

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 | Sixteenth 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.

## WEDDINGS—BODAS

Please contact the office **one year** in advance.  
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## CATECHISM & RCIA

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

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



**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

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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.

## July 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

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

### SUNDAY, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Elias Desarno Sr.

**10:30 am** 27th death anniversary of +Mario Sabatini/ +Adolfo Sabatini/ +Rosario Ferragina/+Carpino Armando/ +Ida Giordano

**12:00 pm** Healing of Alicia Sandino

**2:00 pm** +Ana Flores Paredes/ Elisabeth Asetta and German Abella/ Descanso del alma de +Ursula

Corvera, +Maria de los angeles de Villanueva/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Nildelson Fuentes

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

### MONDAY, July 24<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** Death Anniversary of +Justina Gutierrez/ +Benito Morandini/ +Maria Madalena Ngu & all souls in Purgatory/ Healing of Constanca Mendoza / Pinargote Family

### TUESDAY, July 25<sup>th</sup> — St. James the Apostle

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

### WEDNESDAY, July 26<sup>th</sup>—Saints Joachim and Anne

**9:00 am** +Louisa Siu/ First year death anniversary of

+Maria de los Angeles Olivera de Villanueva/ Zofia & +Stanislaus Misko/ +Eva Rivas de Chevez / +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Bui/ In honor and thanksgiving to St. Anne and St. Joachim

### THURSDAY, July 27<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Andrea/ +Agustina/ +Regino & +Enemesio

Chevez/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Birthday blessings upon Gema Aurora de Franco

### FRIDAY, July 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### SATURDAY, July 29<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Saul Edgardo Manzano Aguilar/ +Juana Ines

Alegria Venegas/ Birthday blessings upon Rev. Fr. Joel Okojie and Claudia Marcela Calix Manzano

**5:00 pm** +Giovanni Vincenzo Tuzi



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

On this 16th Sunday, Jesus continues his story about what the Kingdom of heaven may be compared to. But this time, he speaks of **two Sowers**: The Son of Man and the devil. Our Lord goes on to explain that "the field is the world, and the **good seed** are the children of the kingdom; the **weeds** are the children of the evil one". I encourage, my dear, to read again and **reflect** on this parable of the Kingdom of heaven. Have a blessed week. Amen.

## Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

This year's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on **Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Mass are:

### Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga:

Most Reverend Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

### Christ the King Cemetery, Markham:

Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen

### Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill,

Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau

### Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto,

Most Reverend Robert Kasun

### Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge,

Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri

### Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby:

Rev. Fr. Dominic Barber

### St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie,

Rev. Fr. Laurence J. Leger

### All are welcome!

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN: Mass will be held in Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption, Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross, St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven and the main Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. Christ the King will celebrate Mass in the Reception Centre. Mount Hope Cemetery to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto. St. Mary's Cemetery to St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia St, Barrie.

## FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE AT MARTYR'S SHRINE

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## PEREGRINACION LATINA 2023

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## Thank you for your generosity!

July 9, 2023 Regular Collection:

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

Thank you so much for your support and generosity to our Mission Coop. May God bless you abundantly!

## 21ST CENTURY IDOLS

by: Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE

### PART I

## "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him" (Luke 4:8)

In my opinion, and speaking from a religious standpoint, to give cult or to adore means to deeply admire God for who He is, namely the "First and the Last Being", the "One who is in Himself, without depending on another". Worship is rightly given to God because He is almighty, eternal, infinite, immutable, ineffable, mysterious, immortal, and glorious. Moreover, God is adored and revered for his love, goodness, mercy, wisdom, holiness, justice, truthfulness, uprightness, faithfulness, and fatherliness. These mentioned qualities, among several others, make God genuinely adorable. Besides, with so many superhuman, supernatural qualities, it should be only right and just to adore, admire and revere God. In addition, the adoration of God, the supreme Being, requires that the adorer offer the oblation (complete and total offering) of one's whole being: body, mind, heart, will, affection, strength, talent, treasure, and time. It is analogous to one who finds an invaluable treasure (perhaps a ton of gold or diamond) hidden in some distant land. What would you do if you were to get so lucky? I guess you would do something 'crazy', such as gather your most valuable possessions and sell them instantaneously, even if family and friends do not agree. You may even go ahead and get some loan if necessary, to purchase that invaluable piece of land (without, of course, disclosing your secret to the seller).

This very conscious act of gathering the best goods at one's disposition and selling them to buy that treasure-containing piece of land is equivalent to the act of worship. The religious human being is one who recognizes the inestimable treasure that God is in their lives. For this reason, they offer their Lord the best gifts (spirit, soul, and body). Adoration is a natural call within rational creatures. Human beings naturally perceive the existence and activity of God. But perhaps, most importantly, human persons perceive that they are radically dependent on God. In fact, to be free indeed, freedom needs to quit the arena of self-referentiality. Moreover, when it is fully mature, freedom acknowledges and respects its right autonomy as much as its true limits. For, if we are beings in time or better, timed beings, we naturally intuit our limitations. Yet, humanity also enjoys the power of self-determination, an ability powered by man's natural spiritual faculties: the power to know (mind), to love (heart), to understand (intellect), to explore (reason), to remember (memory), to desire (will), to feel (conscience) and to be free (freedom). All these abilities or capacities define the essence of the human person.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA

En este domingo 16, Jesús continúa su relato sobre con qué se puede comparar el Reino de los cielos. Pero esta vez, habla de dos Sembradores: El Hijo del Hombre y el diablo. Nuestro Señor continúa explicando que "el campo es el mundo, y la buena semilla son los hijos del Reino; la cizaña son los hijos del maligno". Os animo, queridos míos, a releer y reflexionar sobre esta parábola del Reino de los cielos. Que tengas una semana llena de bendiciones. Amén.

### Misa anual por los fieles difuntos

La Misa Anual por los Fieles Difuntos de este año se celebrará el miércoles 16 de agosto de 2023 a las 19:00 horas.

Los lugares de los cementerios y los celebrantes de la misa de este año son:

#### Cementerio de la Asunción, Mississauga:

Reverendísimo Frank Leo, Arzobispo de Toronto

#### Cementerio Cristo Rey, Markham:

Reverendísimo Vincent Nguyen

#### Cementerio de la Santa Cruz, Thornhill,

Reverendísimo John A. Boissonneau

#### Cementerio Mount Hope, Toronto,

Reverendísimo Robert Kasun

#### Cementerio Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge,

Reverendísimo Ivan Camilleri

#### Cementerio de la Resurrección, Whitby:

Rev. P. Dominic Barber

#### Cementerio St. Mary, Barrie,

Rev. P. Laurence J. Leger

### Todos son bienvenidos.

EN CASO DE LLUVIA: La Misa se celebrará en el Mausoleo de Nuestra Señora de Fátima en la Asunción, en el Mausoleo de la Sagrada Familia en la Santa Cruz, en el Mausoleo de San Antonio en la Reina del Cielo y en el Mausoleo principal del Cementerio de la Resurrección. Cristo Rey celebrará la Misa en el Centro de Recepción. Cementerio de Mount Hope a la Parroquia de Santa Mónica, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto. Mary's Cemetery a St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia St, Barrie.

### PEREGRINACIÓN FILIPINA AL SANTUARIO DE LOS MÁRTIRES

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12 de agosto de 2023

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### Gracias por su generosidad!

July 9, 2023 Colecta Regular:

**\$3,899.00**

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

Muchas gracias por su apoyo y generosidad a nuestra Mission Coop. ¡Que Dios os bendiga abundantemente!

### IDOLOS DEL SIGLO XXI por: Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE

#### PARTE I

"Adora al Señor, tu Dios, y sírvele sólo a Él"  
(Lucas 4:8)

En mi opinión, y hablando desde un punto de vista religioso, dar culto o adorar significa admirar profundamente a Dios por lo que es, a saber, el "Primer y el Último Ser", el "que es en Sí mismo, sin depender de otro". Se rinde culto a Dios con razón porque Él es todopoderoso, eterno, infinito, inmutable, inefable, misterioso, inmortal y glorioso. Además, Dios es adorado y reverenciado por su amor, bondad, misericordia, sabiduría, santidad, justicia, veracidad, rectitud, fidelidad y paternidad. Estas cualidades mencionadas, entre otras muchas, hacen a Dios genuinamente adorable. Además, con tantas cualidades sobrehumanas y sobrenaturales, debería ser justo y correcto adorar, admirar y reverenciar a Dios. Además, la adoración de Dios, el Ser supremo, requiere que el adorador ofrezca la oblación (ofrenda completa y total) de todo su ser: cuerpo, mente, corazón, voluntad, afecto, fuerza, talento, tesoro y tiempo. Es análogo a quien encuentra un tesoro de valor incalculable (tal vez una tonelada de oro o de diamantes) escondido en alguna tierra lejana. ¿Qué haría usted si tuviera tanta suerte? Supongo que harías alguna "locura", como reunir tus posesiones más valiosas y venderlas al instante, aunque la familia y los amigos no estén de acuerdo. Incluso podrías adelantarte y pedir algún préstamo, si fuera necesario, para comprar ese pedazo de tierra de valor incalculable (por supuesto, sin revelar tu secreto al vendedor).

Este mismo acto consciente de reunir los mejores bienes de que uno dispone y venderlos para comprar ese pedazo de tierra que contiene un tesoro equivale al acto de adoración. El ser humano religioso es aquel que reconoce el tesoro inestimable que es Dios en su vida. Por eso, ofrece a su Señor los mejores dones (espíritu, alma y cuerpo). La adoración es una llamada natural dentro de las criaturas racionales. El ser humano percibe con naturalidad la existencia y la actividad de Dios. Pero quizá, lo más importante, las personas humanas perciben que dependen radicalmente de Dios. De hecho, para ser realmente libre, la libertad necesita abandonar el terreno de la autorreferencialidad. Además, cuando es plenamente madura, la libertad reconoce y respeta su justa autonomía tanto como sus verdaderos límites. Pues, si somos seres en el tiempo o, mejor, seres cronometrados, intuimos naturalmente nuestras limitaciones. Sin embargo, la humanidad también disfruta del poder de autodeterminación, una capacidad potenciada por las facultades espirituales naturales del hombre: el poder de conocer (mente), de amar (corazón), de comprender (intelecto), de explorar (razón), de recordar (memoria), de desear (voluntad), de sentir (conciencia) y de ser libre (libertad). Todas estas habilidades o capacidades definen la esencia de la persona humana.

**SE CONTINUARÁ...**

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## July 26: Saints Joachim and Anne—Memorial



Today we honor the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Their names are not recorded in the Gospels but first come to us from a mid-second-century apocryphal document called the Gospel of James. Though this “gospel” has been determined to be inauthentic, it is the earliest record we have of the Blessed Mother’s parents. At the very least, we can presume that their names are correct: Joachim and Anne. Other apocryphal literature, such as the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary and the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, also contain uncertain information about these holy parents and grandparents. Pray to this holy couple today, especially asking their intercession for your grandparents or your grandchildren. Ponder what it would have been like to give birth to the Mother of the Son of God. Prayerfully imagine what it would have been like to watch their daughter, who was “full of grace,” grow and mature into adulthood. Though these holy parents might not have understood all of the mysteries that surrounded their daughter, they would have known, by a grace of spiritual intuition, that their daughter was chosen by God and given a singular grace that budded forth in an abundance of virtue for all to see, especially for her parents to see.

*Saints Joachim and Anne, you were given the incredible privilege and responsibility to give birth to and raise the Immaculate Conception, the Mother of God. Her presence in your lives touched you both deeply and left you in awe of God’s grace. Please pray for me, that I may come to love your daughter and your Grandson with the same love you bore for each of them, so that I will enjoy their company in Heaven one day, just as you do today. Saints Joachim and Anne, 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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## Do You Want to be Healed?



Jesus looks us in the eyes and asks us gently,

“Do you want to be healed?”

He gazes at us, not seeing our brokenness, but knowing the depths of our hearts, and asks if we want to be healed, to be whole (see John 5:6).

A season of healing is a beautiful, often painful process. One in which vulnerabilities are made known and tears are abundant. Often we feel so overwhelmed by the need and process of healing that it’s easier to hide our faces in shame than bring our broken hearts to Him. We might say things like: “Oh, that was so long ago, it doesn’t even matter anymore.” “I can never be fully healed, it hurts too much.” How do we keep our hearts tender and open to His love during seasons of healing?

[Read More](#)



### 3 Minute Retreat

#### Hope, Faith and Love 1 Corinthians 13:12-13

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Eucharist Series | E4 Sent on a Mission



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### St. Thomas Aquinas was canonized 700 years ago



St. Thomas Aquinas was highly regarded for his sanctity and intelligence during his life, but was more widely appreciated after his death. It didn't take too long for the Church to hold-up St. Thomas as an example to follow and to canonize him a saint. He was officially canonized on July 18, 1323, by Pope John XXII, only 49 years after his death. Vatican News reported that Pope Francis wrote a letter in Latin commemorating Aquinas' canonization, "describing him as 'a man of the Church,' priest and doctor who shared his "great spiritual and human wisdom" through prayers and writings.

[Read More](#)

### Summer Street Patrol

July 05, 2023 to August 30, 2023  
Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 09:00 PM  
St. Patrick's Parish Toronto



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](#)

### Signs, Wonders, Miracles, and Healings: Do They Still Happen?



The Bible is chock-full of miracles, which are often positioned as "signs and wonders" (wonderful signs that point you to something important). We read about supernatural works of God throughout the Old Testament and plenty of well-attested miracles wrought by Jesus and accomplished through his apostles in the Gospels. But... today doesn't look like that. Does it? Fr. Mark-Mary and Fr. Columba Maria Jordan take a deep dive into the reality and the purpose of modern day miracles—and the reasons some people want to convince you that they don't happen.

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*"You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him."*

*— St. Teresa of Avila*

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