

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



May 14th, 2023 | Sixth 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.

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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 will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

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 13th to May 20th 2023 MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 13th

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

5:00 pm Speedy recovery for Anna DiCarlo & Enzo DiCarlo

SUNDAY, May 14th

9:00 am +Pasqualina & Giuseppe Moffa

10:30 am +Ilva/ + Antonietta & Giuseppe Montagnese/ +Pietro, Antonietta & Giuseppe Cavallaro/ +Franca Lombardi / +Adelina Volpentesta, +Ida Giordano & +Rosario Ferragina/ Duranta Family

12:00 pm (available for intentions)

2:00 pm +Marina Carlota Moz, +Argelia Morales v. de Orellana, +Rosa Melida Murga/ Birthday blessings upon Valeria Plante, Sergio Osvaldo Arevalo Jr./ +Edith Zapata & +Nelly Correa

6:00 pm Birthday blessings upon Mr. Vi Duc Do / Healing upon Rev. Priest Paul Henderson, Ana Luz Olmos de Vasquez & Toty Calle / +Alberto Espinoza, +Maria Teresa Peralta & +John Danielle

MONDAY, May 15th

9:00 am +Maria Madalena Ngu & all souls in purgatory/ +Leticia Gomez, +Adalberto Gomez / Birthday blessings upon Kiara Mowat Monge & Abigail Gomez

TUESDAY, May 16th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong

WEDNESDAY, May 17th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

THURSDAY, May 18th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

FRIDAY, May 19th

9:00 am +40 days since passing of Primitivo Rueda Salvador/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh /+Rev. Fr. Jose Maria Naranjo/ Thanksgiving wedding anniversary for Lucia & Carlos Rodas, Maria Azucena & Jose Gonzalez/ Birthday blessings upon Paulina Calle & George Calle

SATURDAY, May 20th

9:00 am +John Michael Fee/ Holy Spirit's guidance upon Jonathan Wahba/ Birthday blessings upon Mary Wahba

5:00pm +Umberto Guglietti



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

In the Gospel reading (John 14.15-21) of this 6th Sunday of Easter, Jesus promises not to leave us orphaned, but to send us "another Advocate" who will be with us forever. It is Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, the Lord, and Giver of Life, that Jesus Christ gives to you and me each time we listen attentively to his word, invoke him in prayer, worship him as a believing community, participate in the sacraments of eternal life, obey his commandments, love one another, and do charity. "The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them". Help me to love You above all else, O Lord. Amen.

6th Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023

Share your love on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

"If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!"

Thus far we have raised \$18, 155.50 toward our goal of \$25, 000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Youth Ministry for Friday, May 19, 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!

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. Peter will be off to the Archdiocesan priests' retreat from Monday to Thursday, May 15th to 19th. Please keep him in your prayers.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS!

The pastors and parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish congratulate the newly ordained priests in our Archdiocese. We pray for these men who generously responded to the call of priesthood. May the good Lord bless and keep all our priests!



**Wishing all the mothers
and grandmothers a
wonderful Mothers Day!
May God continue to
bless you!**

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA

En la lectura del Evangelio (Jn 14,15-21) de este VI Domingo de Pascua, Jesús promete no dejarnos huérfanos, sino enviarnos "otro Defensor" que estará con nosotros para siempre. Es el Espíritu Santo, Espíritu de Verdad, Señor y Dador de Vida, que Jesucristo nos da a ti y a mí cada vez que escuchamos atentamente su Palabra, le invocamos en la oración, le adoramos como comunidad creyente, participamos en los sacramentos de la vida eterna, obedecemos sus mandamientos, nos amamos unos a otros y hacemos la caridad. "El que me ama será amado por mi Padre, y yo lo amaré y me revelaré a él". Ayúdame, Señor, a amarte sobre todas las cosas. Amén.

VI Domingo de Pascua 14 de mayo de 2023 Comparte tu amor en el Día de la Madre

En el Día de la Madre, todas las mamás merecen ser celebradas y apoyadas. ¿Sabías que la campaña ShareLife de nuestra parroquia está ayudando a mujeres jóvenes con un embarazo inesperado? Una de esas madres es Nikki, que pudo continuar sus estudios y recibir ayuda para las prácticas a través de una agencia financiada por ShareLife llamada Rose of Sharon.

"Si no fuera por vosotros y por ShareLife, no sé dónde estaríamos hoy", dice Nikki. "¡Siempre y para siempre estaremos agradecidos por vuestro apoyo!".

Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$18, 155.50 hacia nuestra meta de \$25, 000. Por favor dé en la parroquia usando un sobre de ShareLife, en línea a través de nuestro sitio web de la parroquia, o en sharelife.org/donate.

Pastoral Juvenil para el Viernes 19 de mayo de 2023 Tema: Noche de juegos

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. Peter estará de retiro sacerdotal arquidiocesano del lunes 15 al jueves 19 de mayo. Les rogamos que le tengan presente en sus oraciones.

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.

FELICIDADES A NUESTROS ¡SACERDOTES RECIÉN ORDENADOS!

Los párrocos y feligreses de la Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino felicitan a los sacerdotes recién ordenados en nuestra Arquidiócesis. Rezamos por estos hombres que generosamente respondieron a la llamada del sacerdocio. ¡Que el buen Dios bendiga y guarde a todos nuestros sacerdotes!



**Deseamos a todas las
madres y abuelas un
maravilloso Día de la
Madre. ¡Que Dios les
siga bendiciendo!**

ALL ABOUT FAITH

The Ascension of the Lord 33 AD



Departures can be painful, none more than the mysterious finality of a soul's departure from this life. For those without faith, confusion deepens the pain. Without God there is, after life, just the void. The real absence. Emptiness, chaos, and guesswork about what frightening reality awaits behind the curtain. Today's Feast of the Ascension is a peek behind that curtain

and what the believer sees is life, fulfillment, and hope. In the Ascension, we have a preview of coming attractions and much, much more. Forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, the disciples witness the Lord go away. But they are not sad. Saint Luke relates that the disciples were full of joy upon returning to Jerusalem after witnessing Jesus' Ascension on the Mount of Olives. Jesus had gone away but had not died. He had departed but was fully alive. Christ showed that there was an alternative path, a different way to "do" leaving time and space.

Most memory is happy memory. We naturally forget what causes us pain and embarrassment and more easily retain what brings smiles and light. Our Catholic religion serves us well when it remembers truths on our behalf. The Church tells us year in and year out where we came from—God. It reads to us at Mass the stories of our salvation. It reminds us that death and suffering are painful but not the end. And in the Ascension the Church preserves the very positive memory of man's greatness. The Ascension reinforces our dignity. It is a shot of vitamin B right into the spine. We stand taller and straighter when we know that we are meant to live forever in the Father's house in heaven.

Lord Jesus, You were from Mary biologically but from the Father theologically. On this Feast of the Ascension, You return to the Father's house. Help all who believe in You and who belong to You in the Church to one day join You in that heavenly home forever and ever.

-My Catholic Life

Spiritus West: "Marian Meditation"



Wednesday, May 17, 2023 06:30 PM - 09:30 PM
St. Catherine of Siena Parish (2340 Hurontario St)

[Learn More](#)

Devotion to Mother Mary



In Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May a child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these young voices together sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

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Pray as Jesus Taught

Matthew 6:9

This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Hail Mary, Full of Grace



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Five Ways St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body Can Change the Way You See Your Body



Your body was created good and beautiful. We all know the story of creation—God spoke, it came to be, and God called it good. The seas and skies were good. The sun, moon, and stars were good. The plants and animals were good. The creation of man was no different. After he created man, God looked at what he had made, and he called it good. In fact, he called it very good. When God created you, he looked at you, and he said the same thing—you are good. And he means all of you, body and soul. Your body is good in the eyes of God. Your body is beautiful. He is proud of the masterpiece he has created. And you should be proud too.

[Read More](#)

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](#)

How to Proclaim the Faith



Christianity has become so commonplace for so many of us; we think being a Christian just means being a nice person. But listen now as this chief of the Apostles, this friend of Jesus, begins to preach with fire. This is the energy that should belong across the ages to Christian evangelical preaching!

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“His mother said to the servers, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’”
John 2:5

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