

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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.  
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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.



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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

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Thomas Aquinas |  
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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.

## July 15<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, July 15<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Rev. Fr. Pier Giorgio Di Ciccio/ Birthday blessings upon Rev. Fr. Peter Paul Chiaghala, C.C.E.

**5:00 pm** +Mario Guagiardi, +Carmene D'Ambrosio, +Gianni Romanyszyn & +Salvatore Adelina

### SUNDAY, July 16<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Jose Carlos Valera/ Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ledon

**10:30 am** Defunti Andreatta / +Rosa Garito, +Pasquale e +Antonio Barbutto

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

**2:00 pm** +Ana Flores Paredes/Descanso del alma + Ricardo Arturo & + Eduardo & Flor Gonzalez, +Doris Delgadillo Zofia & +Stanislaus Misko/ Birthday Blessings upon Carmen Leonor Villalta de Zepeda

**6:00 pm** Thanksgiving to Heavenly Father for all Sacraments/ All priests living and deceased

### MONDAY, July 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Maria Madalena Ngu & all souls in purgatory/ +Tadeusz, +Gienek, + Krystyna, +Janina & +Helena

### TUESDAY, July 18<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** + Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Carmen, +Alvira, +Bill Gretzco, +Ana Piecha, +Krenija Poljak

### WEDNESDAY, July 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** Thanksgiving to St. Joseph/+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Bui/ +Lescek/ +Kristof/ +Wadek/ +Wiesiek, +Vivi & +Ram/ Healing of Constancia Mendoza & Milena

### THURSDAY, July 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ End of Abortion & Euthanasia/ For the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children

### FRIDAY, July 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Elmira Arevalo, +Julio Rivera, & +Marina Carlota Moz

**7:00 pm** Memorial Mass of Maria Sottile

### SATURDAY, July 22<sup>nd</sup> (with Anointing of the Sick)

**9:00 am** For prisoners, dying, sick, lonely, unemployed, poor

**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,

Could our Lord be any more down to earth than as revealed in the Gospel reading of this 15th Sunday (Matthew 13.1-23)? He compares our **relationship to God's** word with terms such as seeds, soil, rock, thorn, grain, sun, etc. I wonder what you got from that story! Bottom line, we have a **natural connection** with the word of God, just as the seed with the soil. However, it is equally clear that a variety of **factors** do favor or hamper a seed's journey to good fruit. Jesus mentions three bad actors: the devil, trouble or persecution and the cares of this world. This week, my dear, try to be **more mindful** of what holds you back in your journey of faith. Amen.

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Our goal this year is \$25,700. To date we have achieved \$26,045.80. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE AT MARTYR'S SHRINE

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Email – [edithwyd@yahoo.com](mailto:edithwyd@yahoo.com)

## PEREGRINACION LATINA 2023

August 12, 2023

The Martyr's Shrine—16163 Highway 12, Midland, ON, L4R 4K6  
705-526-3788

## SUMMER BREAK

Please note that our bi-weekly Bible Study and weekly Youth Program are taking a break this summer. Both programs will resume in September. Thank you!

## Mission Appeal by Fr. Tulio Ramirez, mxy:

We encourage all our parishioners to kindly support the Yarumal Mission Society in their endeavor to assist the neediest of the needy across the world. Please give with the yellow "Mission Coop" envelopes. Thank you and God bless you.

## 21ST CENTURY IDOLS

by: Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE

### INTRODUCTION

*"The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear, and there is no breath in their mouths. Those who make them and all who trust in them shall become like them" (Psalm 135:15-18)*

What does the word "idol" evoke in you? A celebrity? Your favourite TV show or maybe your most adorable artist or stage performer? No matter what you are thinking right now, did you know that, from its etymology ("eidolon": form or shape), 'idol' has to do with something that is adored or worshipped like some sort of deity? There you go! Idols were hand-made representations of some invisible gods. Yet, this precisely speaks to the falsity of those forms or shapes of divinities. To put it together, an idol is a false god. Although idols seem endowed with some superpowers, they are rather 'deceptive' emulations of the Almighty, uncreated, and eternal God. But let us get things straight here: There is nothing intrinsically wrong with admiring people for their unique abilities; nor is there any problem with making great use of things such as money, technological gadgets, or social media. On the contrary, these amazing people and artificial products are there to enhance our integral well-being. Nonetheless, idolatry steps in when we literally worship our fellow human beings or some man-made stuff as if they were the author and end of our lives, in which case they would no longer enhance, but rather hinder and even terminate our holistic maturity.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

July 9, 2023 Regular Collection:

**\$4,081.35**

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¿Podría nuestro Señor tener los pies más en la tierra que como se revela en la lectura del Evangelio de este 15º domingo (Mateo 13.1-23)? Él compara nuestra relación con la Palabra de Dios con términos como semillas, tierra, roca, espina, grano, sol, etc. Me pregunto qué habrás sacado de esa historia. En resumidas cuentas, tenemos una conexión natural con la palabra de Dios, igual que la semilla con la tierra. Sin embargo, está igualmente claro que diversos factores favorecen o dificultan el camino de la semilla hacia el buen fruto. Jesús menciona tres malos actores: el diablo, los problemas o persecuciones y los afanes de este mundo. Esta semana, querida, intenta ser más consciente de lo que te frena en tu camino de fe. Amén.

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Hasta ahora, hemos recaudado \$25,700 hacia nuestra meta de \$26,045.80. 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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705-526-3788

## PAUSA DE VERANO

Por favor, tenga en cuenta que nuestro Estudio Bíblico quincenal y el Programa Semanal de la Juventud están tomando un descanso este verano. Ambos programas se reanudarán en septiembre. Gracias a todos.

## Llamamiento misionero del P. Tulio Ramírez, mxy:

Animamos a todos nuestros feligreses a apoyar amablemente a la Sociedad Misionera Yarumal en su esfuerzo por ayudar a los más necesitados de los necesitados en todo el mundo. Por favor donen con los sobres amarillos de "Mission Coop". Gracias y que Dios les bendiga.

## IDOLOS DEL SIGLO XXI

por: Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE

### INTRODUCCIÓN

*"Los ídolos de las naciones son plata y oro, obra de manos humanas. Tienen boca, pero no hablan; tienen ojos, pero no ven; tienen oídos, pero no oyen, y no hay aliento en sus bocas. Los que los hacen y todos los que confían en ellos llegarán a ser como ellos" (Salmo 135:15-18) ¿Qué evoca en ti la palabra "ídolo"?*

¿Qué le evoca la palabra "ídolo"? ¿Una celebridad? ¿Tu programa de televisión favorito o tal vez tu artista o escenógrafo más adorable? Independientemente de lo que esté pensando ahora mismo, ¿sabía que, por su etimología ("eidolon": forma o figura), "ídolo" tiene que ver con algo que se adora o venera como una especie de deidad? Eso es. Los ídolos eran representaciones hechas a mano de algunos dioses invisibles. Sin embargo, esto habla precisamente de la falsedad de esas formas o figuras de divinidades. En resumen, un ídolo es un dios falso. Aunque los ídolos parecen dotados de algunos superpoderes, son más bien emulaciones "engañosas" del Dios Todopoderoso, increado y eterno. Pero dejemos las cosas claras: No hay nada intrínsecamente malo en admirar a las personas por sus habilidades únicas; tampoco hay ningún problema en hacer un gran uso de cosas como el dinero, los artilugios tecnológicos o las redes sociales. Al contrario, estas personas asombrosas y estos productos artificiales están ahí para mejorar nuestro bienestar integral. Sin embargo, la idolatría entra en escena cuando literalmente adoramos a nuestros semejantes o a algunas cosas hechas por el hombre como si fueran el autor y el fin de nuestras vidas, en cuyo caso ya no mejorarían, sino que obstaculizarían e incluso acabarían con nuestra madurez integral.

**SE CONTINUARÁ...**

**Gracias por su generosidad!**

July 9, 2023 Colecta Regular:

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# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## July 22: Saint Mary Magdalene—Feast



Saint Mary Magdalene, also known as Magdalene or Mary of Magdala, is most likely named after the bustling fishing village of Magdala on the western edge of the Sea of Galilee. All information about Mary comes from the Gospels. Luke 8:1–3 introduces her as one of the many women who accompanied Jesus and the Twelve, providing for them out of their own resources. These women are said to have been “cured of evil spirits and infirmities,” and Mary is specifically noted to have been delivered from “seven demons.” Being delivered from seven demons carries significant implications. It could mean that Mary was genuinely possessed, obsessed, or oppressed by seven distinct demons. The number seven also symbolizes perfection, implying she may have been completely possessed or that her deliverance from these demons, and from a life of sin and evil, was a perfect deliverance. In other words, she never returned to the sins from which Jesus delivered her.

*Saint Mary Magdalene, you lived a sinful life, but when you encountered Jesus, you repented and followed Him. You were faithful to Him throughout His ministry and were a witness to His death and Resurrection. Please pray for me, that I may always have the courage to repent of my sins and stand with you at the foot of the Cross so that I may also be a witness to the transforming effects of the Resurrection. Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*  
-My Catholic Life

**Finding God Through Beauty: Retreat by Fr Joseph Tham**  
Saturday, August 05, 2023 08:00 to 02:30 PM  
3220 Bayview Ave, North York, ON M2M3R7



Fr Joseph Tham, a Legionaries of Christ priest from Rome, will be conducting a retreat at Blessed Trinity Parish, beginning with Mass at 8 a.m. and concluding at 2:30 p.m. The title of the retreat is “Finding God through Beauty.”

COST: \$20 per person  
REGISTER VIA E-TRANSFER: [info@TangInc.com](mailto:info@TangInc.com) before July 15, 2023

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## The Talkative Soul



A true danger to the interior life of communion with God is an excessive need to talk. No, talking is not a sin and many times is an act of Mercy toward another. But there are times when being too talkative is a hindrance to the Mercy of God. Talking, in and of itself, is neither good nor evil. The goal is to form our words in accord with the Mind and Will of God. That’s it. We must see the words we speak as a sacred tool to bring forth Truth and to manifest God’s love. Excessive words, or words that do not flow from our love of God or others, can do more damage than we may realize. Therefore, consecrate your speech to the Lord and seek to let Him speak through you as He will, when He will and to the extent He wills (See Diary #1008).

[Read More](#)



## There’s No Guesswork

Matthew 22:37-39

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

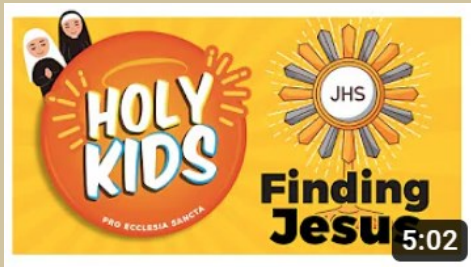
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## LIVING YOUR FAITH

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### Summer Street Patrol

July 05, 2023 to August 30, 2023  
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Would you or your group like to help the homeless? Street Patrol is a walk through Toronto's downtown core, offering food and friendship to the homeless. Food and drinks are prepared independently ahead of time by you or your group. You may volunteer once or as many times as you wish. Individuals or small groups **do not** need to contact Street Patrol in advance. You may just show up. Larger groups (12 people or more), please book ahead.

[Learn More Here](#)

### Your church is home: Like the temple, like Eden



And they had real joy at Psalm 122: "I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Ultimately, they saw the Temple as their true home — the place that made the whole world feel like home again.

Genesis describes the creation of the world like the Temple, with pillars of the earth and the dome of the heavens, and waters above and below the firmament. Second Kings describes how the Temple was adorned with depictions of palm trees, lilies, and pomegranates — fruits of the vine — crawling up the main pillars. There are carvings of lions and oxen, and the supernatural creatures of heaven above, angels living in harmony with all things, guarding the temple like they did the Garden of Eden.

[Read More](#)

### If I'm Suffering, Is It Better to Never Have Been Born?



The question of evil, suffering and brokenness in our world can be a hard one to grapple with. Sometimes, when we're in a place of darkness, the question can arise, "Would it be better if I had never been born?"

Fr. Mike tackles these incredibly tough questions and offers some insights into why God created you, and why it is good that you exist.

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*"Love God, serve God, everything is in that."  
— St. Clare of Assisi*

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