

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



August 13th, 2023 | Nineteenth 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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on Fridays and 6:00 pm on First Fridays

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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 12th to August 19th MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 12th

9:00 am Healing upon Christopher Shaw Rocha, Tatiana Carolina Noguera de Rocha/ Birthday blessings & healing upon Nadia Waleska Noguera Ruiz

11:00 am Funeral Mass of Norie Andrabi

2:30 pm Baptism of Alan Ricardo

5:00 pm Petraglia & Iannuzzi families and all souls in purgatory

SUNDAY, August 13th

9:00 am +Antonio De Ciantis/ +Giuseppe Terenzio

10:30 am (available for intentions)

12:00 pm Birthday blessings upon Sheobbie Marie Climacosa / +Bella Colaco

2:00 pm +Maria Paula Rodriguez Pineda & +Manuel Gonzalez Heredia/ +Jorge Alberto Mejia/ Birthday blessings upon Rebeca Gonzalez de Gallardo/ Sanacion para Maria Zambrano & Jacob Lee McEwen

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, August 14th — St. Maximilian Kolbe

9:00 am +Maria Madalena Ngu/ + Harry Ycaza, Sr. +Lucia Carlota Ayala de Ycaza, +Lucy Tama & all souls in purgatory/ Healing upon Han Ycaza/ Birthday blessings upon Natalia Lucia Anaya

TUESDAY, August 15th — Assumption of Our Lady

9:00 am For thanksgiving & graces received from our Blessed Mother/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Maria Jacinta Trujillo, +Maria Teresa Valderrama & +Juan Cedillos/ Healing upon Marina Espinoza, Rafael Marroquin & Otto Martir Rivera

WEDNESDAY, August 16th — St. Stephen of Hungary

9:00 am Thanksgiving to St. Joseph/ +Silvio Navas/ +Gioan Baotixita Dinh & Maria Ngo/ + Adaberto Gomez, +Rosa Raquel Santillana & +Miguel A. Gomez/ Birthday blessings upon Rev. Fr. Etienne Nadonge

THURSDAY, August 17th

9:00 am Birthday blessings upon Aida Cayas/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Marina Carlota Moz/ +Hector Castaño/ Birthday blessings & healing upon Tatiana Carolina Noguera Ruiz

FRIDAY, August 18th

9:00 +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

SATURDAY, August 19th — St. John Eudes

9:00 am (available for intentions)

9:45 am Baptism of John Lucas Velasco

1:00 pm Wedding of Francis & Erica

5:00 pm +Peter and Persilla D'Souza/ +Emilia Colucci



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

Last week we heard the awesome story of how the three apostles experienced the glory of Jesus on Mount Tabor. This 19th Sunday, we listen to the prophet Elijah's experience of God in the sound of sheer silence (1 Kings 19.9, 11-13). Recently, a sister asked for my advice on where she could go and spend alone time with the Lord. Indeed, it is of great spiritual reward, to recharge oneself often, like Jesus did alone and by himself up on the mountain after a hectic day (Matthew 14.22-33). Unless we are fed, how can we continue to feed others! This week, may you also find a **quiet time** to be alone with your God. 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

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto,

Most Reverend Robert Kasun

All are welcome!

KofC Summer BBQ!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Knights of Columbus invites you to their annual BBQ/Fundraising on Sunday, August 20th, from after 9am Mass until after the 2pm Mass. There is plenty of food and drinks to enjoy with parishioners and friends. Profits will support the KofC & STA Parish. Come and join the fun!

RCIA Program Registration is on!

Are you a baptized Christian who wants to become Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will assist you in your journey toward the fullness of Christ in the Catholic Church. You may sign up in our parish office within the month of August, if you wish to join the class which will run from September to April. Thank you and welcome home!

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.

Office Summer Closure: Please note that during the rest of the summer months, our office will stay closed on Saturdays. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for your generosity!

August 6, 2023 Regular Collection:

\$4,459.60

21ST CENTURY IDOLS—PART III

Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE

From the previous bulletin, we read about the idols which really capture our undivided attention today more than ever.

The first major idol, captain of the whole gang of idols, may be named the self. Otherwise called the individual's ego, this commander in-chief has two mostly interchangeable ears: wants and needs. This two-sided fundamental idol is comparable to the two parallel rails of a train. The second major idol of our time could be named happiness (or "success"). You may liken this idol to the head compartment of the train. It motivates and drives the rest of the train compartments. Furthermore, the next batch of nine idols plays a decisive role in animating and enhancing the ego's craving for happiness, just like the mid compartments of an exceptionally long train. They include technological gadgets, Internet and social media, celebrities, pornography, entertainment, sport and athletes, music and musicians, law and law enforcement, social events, and the spectacular. Moreover, in response to the deep longing to catch up with what is happening in front, the next twelve idols truly show the inseparable connection between the preceding idols and this third set, namely looks, money, work, and busyness; gain and interest; possession or property; friends and followers; relationships; fame; drug; libertinism; gossip; and public opinion. Finally, comparable to the last segment of a train is the idol of superstition. This twenty-fourth idol comes behind the others because, realising that true happiness does not come from any of the preceding gods, the individual tends to recourse to magic, sorcery, and things of the sort.

"Jesus said to him: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6)

But guess what? In the long run, the truth of the matter is this: people today offer to the various idols the oblation (that is, the complete and total surrender) of their whole body, mind, heart, will, affection, strength, talent, treasure, and time. In other words, more and more people today are able to go to any extent in acquiring some, most, if not all those idols. Huge amounts of money have been wasted by so many people in pursuit of elusive happiness. Lives have been endangered or even lost on the path of the illusory. Consequently, despite the apparent socio-cultural and techno-scientific progress, basic humanity has suffered an unparalleled moral, intellectual and religious retrogression. Thus, the purpose of this brief reflection, my dear reader, is to help you and thereby help myself think for a moment about the idols that we all, in one way or another, worship today. Let us be mindful of how so much artificial progress has not matched up with basic humanity, dignity, respect, family, love, and fraternity. How do we come back to those essential things of life? We certainly do not need a pandemic to remind us again. May our reflection on the twenty-first century idols challenge us therefore to seek out and stick to the true goods of life, which happened to be our only true pathway to the ultimate Origin and Destination of human life: God.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:29)

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA,

La semana pasada escuchamos la impresionante historia de cómo los tres apóstoles experimentaron la gloria de Jesús en el monte Tabor. Este domingo 19, escuchamos la experiencia que el profeta Elías tuvo de Dios en el sonido del silencio absoluto (1 Reyes 19.9, 11-13). Hace poco, una hermana me pidió consejo sobre dónde podía ir a pasar un tiempo a solas con el Señor. En efecto, es de gran recompensa espiritual recargarse a menudo, como hizo Jesús a solas y por sí mismo en la montaña después de un día agitado (Mateo 14.22-33). Si no nos alimentamos, ¡cómo vamos a seguir alimentando a los demás! Que esta semana tú también encuentres **un momento de tranquilidad** para estar a solas con tu Dios. 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 Mount Hope, Toronto,

Reverendísimo Robert Kasun

¡Todos son bienvenidos!

¡Barbacoa de Verano KofC!

Santo Tomás de Aquino Parroquia de los Caballeros de Colón le invita a su barbacoa anual / Recaudación de fondos el domingo, 20 de agosto, desde después de la misa de 9am hasta después de la misa de 2pm. Hay un montón de comida y bebidas para disfrutar con los feligreses y amigos. Las ganancias apoyarán a la parroquia de KofC y STA. ¡Ven y únete a la diversión!

Ya está abierto el plazo de inscripción para el programa RCIA

¿Es usted un cristiano bautizado que quiere hacerse católico? El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos le ayudará en su viaje hacia la plenitud de Cristo en la Iglesia Católica. Usted puede inscribirse en nuestra oficina parroquial en el mes de agosto, si desea unirse a la clase que se extenderá desde septiembre hasta abril. ¡Gracias y bienvenidos a casa!

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.

Cierre de la oficina en verano: Tenga en cuenta que durante el resto de los meses de verano, nuestra oficina permanecerá cerrada los sábados. Gracias por su comprensión.

Gracias por su generosidad!

August 6, 2023 Colecta Regular:

\$4, 459.60

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

En el boletín anterior, leímos sobre los ídolos que realmente captan toda nuestra atención hoy más que nunca.

El primer ídolo importante, capitán de toda la pandilla de ídolos, puede llamarse el yo. También llamado ego del individuo, este comandante en jefe tiene dos orejas casi intercambiables: los deseos y las necesidades. Este ídolo fundamental de dos caras es comparable a los dos raíles paralelos de un tren. El segundo gran ídolo de nuestro tiempo podría denominarse felicidad (o "éxito"). Se puede comparar este ídolo con el compartimento de cabeza del tren. Motiva e impulsa al resto de los compartimentos del tren. Además, el siguiente lote de nueve ídolos desempeña un papel decisivo a la hora de animar y potenciar el ansia de felicidad del ego, al igual que los compartimentos intermedios de un tren excepcionalmente largo. Entre ellos se encuentran los artilugios tecnológicos, Internet y las redes sociales, los famosos, la pornografía, el entretenimiento, el deporte y los atletas, la música y los músicos, la ley y las fuerzas del orden, los acontecimientos sociales y lo espectacular. Además, en respuesta al profundo anhelo de ponerse al día con lo que ocurre delante, los doce ídolos siguientes muestran realmente la conexión inseparable entre los ídolos precedentes y este tercer conjunto, a saber: apariencia, dinero, trabajo y ajeteo; ganancia e interés; posesión o propiedad; amigos y seguidores; relaciones; fama; droga; libertinaje; cotilleo; y opinión pública. Por último, comparable al último segmento de un tren, está el ídolo de la superstición. Este vigésimo cuarto ídolo viene detrás de los demás porque, al darse cuenta de que la verdadera felicidad no proviene de ninguno de los dioses precedentes, el individuo tiende a recurrir a la magia, la brujería y cosas por el estilo.

"Jesús le dijo: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie viene al Padre si no es por mí" (Juan 14:6)

Pero, ¿sabe una cosa? A la larga, la verdad del asunto es ésta: la gente de hoy ofrece a los diversos ídolos la obediencia (es decir, la entrega completa y total) de todo su cuerpo, mente, corazón, voluntad, afecto, fuerza, talento, tesoro y tiempo. En otras palabras, cada vez más personas son capaces de llegar a cualquier extremo en la adquisición de algunos, la mayoría, si no todos esos ídolos. Muchas personas han malgastado enormes cantidades de dinero en busca de la esquivada felicidad. Se han puesto en peligro o incluso se han perdido vidas en el camino de lo ilusorio. En consecuencia, a pesar del aparente progreso sociocultural y tecnocientífico, la humanidad básica ha sufrido un retroceso moral, intelectual y religioso sin parangón. Así pues, el propósito de esta breve reflexión, mi querido lector, es ayudarte y, por ende, ayudarme a mí mismo a pensar por un momento en los ídolos que todos, de una forma u otra, adoramos hoy en día. Seamos conscientes de cómo tantos progresos artificiales no se han correspondido con la humanidad básica, la dignidad, el respeto, la familia, el amor y la fraternidad. ¿Cómo podemos volver a esas cosas esenciales de la vida? Ciertamente no necesitamos una pandemia para recordárnoslo de nuevo. Que nuestra reflexión sobre los ídolos del siglo XXI nos desafíe, por tanto, a buscar y aferrarnos a los verdaderos bienes de la vida, que resultaron ser nuestro único camino verdadero hacia el Origen y Destino últimos de la vida humana: Dios.

"Venid a mí todos los que estáis cansados y cargados, y yo os aliviaré" (Mateo 11:29)

ALL ABOUT FAITH

August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Traditionally, today's Solemnity has been referred to variably as the Blessed Virgin Mary's rest, birth into Heaven, entombment, and falling asleep. The earliest written references to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary date back to the third and fourth centuries. In the seventh century, Saint John Damascene wrote beautifully about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in three sermons. He also

narrates a story about the Roman Emperor Marcian (c. 392–457) who approached the bishops at the Council of Chalcedon in 451, requesting information about the location of the body of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we honor the Mother of God, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate her life, the completion of her time on earth, and her glorious entrance into Heaven, body and soul. We hope to follow where she has gone. From Heaven, she loves each one of us with her perfect maternal love. Her prayers and mediation of grace are certain. We should seek her intercession today. Doing so with great confidence, we should know that a mother so loving would never deny her children all good things granted in accord with God's will.

Dearest Mother, assumed into Heaven, you are the Immaculate Conception, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we honor your glorious Assumption into Heaven, please pray for me and for all your children. In Heaven, you are honored by your Son and your prayers are most effective. I believe this with all my heart and entrust myself, my family, our Church, and the entire world to your motherly care and intercession. Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for me. 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](#)

Never the same: WYD pilgrims head home renewed



After 2 emotionally-charged weeks, the more than 1M participants of the Lisbon WYD will be returning home with their faith renewed. Many of them testify to their desire to live a committed life in the service of others, free from the clutches of the virtual world.

"I can live my life without fear and hesitation," said Adela, a 34-year-old South Korean, at the end of the WYD in Lisbon. "I received a lot of courage and power from Pope Francis. It was incredible," reflected the young woman, whose country will host the next WYD in four years' time.

Very touched by the benevolence of the Portuguese — who she describes as "very kind, pure and blessed" — Adela said she is "really looking forward" to WYD in Seoul. "I hope we see many people from around the world come to our country with gratitude and joy and with an atmosphere like this," she said, indicating the pilgrims camped out around her. Adela noted the challenges that young people face in her country, such as a particularly competitive culture for school and jobs, with alcohol and social networks as outlets.

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3 Minute Retreat

Seeking Happiness

Psalms 119:1

Happy those whose way is blameless, who walk by the teaching of the LORD.

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Who is Jesus?



Animated Story

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Fill your heart with joy and peace with this prayer



As you look toward the future, turn to Edith Stein and this prayer she wrote. The future can be a daunting reality and can fill us with great anxiety or fear. We don't know what will happen next and that can frighten us.

O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me and I shall meet with peace.

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St. Josephine Bakhita Pilgrimage

Saturday, August 19, 2023 09:30 AM - 04:00 PM

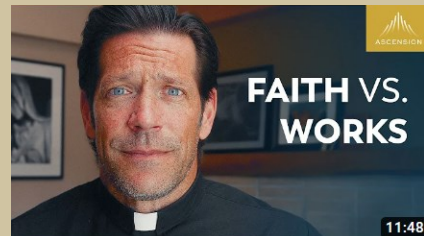
Canadian Martyrs Shrine



In celebration of the 10th anniversary of evangelization by the African Caribbean Catholic Ministry. Pickup is available at 7 a.m. prompt at Saint Charles Borromeo Parish (Dufferin & Lawrence). Please see event poster for more details on registration.

[Learn More Here](#)

What You Need to Be Saved (Faith vs. Works)



There is an age old question often debated among Catholics and Protestant. Are we saved by faith or works? How are we saved? Fr. Mike continues the discussion on faith and weighs in on the Catholic Church's actual teaching on faith and works and the answer may actually surprise you.

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“O Jesus, I promise You to submit myself to all that You permit to happen to me, make me only know Your Will.”

— St. Gianna Beretta Molla

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