, will be our ShareLife Speaker this coming 22/23 April weekend!

**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.

**Youth Ministry for Friday, April 21, 2023
Topic: Games Night**

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm 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!

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 dear parishioners for contributing generously this weekend for our Church property maintenance. May you be abundantly remunerated by the Lord! We shall continue to update you on the status of our renovations.

First Confessions and First Holy Communion Rehearsal:

If your kids will be receiving Jesus this year, be sure to bring them in for the rehearsal and First Confessions next **Thursday, 20th April at 6pm**. Next weekend, April 22/23 will be the FHC weekend for the children who registered and also attended the classes. Let us all remember these children in our prayers.

Confessions and Confirmation Rehearsal

On **Thursday, 27th April at 6pm**, our Confirmandi will be having their Confession and Rehearsals. This is in view of the big event which will be presided over by our regional Bishop, Robert Kasun, on Saturday, 29th April at 11am. Please remember that the arrival time is 9am in the Church basement. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Blessed Sacrament's Candle and Flowers



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Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.



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Catechism of the Catholic Church and Holy Bibles are for sale at the Parish Office. Learn more about the faith, grab your copies!



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

April 15th to April 22nd 2023

SATURDAY, April 15th

9:00 am +Domenico Rutigliano, +Chizo Eucharia Ezeudu, +Rev. Fr. Miro / Thanksgiving for the healing of George, Nicola, Victor and Paolino / *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

2:30 pm Baptism of Amara Smith-Jeffrey

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

SUNDAY, April 16th

9:00 am (available for intentions)

10:30 am +Pasquale & +Teresa Nudo / +Pietro & +Maria Toter / +Niso Daneluzzi / +Rosario Ferragina, +Ida Giordano & +Carpino Armando

12:00 pm For the healing of Norie Andrabi

2:00 pm Descanso del alma de +Yolanda de Barahona, +Ana Maria de Lopez, + Siena / Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Maria Lidia Alvarado, Christina Katsoulis, Bendiciones para Kevin & Juan Claudio Morales, Carlos Felipe Gonzalez & Leslie Leyton / + Gilberto Tovar

6:00 pm +Noriza Alas-as

MONDAY, April 17th

9:00 am Repentance, confession, conversion, peace and unity in the world / +Vicente Rodriguez / Birthday blessings upon Luis Doradea / +Maria Madalena Ngu and all souls in purgatory

TUESDAY, April 18th

9:00 am +Domenico, +Elisa, + Francesco, +Vincenzo & +Giuseppe / all souls in purgatory / +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong / + Primitivo Ruedo Salvador / + Shtjefen Ilia

WEDNESDAY, April 19th

9:00 am Thanksgiving to St. Joseph / all priests living and deceased / +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / + Olimpia Rodriguez, +Tadeusz / Birthday blessings upon Anastasia Zachos

THURSDAY, April 20th

9:00 am +Therese Rashette & +Nora Shanque / +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

FRIDAY, April 21st

9:00 am + Teresa & Benny Piasecki / Thanksgiving to the Heavenly Father for all sacraments / +Wanda Maria Perone, +Maria Piecha / +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Healing upon Mary Wahba, Ruth Parra

SATURDAY, April 22nd

9:00 am + Frank Daley / +Gregory Devandason, +Orlando Medina / Birthday blessings upon Jacinta Devandason & Marcela Estefania Arevalo

5:00pm 40 days since passing of + Leilani Roberto

We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week

AROUND STA AND THE COMMUNITY

St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Pilgrimage Trip

May 20 – 22, 2023



Ottawa – Montreal – Sherbrooke - Trois-Rivieres - Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre Quebec

Visit Our Lady of the Cape Shrine, St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount-Royal, Shrine of the Sacred Heart de Beauvoir, Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre and enjoy the Tulip Festival.

Father Patrick Ezimora, CCE
Spiritual Director

Cost: \$395 per person (4 persons in a room)

\$100 deposit upon booking (non-refundable)

Contact: Edith – 416 420 5185
Parish office – 416 782 8943

ALL ABOUT FAITH

April 21: Saint Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Doctor of the Church—Optional Memorial



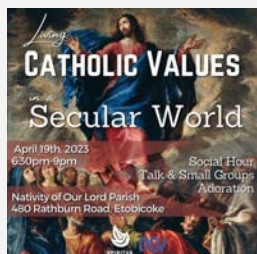
He was an Italian, Frenchman, and Englishman; a monk, prior, abbot, archbishop, philosopher, theologian, and spiritual writer; today he is a saint, a Doctor of the Church, and commonly referred to as the father of Scholasticism.

One of Anselm's greatest philosophical contributions is his ontological arguments for the existence of God. In his first great work, Monologion, Anselm argued that we can arrive at the existence of God using deductive reasoning. For example, if we consider the idea of "good," we are aware of varying degrees of goodness. Therefore, there must be that which is supreme goodness itself. This supreme good must also be responsible for all else that is good. God is that Goodness. He does not simply have goodness, He is Goodness. In his great work, Proslogion, Anselm began with the concept of a being than which no greater can be conceived. From that concept, he goes through logical deductions that lead him to conclude that a being than which no greater can be conceived, necessarily exists. This argument has been one of the most discussed and contested arguments in philosophy.

Saint Anselm, you had a profound, intimate, and personal love of God that arose from your fervent life of prayer. From that prayer, faith was enkindled within you. From that faith, understanding poured forth from your intellect to inspire others and teach them the way to God. Please pray for me, that I may always turn to God through prayer so that my interior life of prayer will be the foundation of all I do and all I am. Saint Anselm, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

-My Catholic Life

Spiritus West – "Catholic Values—Secular World"

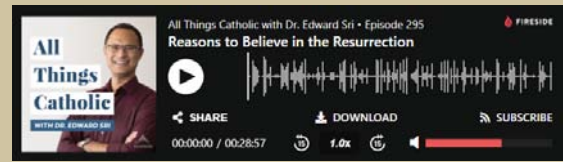


Wednesday, April 19, 2023 06:30 PM - 09:00 PM
Nativity of Our Lord Parish,
480 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke

For young adults (19-35), join us at 6:30pm for social hour and meet like-minded Catholics. After that, hear a talk by Dwayne Santos on how to live your faith in a culture that doesn't believe. All newcomers are welcome as brothers and sisters in Christ! We hope to see you there.

[Register Here](#)

Reasons to Believe in the Resurrection



Do you really believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Perhaps, you have asked this question or maybe someone has challenged you with this question. Either way, it can be difficult to answer. In this episode, Dr. Sri shares many good reasons to believe in the resurrection and how we can respond to arguments against it.

Spiritual vs Bodily Resurrection

Another theory that you will occasionally hear regarding the resurrection is the idea that it was a spiritual resurrection and not a bodily one. This idea is incorrect and not Catholic. To claim that Jesus only rose spiritually is basically saying that his spirit lived on even though his body was dead. The theory claims that Jesus simply remains alive in our hearts. In Scripture the Greek word "anastasis" is used to describe the resurrection. This word literally means "re-embodied." This word is used intentionally to show that it was, in fact, a bodily resurrection.

[Find Out More](#)



One with God

"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Jesus Appears to Thomas



Animated Bible Story

[Children's Video](#)

Praying in Resurrection Joy



Throughout the 50 days of the Easter season, we are invited to celebrate the reality of new creation in our own lives, our re-creation as the children of God, having moved through Baptism from death to new life in Christ. Even as we may fear entering into this new world, uncharted but for the fact that our Risen Lord goes always before us, how might we pray our resurrection joy?

Easter comes in the midst of spring. How can the new life rising out of the earth—green shoots and crocuses, lilies, and daffodils—inspire us to prayer? What newness is springing forth in your soul?

The Risen Christ bears in his resurrected body the scars of his crucifixion (John 20:27). We too may bear the scars of our former life of sin and death. We can ask the Lord in prayer to show us how he might use our scars to lead others to share in our trust that our God can make all things new.

[Read More](#)

End-of-Life Matters - Part 1



Saturday, April 22, 2023 09:30 AM—11:30 AM
All Saints' Church
1415 Royal York Rd, Etobicoke

This first post-pandemic in-person guest speaker event at All Saints' is a two-part series: Saturday April 22 and Saturday April 29, both from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dr. Moira McQueen, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, will discuss End-of-Life Matters, including Palliative Care and MAiD.

To reserve a seat, email allsts.guestspeaker@gmail.com, obtain tickets after weekend Masses, or visit the parish office. There is no fee to participate. Contributions are welcome.

[Register Here](#)

The Body + Easter Sunday



I believe in the resurrection of the flesh.

Just as Jesus Christ conquered death by dying and gave us life by rising from the dead, every person will get their body back. Those who are lost will have the bodies in Hell, and those who are saved will have their glorified bodies in Heaven. What will those bodies be like?

[Short Video](#)

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."

— St. John Paul II

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