

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | Body and Blood of Christ

## 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

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**PASTOR** Fr. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E.

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**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

**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.

## June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, June 10<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Maria Serafina, &+Juan Cedillos, +Lucia Cedillos Rivera/ Thanksgiving to God from Lucia de Rodas for a miracle received

**2:30 pm** Baptism of Chester Jay Laroco Capalaran

**5:00 pm** +Claudio Alejado/ +Jericho Antonio Lauron

### SUNDAY, June 11<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Fortunato Montana & +Erlinda Quiazon  
Birthday blessings upon Jun Pelaez Jr./ +Norberto, Fructuoso & +Rufina Pelaez

**10:30 am** (available for intentions)

**12:00 pm** (available for intentions)

**2:00 pm** Descanso del alma de +Sandra Marin Blanco, +Lisimaco Castaño/ por la sanacion de Jacob Lee MacEwen/ Consuelo de Dios para Lidieth Marin y familia

**6:00 pm** (available for intentions)

### MONDAY, June 12<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Gemelina Cayas/ +Rosa, +Domenico, +Elisa, +Vincenzo & +Giuseppina/ +Antonio Simoes Correia/ +Eva & +Joseph Zsoka/ Maria Magdalena Ngu & all souls in purgatory/ +Argelia Morales de Orellana/ Birthday blessings upon Rev. Priest Daniel Callam, CSB

**7:00 pm** Memorial Mass for +Franca Guida

### TUESDAY, June 13<sup>th</sup> — Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua

**9:00 am** +For the 40th day since the passing of Cynthia Gavino/ +Vanessa Anne Rafael Go/ +Peter Andersen and Vincent Tuong/ +Maria Dolores de Canales, +Maria Lourdes Mota Maceta/ Birthday blessings upon Monsignor Robert Nusca, Dinorah de Soto & Roberto Martinez

### WEDNESDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +June Smaller/+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Birthday blessings upon Jennifer Ramos

### THURSDAY, June 15<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Agostinha Oliveira/+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Elizabeth Majoros, +Maria & +Nelson Claros, Sr./ Birthday blessings upon Nelson Claros Jr., & Melissa Miliias

### FRIDAY, June 16<sup>th</sup> — Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**9:00** Thanksgiving for the ordination of Father Mirko Ljuba/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Cosme, +Enriqueta, +Concepcion & +Silvano Rodas

### SATURDAY, June 17<sup>th</sup> — Immaculate Heart of Mary

**9:00 am** +June Smaller/ +Evangelista Rivas de Chevez, +Felix Chevez/ Birthday blessings upon Manuel Edgardo Manzano

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



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

Powerful and revolutionary words were uttered by our Lord in the Gospel reading (John 6.51-59) as he taught in the synagogue at Capernaum. He says: "Very truly, I tell you, **unless** you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (John 6.53). But, on the contrary, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood **has** eternal life, and **I will raise them up on the last day**" (John 6.54). Too much to digest, isn't it? I encourage you to take all the time you need to re-chew the two verses this week. Above all, let us make more effort to believe what the Truth teaches us. Have a blessed week. Amen.

### Bible Study for Wednesday, June 14, 2023

**From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

*Topic: "6 Things You Didn't Know About St. Peter"*

YouTube Video from Brandon Robbins

Please bring along your Bibles, Catechism, and notebook.

### Youth Ministry for Friday, June 16, 2023

**Topic: Faith Formation**

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!

### ShareLife Update

Thank you for donating to Sharelife. Through your generosity, we have raised the amount of \$22,129.50 toward our annual goal of \$25,700. May God bless you abundantly!

### UPCOMING TRIPS

**June 30 - July 2, 2023:**

**Statue of Liberty & Other Sites in New York**

\$495 per person

**July 8**

**Flowerpot Island Drop Off Tour**

Glass Bottom Tour of the Shipwreck, Lighthouse, Islands then depart the boat and Explore Flowerpot Island!

Cost: \$195 per person

Includes bus and cruise fare

Contact: Edith—416-420-5185

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## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY BBQ

**JUNE 17**

**12PM - 8PM**

**MUSIC | RAFFLES | FOOD | FUN**

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 BBQ Grill, Food Mixer, Air Fryer and many more! You may purchase raffle tickets at the office. \$5 each or 3 for \$10. As usual, we warmly invite our parishioners to kindly donate their delicious international meals for sales. We ask those who will be donating food to please bring them not later than 11am on that day. The financial proceeds will go to the maintenance of our parish structure. Thank you so much and God bless you!

### Catholic Charismatic Movement in Spanish

The group has officially commenced and will continue to meet every Friday at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Padre Pio Hall. Information on the English group will follow! We welcome new members!

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus resumed their meetings. The group meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the St. Anthony Room. New members are welcome!

### Mass: National Indigenous Peoples Day

His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass at the Native Peoples' Mission in observance of National Indigenous Peoples Day. The day honours and celebrates the culture and heritage of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Place: Native Peoples' Mission, St. Ann's Church, 120 First Avenue, Toronto

Following Mass, a reception will be held in the parish hall. All are Welcome!

### St. Anthony of Padua's Bread!

Every June 13th, the Catholic Church celebrates the memorial of a saint who is so beloved and popularly revered above all for helping recover lost objects. In his honor, our parish will be distributing loaves of bread. If you want to be a sponsor, please call the parish office to support this our amazing parish custom. Thank you.



## ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA,

Nuestro Señor pronunció palabras poderosas y revolucionarias en la lectura del Evangelio (Juan 6.51-59) mientras enseñaba en la sinagoga de Cafarnaún. Dice: "Os aseguro que si no coméis la carne del Hijo del hombre y no bebéis su sangre, no tendréis vida en vosotros" (Jn 6,53). Pero, por el contrario, "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tiene vida eterna, y yo lo resucitaré en el último día" (Jn 6,54). Demasiado para digerir, ¿verdad? Te animo a que te tomes todo el tiempo que necesites para repasar los dos versículos esta semana. Sobre todo, esforcémonos más por creer lo que la Verdad nos enseña. Que tengáis una semana bendecida. Amén.

### Estudio Bíblico para el Miércoles 14 de Junio 2023 De 19:00 a 20:30

*Tema: "6 cosas que no sabías de San Pedro"*

Video de YouTube de Brandon Robbins

Por favor traigan sus Biblias, Catecismo,  
y cuaderno.

### Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 9 de junio de 2023 Tema: Noche de formación en la fe

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

### Noticias de ShareLife

Gracias por donar a ShareLife. A través de su generosidad, hemos recaudado la cantidad de \$22, 129. 50 hacia nuestra meta anual de \$25,700. ¡Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente!

### PRÓXIMOS VIAJES

**30 de junio - 2 de julio de 2023:**

**Estatua de la Libertad y otros lugares de Nueva York**  
495 \$ por persona

**8 de julio**

**Excursión a la Isla Flowerpot**

Excursión con fondo de cristal por el naufragio, el faro y las islas, para luego dejar el barco y explorar Flowerpot Island.

Precio: 195 \$ por persona

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### ANNUAL COMMUNITY BBQ

**JUNE 17**

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Unase a nuestra parroquia para una Barbacoa Comunitaria el Sabado 17 de Junio de 2023 desde las 12 del mediodia hasta las 8 de la noche. ¡Habra una rifa y grandes premios como un televisor de pantalla plana, una tableta BBQ Grill, una batidora, una freidora de aire y muchos mas! Usted puede comprar boletos para la rifa en la oficina. \$5 cada uno o 3 por \$10. Como de costumbre, invitamos calurosamente a nuestros feligreses a donar amablemente sus deliciosas comidas internacionales para la venta. Les pedimos a los que van a donar comida que por favor las traigan no mas tarde de las 11am ese día. La recaudación económica se destinará al mantenimiento de nuestra estructura parroquial. ¡Muchas gracias y que Dios les bendiga!

### Movimiento Carismático Católico en español

El grupo ha comenzado oficialmente y continuará reuniéndose todos los viernes de 7:00 pm a 8:30 pm en el Salón Padre Pío. ¡Información sobre el grupo de Inglés seguirá! ¡Damos la bienvenida a nuevos miembros!

### Caballeros de Colón

Los Caballeros de Colón reanudaron sus reuniones. El grupo se reúne los lunes a las 7:00 PM en el Salón San Antonio. ¡Nuevos miembros son bienvenidos!

### Misa: Día Nacional de los Pueblos Indígenas

Su Gracia el Arzobispo Francis Leo celebrará una Misa en la Misión de los Pueblos Nativos para conmemorar el Día Nacional de los Pueblos Indígenas. Este día honra y celebra la cultura y el patrimonio de las Primeras Naciones, los Inuit y los Métis.

Fecha: Miércoles, 21 de junio de 2023 a las 19:00 horas

Lugar: Misión de los Pueblos Nativos, Iglesia de Santa Ana, 120 Primera Avenida, Toronto

Tras la misa, se celebrará una recepción en el salón parroquial. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

### El pan de San Antonio de Padua

Cada 13 de junio, la Iglesia católica celebra la memoria de un santo tan querido y venerado popularmente sobre todo por ayudar a recuperar objetos perdidos. En su honor, nuestra parroquia distribuirá panes. Si usted quiere ser un patrocinador, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para apoyar esta nuestra increíble costumbre parroquial. Gracias.

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## Body and Blood of Christ June 11



In the era of the early Church, it was customary for an excess of bread to be consecrated at Mass so that the Eucharist could be carried to the sick who had been unable to attend the Holy Sacrifice. This practice led to the adoption of the pyx as the first sacred vessel for reservation of the Eucharist. Some modern churches pay homage to these Eucharistic origins by hanging an oversized pyx on their wall to use as a tabernacle, imitating the early Church custom. Permanent reservation of the Eucharist led, over the centuries, to enthroning the Lord amidst the greatest splendor in churches. By the early medieval period, the time had long passed when the Eucharist was reserved merely to be brought to the sick. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, street processions, chants, confraternities, songs, flowers, and all the splendid trappings of a feast day covered this dogma in glory by the High Middle Ages, and continue to wrap it in honor today.

Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that the most necessary sacrament was Baptism but that the most excellent was the Holy Eucharist. This most excellent sacrament has been, for some, too excellent. In the Gospel of John, when Jesus tells His disciples that they must eat His body and drink His blood, many are incredulous and walk away. But Jesus does not compromise or say He was misunderstood. He lets them keep on walking. This initially hard teaching for the few was destined, over time, to be lovingly welcomed by the many.

*Lord of the Eucharist, we venerate You with heads bowed, as the old form of worship gives way to the new. With faith providing for what fails the senses, we honor the Begetter and the Begotten, loving back at what loved us first, apprentices in the school of love.*

-My Catholic Life

## Seeking Spiritual Healing, the Ignatian Way



This week long retreat is loosely based on the Four Weeks of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. We move from looking at our sinful world to journeying with Jesus through the cross, finding renewed life in our journey as we look forward at our own life journey with the desire of coming in full union with God after we leave our earthly journey.

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## A Convert's Guide to the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



The Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, one of the most popular Catholic devotions throughout the world. So what is the Sacred Heart, anyway? When Catholics talk about the Sacred Heart we're referring to the physical (yes, blood and ventricles and valves ... this is an unabashedly embodied faith, y'all) Heart of Jesus as a representation of his Divine Love for humanity. Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus' Heart was moved by compassion for the poor, the sick, the forgotten, and the grieving. Pierced by a sword on the Cross as an act of self-giving love and enthroned in Heaven for eternity, this same Heart still beats for us and yearns for us and overflows with mercy for us and aches in solidarity with us.

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## Changed Forever

Luke 5:10

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

## 3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Corpus Christi



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

### God's Loving Plan for Us



Not only those who get married, but all human beings have the vocation to gift of self. Priests, religious, and consecrated make this gift of themselves to God; their celibacy is an expression of this total self-gift to Him. But also, those who remain unmarried without a vocation to the consecrated life are called to self-donation that can express itself in many forms. Human beings want nothing more than to be loved completely and unconditionally throughout their life. Original sin has made that difficult. We are often disappointed in our hope to be loved while falling short of it ourselves. Love since the Fall requires death to self. The Cross is therefore at the heart of love this side of eternity—and that is true for Christians and non-Christians alike.

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### Bereavement Retreat

Friday, June 16, 2023 08:30 AM—02:30 PM

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre  
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga



Come and let the healing hands of Divine compassion gently hold you and bless you with peace and comfort.

FACILITATED BY: The Retreat Team - Anne Hales  
and Betty Dotzko

REGISTRATION: Starts at 8:30 a.m.

COST: \$45

CONTACT: Jean, office@qoa.ca

[Register Here](#)

### "Where is THAT in the Bible?"



Some church teachings are not explicitly found in scripture. But if the Bible is the inerrant word of God, how can there be any instruction beside it? Where does "tradition" fit into the picture? Fr. Mark-Mary shows us how to apply reason when interpreting the Bible and how 2,000 years' worth of saints have begun unpacking the deep truths of scripture.

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*"The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life." — St. Thomas Aquinas*



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