

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 | Ascension of Our Lord

## 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

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Please call the office, **Three months** in advance, .  
 Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

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For the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion/Confirmation), please contact the office and press **ext. 0**

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

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## 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 20<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>

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

**5:00pm** +Umberto Guglietti / For the souls of +Mateja Crini, +Cesar Tabiliran Jr., +Cesar Choket, +Oliver Agnes, +Jose Tabiliran Jr., +Pricilla Tabiliran/ Thanksgiving for the Buenasol & Honesto Uy families / La Valle Rita e Rosina e Cirillo Laura

### SUNDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00 am** + Nicola di Placido / First year death anniversary of + Fortunata Suppa

**10:30 am** + Sabino Del Riccio's fifth year death anniversary

**12:00 pm** Birthday blessings upon Rev. Father Omar Daza Hernandez

**2:00 pm** + Carlos Lopez Solis, + Mariana de Alvarado, +Ana Luz Olmos de Vasquez/ Sanación de Marcelino & Robert Marcelo Giron & Rafael Marroquin

**6:00 pm** +Francisco Orellana, +John A. Grant, +Terry Fox, +Pat Cimino & all souls in Purgatory

### MONDAY, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Emilia & Agostino Chioran / Maria Madalena Ngu / +Zofia & +Stanislaus Misko, +Maria Serafina & +Juan Cedillos & all souls in purgatory

### TUESDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong

### WEDNESDAY, May 24<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** Thanksgiving to St. Joseph/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / +Chizo Eucharistia Ezeudu, +Jorge Calle / Birthday blessings upon Rodney Calle & Olivia Redil,

### THURSDAY, May 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Frank Perri /+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh /+ First year death anniversary of +Marcelo Javier Vasconez Naranjo/ +Clelia de Sevilla, Healing of Han Ycaza & Otto Martir Rivera

### FRIDAY, May 26<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / Birthday thanksgiving for Felicitacion Gutierrez

### SATURDAY, May 27<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** End of abortion and Euthanasia

**5:00 pm** (available for intentions)



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Try to imagine that you were there when Jesus Christ spoke his final words and then ascended into the skies before his disciples. Their hearts must have been palpating with joy and hope (Cfr. Acts 1:1-11). To remember that there is a better place, a heavenly homeland, a glorious inheritance, where there is no pain, sorrow, anxiety, or selfishness makes me want to leap for joy (Cfr. Ephesians 1.17-23). But before that time comes, you and I have been commissioned to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28.16-20). May this week find you busy shining the light of faith, hope, and love. Amen.

## **Ascension of the Lord May 21, 2023**

### **ShareLife and World Communications Day**

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and changes many lives. Thank you for your generosity.

### **ShareLife Campaign Second Collection—June 4th, 2023**

On the weekend of June 3/4th we shall be having our third and final official ShareLife Second Collection in order to help the Church continue doing charity to the needy as well as supporting the missionary activities of the Archdiocese. So far, we have raised the amount of \$18,485.50 toward our annual goal of \$25,700.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you so much for your generous support. God bless you.

### **Youth Ministry for Friday, May 26, 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 31, 2023 From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Topic: "The Chosen" Season 2, Episode 2:  
"I Saw You"**

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

## **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Wednesday, May 31**

In honor of Our Lady, we shall be concluding our May devotion with a solemn Mass at 7pm, followed by Rosary procession through our STA school yard. All parishioners are invited to pay homage to our heavenly Mother and also ask for our favors.

## **Eucharistic Healing Service & Adoration June 2, 2023**

Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk" (John 5.8). On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm, there will be Holy Mass, following by Eucharistic Healing Service/Adoration, Praise and Worship. Please save the date and invite your family and friends, especially those who are physically, mentally or spiritually in need of help. There will be refreshment in the hall provided and served by our youth ministry.

## **Community BBQ—Saturday, June 17, 2023**

Join our parish for a Community Barbeque on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 12 noon to 8 PM. There will be a raffle and grand prizes such as flat screen TV, tablet and many more! You may purchase raffle tickets at the office. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

## **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](https://archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

**Please note that the office will be closed on Victoria Day—May 22, 2023. Have a blessed long weekend!**

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo  
Intentad imaginar que estabais allí cuando Jesucristo pronunció sus últimas palabras y luego ascendió a los cielos ante sus discípulos. Sus corazones debieron palpar de alegría y esperanza (Cfr. Hch 1,1-11). Recordar que existe un lugar mejor, una patria celestial, una herencia gloriosa, donde no hay dolor, pena, ansiedad ni egoísmo, me hace dar saltos de alegría (cf. Efesios 1.17-23). Pero antes de que llegue ese momento, tú y yo hemos recibido el encargo de "id, pues, y haced discípulos a todas las naciones" (Mateo 28.16-20). Que esta semana te encuentres ocupado haciendo brillar la luz de la fe, la esperanza y el amor. Amén.

## Ascensión del Señor 21 de mayo de 2023

ShareLife y el Día Mundial de las Comunicaciones

En este Día Mundial de las Comunicaciones, su apoyo a ShareLife está mejorando la vida de las personas sordas de nuestra comunidad.

Más del 60% de las familias con un niño sordo no han aprendido el lenguaje de señas. Silent Voice, una agencia de ShareLife, ofrece una variedad de programas accesibles para ayudar a las familias a comunicarse. ¡Esto es gracias a ti!

## Segunda Colecta de la Campaña ShareLife 4 de junio de 2023

El fin de semana del 3 y 4 de junio tendremos nuestra tercera y última Segunda Colecta oficial de ShareLife para ayudar a la Iglesia a continuar haciendo caridad a los necesitados así como apoyar las actividades misioneras de la Arquidiócesis. Hasta ahora, hemos recaudado la cantidad de \$18,485.50 hacia nuestra meta anual de \$25,700.

Por favor, done en su parroquia usando un sobre de ShareLife; en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, o en [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo. Que Dios les bendiga.

## Pastoral Juvenil para el Viernes 26 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 31 de mayo de 2023 De 7:00 PM a 8:30 PM

Tema: "The Chosen" Temporada 2, Episodio 2: "I Saw You" Video de YouTube: O descargue la aplicación "The Chosen". Por favor, traiga sus Biblias, Catecismo y cuaderno.

## Fiesta de la Visitación de la Santísima Virgen miércoles, 31 de mayo

En honor de Nuestra Señora, concluiremos nuestra devoción de mayo con una Misa solemne a las 19:00, seguida de la procesión del Rosario por el patio de nuestra escuela STA. Todos los feligreses están invitados a rendir homenaje a nuestra Madre celestial y también a pedir nuestros favores.

## Servicio de Sanación Eucarística y Adoración 2 de junio de 2023

Jesús le dijo: "Levántate, toma tu camilla y anda" (Juan 5.8). El viernes, 2 de junio, a las 19.00 horas, habrá Santa Misa, seguida de Servicio de Sanación Eucarística/Adoración, Alabanza y Adoración. Por favor, reserve la fecha e invite a su familia y amigos, especialmente a aquellos que necesitan ayuda física, mental o espiritual. Habrá un refrigerio en el salón proporcionado y servido por nuestro ministerio de jóvenes.

## Barbacoa Comunitaria-Sábado, 17 de junio de 2023

Únanse a nuestra parroquia para una Barbacoa Comunitaria el Sábado 17 de Junio del 2023 desde las 12 del mediodía hasta las 8 de la noche. Habrá una rifa y grandes premios como un televisor de pantalla plana, una tableta y ¡muchos más! Se puede comprar boletos para la rifa en la oficina. \$5 cada uno o 3 por \$10.

## ¿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](https://archtoronto.org)) e inscribbase en una sesión informativa virtual.

**Tenga en cuenta que la oficina permanecerá cerrada el Día de la Victoria, el 22 de mayo de 2023. ¡Feliz fin de semana!**



# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## St. Rita of Cascia May 22



Rita was a model nun who lived to the fullest the spiritual requirements of her age. She was obedient, generously served the sick of the convent, and shared her wisdom of human nature, especially regarding marital distress, with the lay women who sought her out. Sister Rita was also devoted to prayer and meditated so deeply on the Passion of our Lord that she experienced a mini-stigmata. Instead of open wounds in her hands oozing blood, as Saint Francis and Saint Padre

Pio displayed, a small wound appeared on Rita's forehead. It was as if a thorn from Christ's crown had penetrated the tightly wrapped flesh on her skull. There was no thorn visible, of course, just as no nails or spears pierced the bodies of other stigmatists. Rita's wound refused to heal for a number of years. The unique statue, or image, showing a nun with a thorn stuck in her forehead is Saint Rita, making her one of the most easily identifiable people on the calendar of Catholic saints.

After Saint Rita died of natural causes, her body did not deteriorate. She was placed in an ornate tomb, her extraordinary holiness was attested to in writing, and healing miracles were petitioned for and soon granted through her intercession. These many cures led to Rita's beatification in 1626 and her canonization in 1900. Leathery black skin still covers Saint Rita's habited body as she peacefully reposes in a glass coffin in her shrine in Cascia, Italy. She is invoked as a kind of female Saint Jude, a patroness of impossible causes, particularly those related to the difficult vocation of marriage.

*Saint Rita, through your intercession, aid all women in difficult marriages and abusive situations. Help women in distress to think rationally, to be faithful to their husbands if possible, to be devoted to their vows if they are able, and yet to flee if they are in danger.*

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## Virtual Event: Mariology Conference 2023



Tuesday, May 23, 2023 01:30 PM - Friday, May 26, 2023 10:00 AM

Dwight Campbell, S.T.D. (Archdiocese of Milwaukee) will present "The Blessed Virgin Mary: Mother of the Church, Mother of Christian Unity" and Lauren Moore, Ph.D. (Cand.), (Free University of Amsterdam) will reflect on "Holy Mary, Mother of Unity: Implications for Ecumenism with Evangelicals". Participate to deepen your spirituality and learn of Mary's continued mission in God's plan of salvation for the unity willed by her Son for the Church in its evangelizing role in the world.

[Register Here](#)

## The Real Presence of the Risen Christ



This encounter with the risen Christ requires faith. We do not capture him cognitively as a simple object of experience or a mere datum of history. It is not merely a question of seeing; it is a matter of seeing and believing, of seeing and being transformed by what one has seen, of seeing and accepting the gift offered in the encounter. Even before his death and Resurrection, people did not always see Christ fully. They might have seen a man—if they even noticed him at all in the crowd as they hurried along during their busy day, but rarely did people see him as Love Incarnate, as the culmination of all their hopes and the fulfillment of that for which they had been yearning their whole lives. For that, one had to look more deeply. One had to look with the eyes of faith, hope, and love. Even seeing the miracles did not convince many people that God was present with his people. Most people were frightened by an alien power; some even wanted to kill him. Only a few recognized him as Love Incarnate and believed that he was the promised Anointed One, the Messiah who would redeem mankind.

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## Coming Back

Luke 15:7

I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over the one sinner who repents than over the ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

## 3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### The Ascension



#### Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)



#### You are Made in God's Image

Life is an incredible gift flowing from God. Everything that exists participates in and comes forth from the being of God. Participation in God's being is what makes a thing to be alive. So, what makes humans different from other living things?

We marvel, ponder, create, adore: Only a human person can wonder at, uncover, and develop the mystery of created things through film, science, and technology. Only a human person can write and perform a symphony inspired by the adventure of love or the sorrow of loss. And only a human person can look upon the beauty of creation and worship God for what He has made.

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### Lay Spiritual Formation: Shining with Joy for Their Maker



**Saturday, June 03, 2023 09:30 AM — 3:00 PM**  
2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough ON

In-Person - \$50 plus HST (registration starts at 9:00am) | Online - \$20 plus HST

Please join us at St. Augustine's Seminary for our Lay Spiritual Formation talk with Dr. Mary Marrocco. Our Maker is calling us. Let's take our posts, shining with joy like the stars (Baruch 3:34). At times our hearts may break, our minds may break, people around us might be broken and bleeding. Let's feel the Spirit rushing into the broken places, guiding us to truth.

[Register Here](#)

### 10 Tips on How to Actually Trust in God in Real Life



How do we grow in trust in God? Sr. Mary Grace, SV has 10 tips!

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*"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation".*

**- Mark 16:15**

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