

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



August 6th, 2023 | Transfiguration 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

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Monday to Saturday 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by appt

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Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

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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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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.

August 5th to August 12th MASS SCHEDULE AND 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

2:30 pm Baptism of Alan Ricardo

5:00 pm +Vasco Tavares/ +Lydia Seguira, +Sandra Castro & +Madol Molina

SUNDAY, August 6th — Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 am (available for intentions)

10:30 am +Frank Perri/ +Pasquale & Teresa & Mario Nudo/ +Pietro & Maria Toter

12:00 pm (available for intentions)

2:00 pm + Maria Julia Bonilla de Meza, +Gladys Esther de Pinargote, +Jorge Moreira/ +Sandra Marin Blanco/ Birthday blessings upon Mary Moreira Chavez & Maria Arcadia de Meza, Sanacion de Sandor Valencia

6:00 pm In honour of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus & Heavenly Father

MONDAY, August 7th

9:00 am + Rene Mauricio Zambrano, +Zofia & Stanislaus Misko/ +Maria Madalena Ngu and all Souls in Purgatory
7:00 pm Memorial Mass for Maria Mannella

TUESDAY, August 8th — St. Dominic

9:00 am Healing upon Alicia Sandino & Constanca Mendoza/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong

WEDNESDAY, August 9th — St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

9:00 am +Denzil Stephens/ +Gemelina Cayas/ 4 months since passing of +Primitivo Ruedo Salvador / +Harry Ycaza Sr., +Clelia & +Pedro Pablo Sevilla, Sr./ +Gioan Baotixita Dinh & +Maria Ngo/ Birthday blessings upon Mila Cecilia Anaya/ Blessings upon the Castillo Velez families

THURSDAY, August 10th — St. Lawrence

9:00 am +Ana Paula Lopes & +Jose Lopes/ +Tadeusz, Lescek, Kristof, +Zofia & Stanislaus Misko/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Birthday blessings upon Michael Breggar/ For the health of Amanda Maria Bernadette Mussio

FRIDAY, August 11th — St. Clare

9:00 am ++Alberto Abreu & Maria da Graca Lopes/ +Marina Carlota Moz, +Crescencia Acosta & +Jose Luis Gochez/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh

SATURDAY, August 12th — St. Jane Frances de Chantal

9:00 am Healing upon Christopher Shaw Rocha, Tatiana Carolina Noguera de Rocha & Nadia Waleska Noguera Ruiz
5:00 pm Petraglia & Iannuzzi families and all souls in purgatory



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Have you or someone you know experienced God's power in their lives? On this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel reading (Matthew 17, 1-19) narrates the story of the transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor. It gives us such vivid details of that ecstatic moment when the three inner disciples experienced the glory of Jesus Christ, who is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. This week, may you and I be very open to the transformative divine encounter, and be willing to share it with others. Amen.

The office will be closed on Monday, August 7, 2023 for the Civic Holiday. Thank you!

PEREGRINACION LATINA 2023

August 12, 2023—\$10/Person

The Martyr's Shrine—16163 Highway 12, Midland,
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21ST CENTURY IDOLS—PART III

Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE

**"For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and
forfeit their life?" (Mark 8:36)**

**"You shall not make for yourself an idol... You shall not
bow down to them or worship them" (Exodus 20:4.5)**

Hence, let us return to our primordial question: what does the word "idol" evoke in you? Did you know that a lot of things that attract and seduce us today are literally false deities? Again, in themselves they are good and are meant for our use and integral development, but once we begin to worship them, that is when they become false gods (idols)! But do not forget, the idols of the 21st century, like those of centuries past are lifeless. Although they look alive, with eyes, mouths, noses, ears, hands, and feet, and hence, even though they pretend to communicate with us, making us momentarily happy, yet they are lifeless things which actually end up procuring us much discontentment. Furthermore, even though our idols offer us a temporary sense of belonging, nonetheless we become even more lonely and isolated eventually. Besides, these idols of our time do absolutely nothing to help when life turns upside down for us. Two huge lessons, among others that we have gathered from these excruciating COVID-19 months, is that all life matters and, that there are only a handful of things that are essential. Other things have proved themselves secondary or even superfluous. That most people engage in certain activities or live in a given way does not make those things essential. Having made that point, I shall now list, among several others, some twenty-

Thank you for your generosity!

July 23, 2023 Regular Collection:

\$4515.00

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

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto,

Most Reverend Robert Kasun

All are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Office of Catholic Youth is looking for VOLUNTEERS (ages 19 and up) to help them out at the Renew Toronto conference on November 4, 2023. For more info, you can visit www.renewtoronto.org/volunteer. Volunteer applications are due Aug 14th.

four idols which really capture our undivided attention today more than ever.

1. The Self (the ego)
2. Happiness
3. Technological Gadgets
4. Internet and Social Media
5. Celebrities
6. Pornography
7. Entertainment
8. Sports and Athletes
9. Music and Musicians
10. Law and Law Enforcement
11. Social Events and the Spectacular
12. Looks
13. Money
14. Work and Busyness
15. Gain and Interests
16. Possession or Property
17. Friends and Followers
18. Relationships
19. Fame
20. Drug
21. Libertinism
22. Gossip
23. Public Opinion
24. Superstition

TO BE CONTINUED...

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¿Tú o alguien que conoces ha experimentado el poder de Dios en su vida? En este 18º domingo del tiempo ordinario, la lectura del Evangelio (Mateo 17, 1-19) narra la historia de la transfiguración de Nuestro Señor en el monte Tabor. Nos ofrece detalles tan vívidos de aquel momento extático en el que los tres discípulos interiores experimentaron la gloria de Jesucristo, que es Rey de Reyes y Señor de Señores. Que esta semana estemos muy abiertos al encuentro divino transformador y dispuestos a compartirlo con los demás. Amén.

La oficina permanecerá cerrada el lunes 7 de agosto de 2023 por la Fiesta Cívica. Muchas gracias.

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

PARTE III

"¿De qué les servirá ganar el mundo entero si pierden la vida?". (Marcos 8:36)

"No te harás ídolo... No te inclinarás ante ellos ni los adorarás" (Éxodo 20:4.5)

Por tanto, volvamos a nuestra pregunta primordial: ¿qué evoca en ti la palabra "ídolo"? ¿Sabías que muchas cosas que hoy nos atraen y seducen son literalmente falsas deidades? De nuevo, en sí mismas son buenas y están pensadas para nuestro uso y desarrollo integral, pero una vez que empezamos a adorarlas, ¡es cuando se convierten en falsos dioses (ídolos)! Pero no olvidemos que los ídolos del siglo XXI, al igual que los de siglos pasados, carecen de vida. Aunque parezcan vivos, con ojos, bocas, narices, orejas, manos y pies, y por lo tanto, aunque pretendan comunicarse con nosotros, haciéndonos momentáneamente felices, sin embargo son cosas sin vida que en realidad terminan procurándonos mucho descontento. Además, aunque nuestros ídolos nos ofrecen una sensación temporal de pertenencia, con el tiempo nos sentimos más solos y aislados. Además, estos ídolos de nuestro tiempo no nos ayudan en absoluto cuando la vida nos da un vuelco. Dos grandes lecciones, entre otras, que hemos extraído de estos insoportables meses de COVID-19, son que toda la vida importa y que sólo hay un puñado de cosas que son esenciales. Otras cosas han demostrado ser secundarias o incluso superfluas. El hecho de que la mayoría de la gente se dedique a ciertas actividades o viva de una manera determinada no hace que esas cosas sean esenciales. Una vez dicho esto, paso a enumerar, entre otros, unos veint

Gracias por su generosidad!

July 23, 2023 Colecta Regular:

\$4515.00

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 Mount Hope, Toronto,

Reverendísimo Robert Kasun

¡Todos son bienvenidos!

SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS

La Oficina de la Juventud Católica está buscando VOLUNTARIOS (a partir de 19 años) para ayudarnos en la conferencia Renew Toronto el 4 de noviembre de 2023. Para más información, puedes visitar www.renewtoronto.org/volunteer. Las solicitudes de voluntarios deben enviarse antes del 14 de agosto.

ticuatro ídolos que, hoy más que nunca, captan toda nuestra atención.

1. El yo (el ego)
2. La felicidad
3. Artilugios tecnológicos
4. Internet y redes sociales
5. Famosos
6. Pornografía
7. Entretenimiento
8. Deportes y atletas
9. Música y músicos
10. Derecho y Fuerzas y Cuerpos de Seguridad
11. Eventos Sociales y Espectaculares
12. Miradas
13. Dinero
14. Trabajo y Ocupación
15. Ganancias e intereses
16. Posesión o propiedad
17. Amigos y seguidores
18. Relaciones
19. Fama
20. Droga
21. Libertinaje
22. Cotilleo
23. Opinión pública
24. Superstición

SE CONTINUARÁ...

ALL ABOUT FAITH

August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord



All three of the Synoptic Gospels record the event of the Lord's Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36). Just prior to the Transfiguration, all three Gospels also record Jesus' trip to Caesarea Philippi with His disciples, located about thirty miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Caesarea Philippi was a primarily pagan Greek town occupied by the Romans. It was there that Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Peter declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus then blessed Peter and announced His intent to build His Church upon Peter, declaring that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it..." (Matthew 16:16–18). After this significant exchange, Jesus began revealing to His disciples His impending fate—His journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter resisted this revelation, to which Jesus responded sternly, correcting Peter's human thinking with divine wisdom (Matthew 16:22–23).

This is the context of the Feast of the Transfiguration we celebrate today. First, Jesus proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil. Second, He informed them that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death. Although the first message is encouraging, the second one is challenging to accept. According to the Gospels, Jesus allowed His disciples about a week to grapple with these teachings, a period that must have been tough for them. Understanding their struggle, Jesus took His three closest companions, Peter, James, and John, up a high mountain. There He was transfigured before them, radiating pure white light, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and being affirmed in His identity by the Father.

My Transfigured Lord, You promise suffering and death to all who follow You, but You also promise the hope that awaits those who endure. Grant me the grace to endure every cross in life, uniting my sufferings with Yours, so that I may one day partake in the glory of eternal life in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life

"Pour Out" Adoration Night for Teens and Young Adults



Inspired by John 12:1-9; when Mary of Bethany pours her expensive perfume on Jesus to the astonishment of His disciples, Merciful Redeemer is hosting a night of praise and worship, adoration, prayer ministry and confession. There will also be testimony sharing and a talk by Fr. Séamus Hogan! If you're a teen or young adult looking to reignite your faith this summer, we would love to see you! Bring a friend or meet new people as we dive deeper into how we can give more fully to Jesus.

[Register](#)

This saint will help your life shine brightly in August



This month, let's invoke St. Clare of Assisi to be our special helper and guide. We ask her to intercede for us that we may persevere in prayer and that we may shine brightly with faith, as she did.

She is perfect to lead us this August, the month in our tradition devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. After all, the Immaculate Heart shines forth with brightness, and St. Clare's name in Italian means brightness.

St. Clare of Assisi received her name from a holy voice her mother heard shortly before childbirth insisting, "You shall bring forth a light which will illumine the world more clearly." The baby was therefore named Chiara, Italian for "brightness," translated "Clare" in English.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat

Well Connected
John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Our Father Prayer



Animated Story

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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](#)

Eight Steps of Courage: A New Look at Jesus's Beatitude



On our journey through “the valley of the shadow of death,” we desperately need endurance to fight for the good and to resist evil (Psalm 23). Life is not a sprint but a marathon. Christians understandably focus so much on restraining misdirected desires that, at times, we overlook the need to strengthen our spirits amid life's challenges. Such strength, the tradition describes as courage. Toughness, resilience, grit, and steadiness—a.k.a. the virtue of courage—shape our feelings of sadness, anger, and fear. Rather than reacting impulsively or shutting down entirely, courageous attitudes give us the strength to respond to the obstacles and setbacks of this life.

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Am I Allowed to Do ___? (Material Cooperation with Evil)



Fr. Gregory Pine and Fr. Mark-Mary define material cooperation and discuss when our actions need to be evaluated based on our intentions and their effects.

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“Anyone who seeks truth seeks God, whether or not they realize it.”

— St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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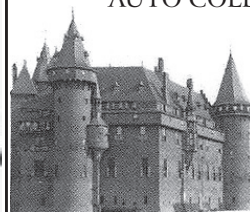


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