

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



July 30th, 2023 | Seventeenth 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

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Please call the office, **Three months** in advance, .
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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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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

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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 29th to August 5th 2023 MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, July 29th — Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

9:00 am + Saul Edgardo Manzano Aguilar/ +Juana Ines Alegria Venegas/ Birthday blessings upon Rev. Fr. Joel Okojie and Claudia Marcela Calix Manzano

2:30 pm Baptism of Lively Cureg & Adam De La Torre

5:00 pm +Giovanni Vincenzo Tuzi & Blessings for St. Anne

SUNDAY, July 30th

9:00 am (available for intentions)

10:30 am (available for intentions)

12:00 pm +Bruna & +Tony Creglia

2:00 pm Ana Flores Paredes/ Descanso del alma de +Maria Serafina de Cedillos, +Juan Cedillos, +Gladys Esther de Pinargote/ Por la sanacion de Alicia Sandino, Sandro Valencia & Rene Arguello Picado & Ricardo Antonio Alberto Rivas

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, July 31st — St. Ignatius of Loyola

9:00 am +Maria Madalena Ngu/+Rev. Priest Jose Maria Naranjo/ +Maria del Transito Claros, +Nelson Claros, Sr. & all souls in purgatory

TUESDAY, August 1st — St. Alphonsus Liguori

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong

WEDNESDAY, August 2nd

9:00 am Thanksgiving to St. Joseph/+Vincent Nguyen &

+Maria Bui/+ Carlota Ycaza Ryan & +Lucia Carlota de Ycaza/ Healing of Han Ycaza

THURSDAY, August 3rd

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / God's protection upon Marquito Gomez. Jr./ Birthday blessings upon Lucas Alvarez Silva

FRIDAY, August 4th — St. John Vianney—First Friday

9:00 +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / +Jose Maximiliano Soto/Birthday blessings upon Pablo Gabriel Guillen & Grace Conde

2:00 pm Wedding of Christian & Karla

7:00 pm (available for intentions)

SATURDAY, August 5th

9:00 am Circle of Prayers/ Thanksgiving for Legion of Mary/ +Arturo Gonzalez, Sr./ +Rev. Priest Miro/ Birthday blessings upon Ivette Rodas & Maria Arcadia de Meza

5:00 pm +Vasco Tavares



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Did you know that everything that has happened or is happening to those who love God was and ultimately is for their good? I bet at least you believe it! Indeed, that is the truth (cfr Romans 8.28-30). When our Lord teaches us, on this 17th Sunday that, the Kingdom of heaven is like "treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Matthew 13.44-52), he refers to the priceless possession called "faith", a supernatural gift of discernment and docility to God and to his will. Dear friend, I pray for you to always treasure the invaluable gift of faith. 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.

PEREGRINACION LATINA 2023

August 12, 2023—\$10/Person

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21ST CENTURY IDOLS

by: Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE

PART II

"So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Gen 1:27)

Furthermore, the ability to know, understand and love particularly connects the rational creatures to their supernatural destination. Mankind was fashioned with an eye for the truth. Hence, there is in every human being the natural desire to know the truth and, with such a desire, human persons are always interiorly driven to search for the truth which they naturally perceive. And, although they do not yet understand it in its entirety, they still cannot resist searching for it. The reason is that the human being is driven by love: deep love for life, unquenchable thirst for happiness, which can only be satisfied by God and in God. This search continues all the way, from the very dawn to the ultimate dusk of existence. Nonetheless, truth is hierarchical. Certain truths precede others as their very base, whereas other truths presuppose others and depend on them for their veracity and continuity. For instance, the truth about the ultimate cause of the universe grounds the undeniable truth about reality and life; but existence or life is itself at the bottom of the truth about man and about history itself. If nothing exists, then there is no life; and if there is no life, then there is neither human beings nor any other creature with the breath of life in it. Hence the most profound question: who then is the ultimate cause or author of the universe and life? Since when do time and history exist and why have they survived for so long? Finally, what is the source of material things? Are the visible and palpable realities the only things that really exist? If reality is more than what we see, feel, hear, touch, taste, and smell, then there is need to keep searching for truths which go beyond the things that only appeal to our senses, especially today, in an acutely materialistic and sensual age.

TO BE CONTINUED...

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, ¿Sabíais que todo lo que ha sucedido o sucede a los que aman a Dios ha sido y es, en última instancia, para su bien? Apuesto a que al menos vosotros lo creéis. En efecto, ésa es la verdad (cfr. Rom 8,28-30). Cuando el Señor nos enseña, en este 17º domingo, que el Reino de los cielos es como "un tesoro escondido en un campo, que alguien encontró y escondió; entonces, gozoso, fue y vendió todo lo que tenía y compró aquel campo" (Mt 13,44-52), se refiere a la posesión inestimable llamada "fe", un don sobrenatural de discernimiento y docilidad a Dios y a su voluntad. Querido amigo, te pido que atesores siempre el don inestimable de la fe. 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.

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IDOLOS DEL SIGLO XXI

por: Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE

PARTE II

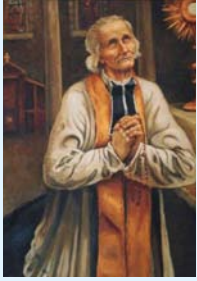
"Y creó Dios al ser humano a su imagen, a imagen de Dios lo creó; varón y hembra los creó" (Gn 1,27)

Además, la capacidad de conocer, comprender y amar conecta especialmente a las criaturas racionales con su destino sobrenatural. La humanidad fue formada con el ojo puesto en la verdad. De ahí que exista en todo ser humano el deseo natural de conocer la verdad y que, con tal deseo, las personas humanas se sientan siempre impulsadas interiormente a buscar la verdad que naturalmente perciben. Y, aunque todavía no la comprenda en su totalidad, no puede resistirse a buscarla. La razón es que el ser humano está impulsado por el amor: amor profundo por la vida, sed insaciable de felicidad, que sólo puede ser satisfecha por Dios y en Dios. Esta búsqueda continúa a lo largo de todo el camino, desde el alba misma hasta el ocaso último de la existencia. Sin embargo, la verdad está jerarquizada. Ciertas verdades preceden a otras como su base misma, mientras que otras verdades presuponen otras y dependen de ellas para su veracidad y continuidad. Por ejemplo, la verdad sobre la causa última del universo fundamenta la verdad innegable sobre la realidad y la vida; pero la existencia o la vida están a su vez en el fondo de la verdad sobre el hombre y sobre la propia historia. Si no existe nada, entonces no hay vida; y si no hay vida, entonces no hay seres humanos ni ninguna otra criatura con aliento de vida en su interior. De ahí la pregunta más profunda: ¿quién es entonces la causa última o el autor del universo y de la vida? ¿Desde cuándo existen el tiempo y la historia y por qué han sobrevivido tanto tiempo? Por último, ¿cuál es el origen de las cosas materiales? ¿Son las realidades visibles y palpables las únicas cosas que existen realmente? Si la realidad es algo más que lo que vemos, sentimos, oímos, tocamos, saboreamos y olemos, entonces es necesario seguir buscando verdades que vayan más allá de las cosas que sólo atraen a nuestros sentidos, sobre todo hoy, en una época agudamente materialista y sensual.

SE CONTINUARÁ...

ALL ABOUT FAITH

August 4: St. John Vianney —Memorial

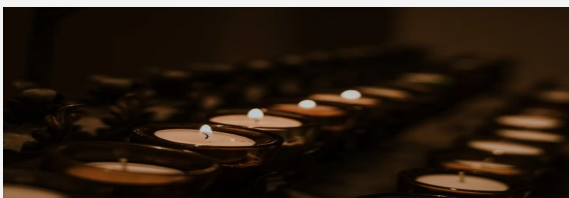


John Mary Baptiste Vianney was the fourth of six children born to devout Catholic parents in Dardilly, a rural village located near Lyon in the eastern part of France. John was born just three years before the start of the French Revolution, during which the Catholic Church came under ferocious attack. Public worship was suppressed, churches were closed or repurposed, and many priests either swore allegiance to the new state under duress, went into hiding, or were killed. The witness of the priests who risked their lives to offer the Sacraments was a powerful source of inspiration for young John, and later motivated him to become a priest. As we honor this holy priest of God, reflect upon the importance of the priesthood. Saint John Vianney once said, "If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I would greet the priest first and then the angel.... If there were no priest, the Passion and death of Jesus would serve no purpose. What use is a treasure chest full of gold if there is no one who can unlock it? The priest has the key to the treasures of Heaven." and making the Passion of Christ present in the Eucharist. Call to mind your own priest today and pray for him, that he will become a holy and humble instrument of Christ.

Saint John Mary Vianney, you loved God with all your heart and introduced God to your people. Through you, Ars and much of France were converted. Please pray for me, that I will be open to the ministry of priests, receiving God's Word and grace through them, offering them the love, support and respect due to them. I especially pray for the priests in my life. Pray that they become holy shepherds in imitation of Christ. Saint John Vianney, 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 before July 15, 2023

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Allow God to Surprise You



One of the most insightful questions anyone has ever asked me was this: to which Person of the Trinity do you most frequently turn? When you pray, do you notice to Whom your prayers are directed? Do you speak to Jesus as a friend? Are you seeking the consolation or protection of the Father? Are you inclined to the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit? Why do you imagine that is? Has it always been that way? What might happen in prayer if you stepped out of your habit and invited God to respond to you from a less familiar place?

Let God surprise you: Speaking for myself, this is one of those phrases that is much more palatable embroidered on throw pillows, than in my daily routine. Is it safe to do so? we might wonder. If you have ever read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, you might remember Aslan the Lion, who symbolizes God, described not as safe, but good! That is exactly what we have signed up for, as well as the beauty of our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Who is as described by Saint Augustine as 'beauty ever ancient and ever new.'

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3 Minute Retreat

Faith in Action

Luke 24:30-31

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Imitating the Saints



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Try Mother Teresa's 5-second prayer when needing support



Throughout Mother Teresa's long life on earth, which was fully devoted to helping others, the person she often turned to was our Blessed Mother. There are many quotes attesting to Mother Teresa's love for Mary, yet this particular quote reveals not only her own vulnerability — like all mothers today — but how she got the support she needed.

The simple prayer is not only easy to remember, it's one you can say at any moment of the day. Whether you're trying to manage unruly kids, or dealing with a difficult situation at work, it's a reminder to call on Mary your mother as you might call on your earthly mother. However, the real beauty of this prayer is that when you choose to say it, you're honoring two mothers of the Church.

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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](#)

Which Jesus is the Real Jesus?



If you profess to be a Christian, that means that you profess to follow Jesus Christ. But, of course, that presupposes that you know who Jesus is—where he came from, what he came to do, where he went, and what he continues to do until the end of time. Our understanding of Jesus can be shaped by our parents, our schooling, our culture, and our own ignorance. Fr. Mike redirects us to the primary revelation about Jesus that we have access to: scripture.

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"I'm not relying on my own merits, as I have none, but I put my hope in Him who is goodness and holiness Himself."

— St. Therese of Lisieux

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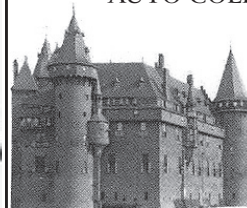


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