

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



May 7th, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY MASSES

ENGLISH: Saturday—5:00 pm | Sunday—9:00am | 12:00 pm | 6:00 pm
ITALIAN: Sunday—10:30 am
ESPAÑOL: Sunday—2:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by appt

BAPTISMS—BAUTIZOS

Please call the office, **Three months** in advance, .
 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**

SICK CALLS

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



I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

PASTOR Fr. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E.

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

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Saturday

9:30 am - 12:00pm | 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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DEVOTIONS—DEVOCIONES

Holy Rosary: 8:30am on Wednesdays and 9:30 on Saturdays in May

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 11am on Fridays and 6:00 pm on First Fridays

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.

May 6th to May 13th 2023 MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 6th

9:00 am Circle of Prayers / Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary/ Birthday blessings upon Darren Boler

5:00 pm + *Koshy George*

SUNDAY, May 7th

9:00 am + *Leonilde Benevides Cordeiro* / Thanksgiving for the anniversary of the priestly ordination of Rev. Fr. Anish Alex

10:30 am + *Frank Perri* / + *Pietro & Maria Toter* / + *Pasquale & Teresa Nudo*

12:00 pm + *Caridad Balagtas Manuel*

2:00 pm Guidance for Julio Cesar Palacios / Bendiciones para Ana Carolina Hernandez, Leslie Leyton, Carlos Felipe Gonzalez, & Jason, Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Fryda Tatiana de Mejia, Rosalba Campos & Micaela Manzano, por la salud de Carmen de Perlaza y Rafael Arturo Marroquin / Descanso del alma de la + Hipolita Medrano

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, May 8th

9:00 am + *Maria Madalena Ngu* & all souls in purgatory / + *Michal* and + *Michalina Pawluk*, + *Carmen Hushion*

TUESDAY, May 9th

9:00 am + *Denzil Stephens* / + *Lorraine Singh* & + *Maria Stephens death anniversaries* / + *Domenico*, + *Eliza*, + *Giuseppe* & + *Marianna* / Birthday blessings upon Rev. Priest Anish Alex & Martha Maria Ramirez

10:00 am Funeral Mass for Francesco Gullone

WEDNESDAY, May 10th

9:00 am + *Vincent Nguyen* & + *Maria Dinh* / + *Filomena Pacheco* / Thanksgiving for the anniversary of the priestly ordination of Rev. Priest Omar Daza Hernandez/ Birthday blessings upon Rosita Elvira Pacheco

THURSDAY, May 11th

9:00 am + *Vincent Nguyen* & + *Maria Dinh*

FRIDAY, May 12th

9:00 am + *Vincent Nguyen* & + *Maria Dinh* / + *Cecilia Castaño*, + *Lisimaco Castaño* / Birthday blessings upon Lyda Castaño, Blessings upon Ana Carolina Hernandez Gomez

SATURDAY, May 13th

9:00 am + *Darci Oliveira Paixão* / + *First year death anniversary of Pedro Pablo Sevilla* / + *Stanislav Manets* / Birthday Blessings upon German Marquez

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,

You may know that May and October are privileged months of devotion to our Blessed Mother. Have you made any plans for yourself and your family to deepen your love for Mama Mary? Are we not blessed to also have as our Mother, the only woman toward whom God would turn and say "Mum". Stunning! We certainly have lots of opportunities to recite the holy Rosary as a parish community, yet I encourage you to do more on your own, whether at home, on the way, at rest, or in the silence of your heart. Pray with me: "Mother, open my heart to your motherly love during this month. All to Jesus, through You, Mary, our Mother". Amen.

5th Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

Living the Gospel through ShareLife

Thus far our parish has raised \$18, 155.50 toward our goal of \$25, 000.

"Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a ShareLife agency in their moment of need." – *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings and give generously through the parish or at sharelife.org. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Youth Ministry for Friday, May 12, 2023 Topic: Music and Talent 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 17, 2023 From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Topic: "The Chosen" Season 2, Episode 1: "Thunder"

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

Pilgrimage Trip—May 20 – 22, 2023

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. This pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Patrick.

Cost: \$395 per person (4 persons in a room)
\$100 deposit upon booking (non-refundable)
Contact: Edith – 416 420 5185

Ukrainian Crisis Update

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family? When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org) and register for a virtual information session.

PRIESTS' RETREAT

Fr. Patrick will be off to the Archdiocesan priests' retreat from Monday to Thursday, May 8th to 11th. Please keep him in your prayers.

March for Life

Toronto March for Life is on Saturday, May 11th. Please join us in praying for human life to continue to be welcomed, respected and promoted from conception to natural death.

2023 Envelopes

Dear Parishioners, we kindly ask you to keep your newly assigned envelope numbers; there is no need to remove the new number and replace it with your old one. This will help us in recording your donations properly. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation. May God bless you abundantly!

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office is now open on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Priestly Ordinations 2023

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ORDINATION CLASS OF 2023

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

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

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Desde el Escritorio del Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Quizá sepáis que mayo y octubre son meses privilegiados de devoción a nuestra Santísima Madre. ¿Habéis hecho planes para vosotros y para vuestra familia para profundizar en vuestro amor a Mamá María? ¿No tenemos la bendición de tener también como Madre a la única mujer hacia la que Dios se volvería y diría "Mamá"? ¡Impresionante! Ciertamente tenemos muchas oportunidades de rezar el santo Rosario como comunidad parroquial, pero te animo a que hagas más por tu cuenta, ya sea en casa, de camino, en el descanso o en el silencio de tu corazón. Rezad conmigo: "Madre, abre mi corazón a tu amor materno durante este mes. Todo a Jesús, por Ti, María, nuestra Madre". Amén.

Quinto Domingo de Pascua 7 de mayo de 2023 Viviendo el Evangelio a través de ShareLife

Hasta ahora nuestra parroquia ha recaudado \$18, 155.50 hacia nuestra meta de \$25,000.

"Tu donativo sacrificado realmente marcará la diferencia en la vida de alguien que acuda a una agencia de ShareLife en su momento de necesidad". - Cardenal Thomas Collins

El tercer Domingo ShareLife del año es el 4 de junio. Les pedimos que compartan sus bendiciones y den generosamente a través de la parroquia o en sharelife.org. ¡Gracias por vivir el Evangelio!

Pastoral Juvenil para el Viernes 12 de mayo de 2023 Tema: Noche de música y talentos

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 17 de mayo de 2023 De 7:00 PM a 8:30 PM

Tema: "The Chosen" Temporada 2, Episodio 1: "Trueno"
Video de YouTube: O descargue la aplicación "The Chosen"

Por favor, traiga sus Biblias, Catecismo y cuaderno.

Viaje de Peregrinaje 20 - 22 de Mayo del 2023

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. Esta peregrinación estará dirigida por el P. Patrick.

Costo: \$395 por person (4 personas por habitación)
\$100 de deposito al reservar (no reembolsable)
Contacto: Edith – 416 420 5185

Información actualizada sobre la crisis ucraniana

¿Puedes acoger a una familia ucraniana? Al oír los informes sobre la guerra en Ucrania y los millones de ucranianos que se han visto obligados a huir de su patria, muchos se han preguntado qué pueden hacer para ayudar. Más de 200.000 ucranianos han llegado ya a Canadá a través de un programa especial de visados creado por Inmigración Canadá. Otros 800.000 han solicitado acogerse al programa y se espera que lleguen en los próximos meses. Muchos están llegando a Toronto y no tienen familia aquí en Canadá para ayudarles. Entre ellos habrá algunos vulnerables a la trata de seres humanos, en particular personas mayores, mujeres solas y mujeres con hijos. Hay una necesidad inmediata de familias que acojan durante un periodo de entre uno y seis meses a algunos de los que han llegado. Si desea más información sobre la acogida de una familia ucraniana, visite Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org) e inscribise en una sesión informativa virtual.

RETIRO DE SACERDOTES

El P. Patrick estará de retiro sacerdotal arquidiocesano del lunes 8 al jueves 11 de mayo. Les rogamos que le tengan presente en sus oraciones.

Marcha por la Vida

Marcha por la Vida en Toronto el jueves 11 de mayo. Por favor, únanse a nosotros en oración para que la vida humana siga siendo acogida, respetada y promovida desde la concepción hasta la Muerte natural.

2023 Sobres

Estimados feligreses, les rogamos que conserven los nuevos números de sobre asignados; no es necesario que retiren el nuevo número y lo sustituyan por el antiguo. Esto nos ayudará a registrar correctamente sus donativos. Gracias por su generosidad y cooperación. Que Dios les bendiga abundantemente.

NUEVO HORARIO DE OFICINA

Horario de apertura de la oficina: De lunes a sábado, de 9.30 a 16.00 h.

Ordenaciones Sacerdotales 2023



ALL ABOUT FAITH

May 13: Our Lady of Fatima



Mary's love is like the moon's mellow glow, reflecting a more intense light

Today's Memorial celebration commemorates the greatest saint of all, Saint Mary, as she manifested herself to three humble children in the Portuguese village of Fatima in 1917. Our Lady, the only mother ever chosen by her son, appeared in a particular place, at a particular time, to a particular people, to satisfy a particular

need. She spoke to the children deep theological truths about heaven, hell, and purgatory. She performed a publicly witnessed miracle that made the sun dance, asked for increased devotion to her Son Jesus Christ, and pleaded for reparation for the many sins committed against Him. A shrine was built in the Blessed Mother's honor at the site of her apparitions, which has welcomed millions and millions of pilgrims, including popes, over the decades. Our Lady is for the whole Church, of course, but she is closer to the faithful when she comes to them on their own terms—in their own tongue, skin, and dress, hovering over their own soil. There is one Mary, historically and theologically. There are many Marys, culturally and symbolically.

Pope Saint John Paul II was shot on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 1981, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. He was grievously injured but survived. He later said that one hand pulled the trigger, but another hand guided the bullet. He went on pilgrimage to Fatima to give thanks for that saving hand. The bullet that penetrated his torso, and was removed by doctors, was placed into the silver crown of Our Lady of Fatima. It rests there today. We honor Mary for many graces, we petition her for many favors, and we thank her for many gifts—for the battle won, for the plentiful harvest, for the healthy baby, for the calm sea, and for the lives saved, dramatically, from an assassin, or mundanely, from everything else.

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Ignatian Prayer with the St. John's Bible

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The night will begin with a talk about the St. John's Bible, the passage selected, and an Ignatian tool of prayer. Then, there will be a time of prayer with the Scripture passage in adoration in the St. Joseph Chapel at Regis College. The night will then conclude with a social in the Student Lounge.

[Learn More](#)

Love Tenderly



On the night before he died, Jesus left us the great Gospel command to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He asked us to give ourselves away in love as he had done for us. We note from the Lord's words that love is what we do and not just something that we feel. In our culture today, we hear of people looking for love and finding love. But for followers of Christ, love is not something we find or a feeling we have. Like justice, love is something we do. It is "willing the good of the other." Yet the command to love is not a cold command given by a superior officer. The command to love is always according to the measure of "as I have loved you." And how did Jesus love us? By loving us first and giving us nothing less than himself.

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3 minute
RETREAT



Created in God's Image

What Do You Lack?

Genesis 1:27-31

God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Our Lady of Fatima



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Magnanimity: A Virtue for Polarized Times



**Saturday, May 27, 2023 11:30 AM to 01:00 PM
Virtual**

Saint Monica Institute, with Centesimus Annus – Pro Pontifice Canada (CAPP-Canada) and the Newman Centre of McGill University, presents Alexandre Havard, founder of the Virtuous Leadership Institute, in an exploration of the virtue of magnanimity - greatness of heart - as an antidote to the polarization that is a hallmark of our times.

[Register Here](#)

From Poland to Fatima on foot with no money



21 days, 3,500 miles, 10 countries, carrying a rosary in hand – that's quite a pilgrimage to make on foot. Jakub Karłowicz, a 23-year-old man from northeastern Poland and a barber by profession, reached the shrine in Fatima on February 24.

He offered his pilgrimage and constant prayer on the way for peace. Since the beginning, his trust-filled trek could be followed on his Facebook page, Under the Care of God, viewed by thousands of people every day.

[Read More](#)

Am I a "Good Person"?



"Am I a good person? Am I good enough to go to Heaven?"

Fr. Mike drops some truth bombs. God does not merely tolerate you. He loves you with a ferocious and passionate love and he desires that you know and experience that love today.

[Watch Video](#)

"Beauty is the interior adornment which is renewed day by day as the power and the strength of Christ grows within the soul."

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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