

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



August 20th, 2023 | Twentieth 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.
Llamar a la oficina con **un año** de anticipación.

CATECHISM & RCIA

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.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday

9:30 am - 12:00pm | 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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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.

August 19th to August 26th MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 19th — St. John Eudes

9:00 am In thanksgiving to Sts. Joachim & Anne, to St. Joseph, Mama Mary & the infant Jesus, St. Gerald Majella, St. John Bosco, St. Dominic Savio, St. Emelia & in thanksgiving to all saints and Holy Angels and the Blessed

9:45 am Baptism of John Lucas Velasco

1:00 pm Wedding of Francis & Erica

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

SUNDAY, August 20th

9:00 am Healing of Constanca Mendoza

10:30 am +Niso Daneluzzi in memory of his birthday/ +Ida Giordano/ +Rosario Ferragina/ +Armando Carpino

12:00 pm (available for intentions)

2:00 pm +Julio Rivera, +Esteban Sandino/ +Deicy Isea & +Gilberto Tovar/Sanacion de Robert Marcelo Giron & Alicia Sandino

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, August 21st — St. Pius X

9:00 am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora / +Manuel De Amorim/ +Roberto Lorenzo & all souls in purgatory/ Birthday blessings upon Haydee Sosa & Jose Adelio Chevez

TUESDAY, August 22nd — Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora/ *Elisa Domenico, Giuseppe, Caterina, Giuseppina e Defunti/ +Cesar Oujano & Godofredo Oujano*

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd — St. Rose of Lima

9:00 am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora/ +Ana Piecha & +Chizo Eucharía Ezeudu/ For the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children/ Healing of Ingrid Gonzalez

THURSDAY, August 24th — St. Bartholomew

9:00 am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora/ +Flor & +Arturo Gonzalez Sr., +Doris Delgadillo & +Lucy Debayle/ Birthday blessings upon Emriz Gonzalez Moz

FRIDAY, August 25th — St. Louis

9:00 In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora/ Anniversary blessings for Nicola and Raffaella

SATURDAY, August 26th

9:00 am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora/ +Rosa Vaclaro, +Carmela Colasuonno & +Heidi Laford

2:30 pm Baptism of Ava Sheppard

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,

If at some point in your life or even at this moment, you have prayed, repeatedly asking for the same thing, over and over, and yet nothing seems to be happening, then this Sunday's Gospel is for you (Matthew 15.21-28)! Truth be told, God does not owe us anything, although he has given us everything we are and have. Hence, everything is grace, a gratuitous gift! As we begin a new week, let us reflect on how we showed up completely empty-handed in this world, and yet now, we have been so **richly blessed** with innumerable good things. Really, hands down, God is good all the time! Amen.

KofC Summer BBQ!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Knights of Columbus invites you to their annual BBQ/Fundraising this weekend, 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!

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 13, 2023 Regular Collection:
\$5048.30

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS!

Our STA parish is in need of able and willing parishioners who are ready to commit their time and talent in the following capacities: Volunteer Screening Coordinator, Sacramental Preparation Coordinator, Sacramental Preparation Team Member, Money Counters Team Member, and Financial Council Team Member. Experience, competence and fear of the Lord are indispensable requirements for the named ministries. If you feel called to it, please write an email to Fr. Patrick at stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org. Thank you!

Volunteers Planning for Year 2023/2024

We invite all the coordinators/leaders of our parish ministries, prayer groups and associations to join us for a crucial planning of our new volunteer year. It will be **on Saturday, 9th September at 6:30pm** in our parish hall. Light dinner will be provided.

Volunteers Appreciation Dinner!

On **Saturday, 23rd September at 6:30pm**, all our volunteers are warmly invited to come and enjoy fellowship with a host of other volunteers, including our priests. Good dinner will be served. It will also be our singular occasion to appreciate your extraordinary stewardship in our beloved St. Thomas Aquinas parish. Please come hungry!

Catholic Charismatic Movement

Spanish: Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm in the Padre Pio Hall.

English: Will resume in September!

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Si en algún momento de tu vida, o incluso en este momento, has rezado, pidiendo repetidamente lo mismo, una y otra vez, y sin embargo nada parece suceder, entonces el Evangelio de este domingo es para ti (Mateo 15.21-28). A decir verdad, Dios no nos debe nada, aunque nos ha dado todo lo que somos y tenemos. Por eso, todo es gracia, un don gratuito. Al comenzar una nueva semana, reflexionemos sobre cómo nos presentamos en este mundo con las manos completamente vacías y, sin embargo, ahora hemos sido bendecidos tan **ricamente con innumerables cosas buenas**. Realmente, sin duda, ¡Dios es bueno todo el tiempo! Amén.

¡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 apoyaran 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!

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 13, 2023 Colecta Regular:

\$5048.30

¡¡¡SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS!!!

¡VOLUNTARIOS, VOLUNTARIOS, VOLUNTARIOS!

Nuestra parroquia STA está en necesidad de feligreses capaces y dispuestos a comprometer su tiempo y talento en las siguientes capacidades: Coordinador de Selección de Voluntarios, Coordinador de Preparación Sacramental, Miembro del Equipo de Preparación Sacramental, Miembro del Equipo de Contadores de Dinero y Miembro del Equipo del Consejo Financiero. Experiencia, competencia y temor del Señor son requisitos indispensables para los ministerios nombrados. Si te sientes llamado, por favor escribe un correo electrónico al P. Patrick a stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org. Muchas gracias.

Planificación del voluntariado para el año 2023/2024

Invitamos a todos los coordinadores/líderes de nuestros ministerios parroquiales, grupos de oración y asociaciones a unirse a nosotros para una planificación crucial de nuestro nuevo año de voluntariado. Será **el sábado 9 de septiembre a las 18:30** en nuestro salón parroquial. Se ofrecerá una cena ligera.

Cena de agradecimiento a los voluntarios

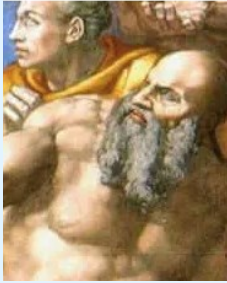
El sábado 23 de septiembre a las 18:30, todos nuestros voluntarios están cordialmente invitados a venir y disfrutar de la comunión con otros voluntarios, incluidos nuestros sacerdotes. Se servirá una buena cena. Será también nuestra singular ocasión de apreciar vuestra extraordinaria corresponsabilidad en nuestra querida parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino. Por favor, ¡vengan con hambre!

Movimiento Carismático Católico

Español: Jueves de 19:00 a 20:30 en la Sala Padre Pío.
Inglés: ¡Se reanudará en septiembre!

ALL ABOUT FAITH

August 24: St. Bartholomew



Today, the Church honors one of the Twelve Apostles whom Jesus handpicked to form His Church and to go forth to the ends of the earth to share the Good News. Bartholomew, as he is named in the Synoptic Gospels, is most likely not his actual name, but a description of his lineage. His name in Aramaic is bar-Tôlmay, which is translated as “son of Tolmai.” While there are mentions of others named

Tolmai in the Old Testament, nothing is known about Bartholomew’s father or background. Though nothing is certain about “Bartholomew,” most scholars agree that the Bartholomew mentioned in the Synoptics is the same person as Nathanael in John’s Gospel. Hence, it might be that “Nathanael, the son of Tolmai,” is the full name of today’s saint.

Some traditions say that he was martyred in a city named Albanopolis, which might be one of two ancient towns either in modern-day Armenia or Albania. Those traditions state that he was beheaded or flayed alive and crucified upside down in retribution for converting the King of Armenia. It is for this reason that Saint Bartholomew often appears in sacred art holding his skin, such as in Michelangelo’s Last Judgment scene found in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican. Though legends are hard to prove or disprove, what we know for certain is that when this man met Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the King of Israel, his life was forever changed. The same must be said of each one of us

Saint Bartholomew, you met Jesus, the Nazarene, and you immediately discerned Him to be the Son of God, the King of Israel. Your openness to divine grace enabled our Lord to touch your soul and change you forever. Please pray for me, that I will also be open to the divine presence of the Son of God so that He can touch my soul and change my life. Saint Bartholomew, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.
—My Catholic Life

Sisters of Life: Profession of Final Vows

Saturday, August 26, 2023 09:30 AM 12:00 PM
St. Michael Cathedral Basilica



The Sisters of Life joyfully invite you to the Profession of Final Vows of Sr. Gaudia Maria Magdalena taking place at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto with Archbishop Francis Leo presiding.

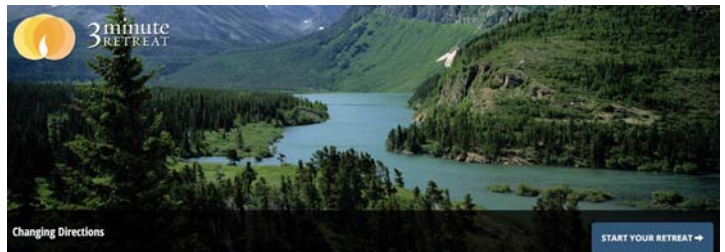
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A Prayer To Love Others Better



Jesus, as I express my love to those close to me and the easiest to love, aid me in lavishing Your love on those I find particularly difficult to love. Help me see You in the eyes of those I struggle to love. Abolish the obstacles I place to maintain my comfort, that keep me safely tucked away from loving those that You are gently pushing me towards. Most importantly, help me love others that think themselves not worthy of love, especially Yours. Whisper in my heart encouragement to love others I have pushed away so that I may be a greater reflection of You, not the version of myself that picks and chooses whom I love. Amen.

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3 Minute Retreat

Changing Directions

Mark 1:15

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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A Religious Order



Animated Story

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Do you want delight and wonder in prayer? Try this



Even the non-Christian Aristotle claims that “the contemplative life is superior to life on a human level.” And it is meant for all: “The contemplative life is proper to us in so far as there is something of the divine in us.” Can we not, then, cultivate some degree of contemplation even amidst our excessively hectic and distracted lives? The Catholic philosopher Josef Pieper wrote that “the greatest menace to our capacity for contemplation is the incessant fabrication of tawdry empty stimuli which kill the receptivity of the soul.”

Let us prepare for this great gift by doing what the Lord commands us through the Psalmist: “Be still and know that I am God” (Ps 46:10). St. Gregory the Great assures us that “the contemplative life is an exceedingly lovable sweetness which carries the soul above itself, reveals heavenly things, and manifests spiritual realities to the mind’s eye.” And it is meant for you.

[Read More](#)

Life Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat



September 29 to October 1, 2023

St. Francis Centre, Caledon, ON

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents’ relationship to their deepest identity found in God. The retreat gives participants a greater understanding of the wound of divorce and the ways it affects their lives, offers advice about the difficulties concerning love and trust of others, and explains how the Catholic faith, spiritual practices, and the Sacraments are essential to self-knowledge and healing.

[Learn More Here](#)

Rejoice Always



"Everything is amazing and no one is happy." This classic line from Louis CK on the Conan O'Brien show years ago pretty much sums up our culture at the present time, doesn't it? We've never had more reasons to rejoice and thank God (his protection, provision, goodness, mercy, faithfulness, fill in the blank) then we have right now and yet we can't seem to find a headline anywhere that encourages us to rejoice. This is why it's so critically important to stay grounded in Sacred Scripture. The Word of God doesn't change with the current trends of what's popular, but gives us timeless truth that strengthens us and reminds us what reality is really all about.

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“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”

— St. Augustine

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