

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



April 30th, 2023 | Fourth 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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by appt

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 office and press **ext. 0**



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CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOMES

Bernardo Funeral Home | 416-789-7661
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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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 4:00pm. We close from 12:00noon to 12:30pm

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 9:30am - 11am

April 29th to May 6th 2023 MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 29th

9:00 am End of abortion and euthanasia

11:00 am Sacrament of Confirmation

5:00 pm (available for intentions)

SUNDAY, April 30th

9:00 am (available for intentions)

10:30 am (available for intentions)

12:00 pm Healing of Lilia Alegria
+ Antonio, John and Maria Bairos / +Joe & +Maria Leandres

2:00 pm (available for intentions)

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, May 1st

9:00 am +Maria Aguete / +Maria Madalena Ngu & All souls in purgatory +Vincent Tuong

TUESDAY, May 2nd

9:00 am +First year death anniversary of Luis Armando Juan Ibarra Muñoz / +Peter Andersen & all souls in purgatory

WEDNESDAY, May 3rd

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

THURSDAY, May 4th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

FRIDAY, May 5th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / +Ronald Matsuda

SATURDAY, May 6th

9:00 am Circle of Prayers / Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary

5:00pm (available for intentions)



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I can tell from experience that one of the main reasons for the scarcity of vocations to the priesthood and religious life is that people today are not too willing to endure hardships for the whatever reason. The word of God instructs us thus, "Beloved: If you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth'" (1 Peter 2.21-22). This week, my dear, let us pray for more vocations and be more willing to answer God's call. Amen.

**4th Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023**

ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

Thus far we have raised \$14,420.00 toward our goal of \$25,700. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at share-life.org/donate.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Youth Ministry for Friday, May 5, 2023

Topic: Faith Formation 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!

Bible Study for Wednesday, May 3, 2023

From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 8:
"I Am He"

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



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We would like to congratulate all the Confirmandis who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May the good Lord bless and keep you always!

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**

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations May 5, 2023

The Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations is on Friday, May 5, 2023. On this day, parishes throughout the archdiocese hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. This year we are inviting you to take a moment on this day to pray for two intentions: for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for endurance in vocations already committed.

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Desde el Escritorio del Parroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, Puedo decir por experiencia que una de las principales razones de la escasez de vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa es que la gente de hoy, no está demasiado dispuesta a soportar dificultades. La palabra de Dios nos instruye así, "Amados: Si soportas cuando haces lo correcto y sufres por ello, tienes la aprobación de Dios. Porque a esto habéis sido llamados, porque Cristo también sufrió por vosotros, dejando el ejemplo, para que sigáis sus pasos. 'El no cometió pecado, y no se halló engaño en su boca'" (1 Pedro 2:21-22). Esta semana, querida, oremos por más vocaciones y estemos más dispuestos a responder al llamado de Dios. Amén.

Cuarto Domingo De Pascua April 30, 2023

Domingo de ShareLife y Día Mundial de la Oración por Vocaciones

Cuando apoya a ShareLife, ayuda a educar a nuestros futuros sacerdotes. El año pasado, usted invirtió en el futuro de nuestra Iglesia apoyando a 58 seminaristas en el Seminario de San Agustín y el Seminario Misionero Redemptoris Mater.

Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$14, 420.00 hacia nuestra meta de \$25,700. Done en la parroquia usando un sobre de ShareLife, en línea a través de nuestra pagina web parroquial o en sharelife.org/donate.

¡Gracias por apoyar a ShareLife!

Pastoral Juvenil para el Viernes 5 de mayo de 2023 Tema: Noche de formación en la fe

7:00 pm a 8:30 pm en el salón parroquial; se proporcionarán refrigerios. Si está interesado, regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche de jóvenes. ¡Gracias de antemano!

Estudio Bíblico para el miércoles 3 de mayo de 2023 De 7:00 PM a 8:30 PM

Tema: "The Chosen" Temporada 1, Episodio 8: "Yo soy El"
Video de YouTube: O descargue la aplicación "The Chosen"

Por favor, traiga sus Biblias, Catecismo y cuaderno.



¡FELICIDADES!

Queremos felicitar a todos los que han recibido el Sacramento de la Confirmación este fin de semana. Que el Señor los bendiga y los guarde siempre!

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Viaje de Peregrinaje 20 - 22 de May del 2023



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

Visite el Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Cabo, el Oratorio de San José de Mount-Royal, el Santuario del Sagrado Corazón de Beauvoir, el Santuario de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre y disfrute del Festival de los Tulipanes.

Padre Patrick Ezimora, CCE
Director Espiritual

Costo: \$395 por person (4 personas por habitación)

\$100 de deposito al reservar (no reembolsable)

Contacto: Edith – 416 420 5185

Oficina Parroquial – 416 782 8943

Jornada Arquidiocesana de Oración por las Vocaciones 5 de mayo de 2023

La Jornada Arquidiocesana de Oración por las Vocaciones es el viernes 5 de mayo de 2023. En este día, las parroquias de toda la arquidiócesis celebran iniciativas de oración dedicadas a las vocaciones. Este año le invitamos a dedicar un momento de este día a rezar por dos intenciones: por un aumento de las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa y por la perseverancia en las vocaciones ya comprometidas.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

May 3: Saints Philip and James—Feast



Not much is known with certainty about the Apostles Philip and James, apart from their names and some few references in the New Testament. Saint James, commonly called the “Less” due perhaps to his short stature, was probably the cousin of Jesus. He was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, likely elected to that post by his fellow Apostles, and was stoned to death by resentful Jews. Saint Philip was from tiny Bethsaida in Galilee. After he received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, he descended the stairs of the Upper Room and just kept walking into the darkness, his later life and labors unknown to history. More than having specific details about their later Christian exploits, it is more critical to know that Philip and James, and all the Apostles, are the sheet of bedrock into which the nascent Church sunk her deepest pillars and upon whose sturdy foundation the Church’s great weight still rests. Philip and James’ theological legacy continues today in every Bishop who teaches, sanctifies, and governs the baptized people of God.

Saints Philip and James, your hidden witness to Christ is less well-known than that of other Apostles, but is eloquent testimony to your quiet fidelity to building the Church after the Ascension. From your exalted place in Heaven, intercede for all who seek your assistance.

-My Catholic Life

Humility is the Grammar of Being



St. Peter says that the fact that he is “a witness of the sufferings of Christ” is what qualifies him to be a partaker “in the glory to be revealed.” That is why he says to his fellow bishops, with the authority Christ gave to his Apostles, “Whoever listens to you listens to me” (Luke 10:16), not to “rule” the flock but to “tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly. . . . Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock”—examples of humility, the humility of Christ himself. For Christ is not only our model to imitate and our standard for judgment, but also the pattern, the strategy, the reason, the “logos,” of everything God does with us, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6). Humility is the very grammar of being: God is the noun and we are the adjectives, not vice versa.

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ORDINATION CLASS OF 2023

— Serve the Lord with gladness, come before Him singing for joy —
(Ps 100:2)



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Ordination Prayer Vigil
Friday May 12, 2023
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Toronto Ordinations
Saturday May 13, 2023
10:00 AM
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica



What Do You Lack?

Mark 10:21

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Jesus, the Good Shepherd



Animated Bible Story

[Children's Video](#)

Mission Possible: Helping Our Children Encounter Christ



As parents, we have many plans and desires for our children, but God our Father has only one ultimate goal: to get every beloved son and daughter safely home, to live with Him in heaven for eternity. It is easy to lose sight of this supreme goal amidst the pressing demands of life, and especially within a predominantly secular culture that is increasingly averse to a Christian worldview and an eternal perspective. But nothing else is more important to our Lord, and ultimately nothing else should be more important to us.

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A Day with Mary, Mother of Jesus



Saturday, May 13, 2023 09:00 AM 03:00 PM
Queen of Apostles Renewal Center
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Facilitated by Father Daniel Janulewicz and Anne Hales.

COST: \$45.00 Lunch included

For more Information Contact: Jean 905-278-5229

or office@goa.ca

Let Christianity Be Weird



Friends, Happy Easter! Christ is risen—Alleluia, Alleluia! Recently, I had a public conversation with the popular historian Tom Holland. Someone from the crowd asked him, “What’s the call of our time?” and he said, “Let Christianity be weird.” When I was coming of age, there was a tendency to reduce Christianity to just another vague mysticism or moral system. If that’s all Christianity is, who cares? I’m with Tom Holland: let Christianity be weird, because Christianity is weird. And a lot of the weirdness focuses on the thing we celebrate today: the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

[Watch Video](#)

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

— St. Francis of Assisi

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