

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | Twenty-first 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

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**PASTOR** Fr. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E.  
**ASSOCIATE PASTOR** Fr. Peter Paul C.C.E.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday  
9:30 am - 12:00pm | 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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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 26<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, August 26<sup>th</sup>

**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** +Elisa Valdehueva & +Carlo Alipato

### SUNDAY, August 27<sup>th</sup> — St. Monica

**9:00 am** (available for intentions)

**10:30 am** In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora

**12:00 pm** +Rodolfo Gemora/ +Harold, +Yvonne & +John  
Joseph Way & +Rossana Crescenzi/ Healing of  
Mary Wahba

**2:00 pm** +Jorge Calle, +Hipolita Medrano/ Sanacion de  
George Calle, Sandor Valencia & Gloria de Guardado

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

### MONDAY, August 28<sup>th</sup> — St. Augustine

**9:00 am** In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora/ +George  
Floyd, +Terry Fox, & all souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY, August 29<sup>th</sup> — Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

**9:00 am** In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora

### WEDNESDAY, August 30<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora

### THURSDAY, August 31<sup>st</sup>

**9:00 am** In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora/ +Giuseppe  
Di Giuseppe, +Maria & +Joseph Franchi & +Maria Magdalena  
Regalado/ Healing of Otto Rivera & Rafael Marroquin

### FRIDAY, September 1<sup>st</sup> — First Friday

**9:00** +Rossana Crescenzi, +Gina Galazka/ Healing of Mary  
Wahba/Thanksgiving for the anniversary ordination Rev.  
Fr. Peter Turrone

**7:00 pm** (available for intentions)

### SATURDAY, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00 am** Circle of Prayers/ +Maria Serafina & +Juan  
Cedillos/ +Arturo Rodas & +Manuel Gonzalez/ Birthday  
blessings upon Jose Eduardo Gallardo & Carmencita Doradea

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



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

On this 21st Sunday, we read about the singular spiritual authority given by Christ himself to the apostle, St. Peter (Matthew 16.13-20). Let me share with you briefly, what the Church teaches us about it: "Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of the Twelve; Jesus entrusted a unique mission to him. Through a revelation from the Father, Peter had confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Our Lord then declared to him: "You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. Christ, the "living Stone", thus assures his Church, built on Peter, of victory over the powers of death. Because of the faith he confessed Peter will remain the **unshakeable rock** of the Church. His mission will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it" (CCC, no. 552). Have a blessed week.

### 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 20, 2023 Regular Collection:  
**\$4156.00**

## 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](mailto: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 feligreses de la Parroquia STA

En este 21º Domingo, leemos sobre la singular autoridad espiritual dada por el propio Cristo al apóstol San Pedro (Mateo 16.13-20). Permítanme compartir con ustedes, brevemente, lo que la Iglesia nos enseña al respecto: "Simón Pedro ocupa el primer lugar en el colegio de los Doce; Jesús le confió una misión única. Por revelación del Padre, Pedro había confesado: "Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo". Nuestro Señor le declaró entonces: "Tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia, y las puertas del Hades no prevalecerán contra ella". Cristo, la "Piedra Viva", asegura así a su Iglesia, edificada sobre Pedro, la victoria sobre los poderes de la muerte. Por la fe que confesó, Pedro seguirá siendo **la roca inquebrantable** de la Iglesia. Su misión será preservar esta fe de toda caducidad y fortalecer en ella a sus hermanos" (CIC, n. 552). Que tengáis una feliz semana.

### 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 20, 2023 Colecta Regular:

**\$4156.00**

## ¡¡¡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 [stthomasquinasto@archtoronto.org](mailto:stthomasquinasto@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 28: Memorial of St. Augustine



As we honor this pillar of wisdom, consider especially Augustine's personal journey towards Christ. In many ways, Saint Augustine lived two lives. At first, he was a weak, confused, and sinful man. After that, he became a sinner who was redeemed and transformed

by grace. His struggle led him to the truth and when that happened, God used him in extraordinary ways. His life can be summed up in one of his most famous quotes, "Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you." Ponder your own story of conversion, and especially any ways that you are restless. Follow this saint's example and seek the Truth with all your heart, knowing that God will reveal Himself to you when you are ready, so that you can rest in Him.

*Saint Augustine, you were a sinner who was redeemed by Christ. You then devoted your whole life to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Please pray for me, that I will discover what you discovered and imitate your radical conversion, holding nothing back from our merciful God. Saint Augustine of Hippo, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life*

## Virtual: Addressing Food Insecurity - 5th Moira Ste. Marie Memorial Lecture Series September 25, 2023—7:00 PM



The 5th Moira Ste. Marie Memorial Lecture Series will be on Addressing Food Insecurity. Guest speakers from the Yong Street Mission (YSM), a Christian development agency specializing in poverty-related challenges will present on this timely social justice issue. This Lecture Series is opened to members, non-members, clergy, parishioners, parish ministry groups, schools, family and friends

[Find Out More](#)

## What God did on my summer vacation – and probably yours too



First, I saw God's love in the natural world. The vacation came after I recorded the episode of my Extraordinary Story podcast focusing on Jesus' words about the lilies of the field, which one author calls "a walk through the Garden of Eden by the side of the beautiful Creator, a healing stroll intended to open our eyes and cure the restlessness in our heart by the contemplation of the natural world around us."

That day, I saw what he meant on Montana's Going-to-the-Sun Road, with sheer cliffs towering over us on one side and falling into an abyss on the other. Mists moved in slow motion past evergreens and white water cascaded down jagged cliffs. A phrase kept occurring to me, so I said it out loud in the van: "God made all of this with us in mind." That is undeniably true.

God gave human beings the unique capacity to appreciate beauty — and then he made the earth breathtakingly beautiful because he loves us. Or better, since he is outside of time, what we witness at each moment is his original creative act, overwhelming us and everyone in history with the truth of his beauty and goodness.

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat

### Light in the Darkness

*John 12:46*

*I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### A Decade of the Rosary



#### Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

### Living On Mission: Finding Community Through Virtue and Holiness



It can be hard to pin down exactly what it means to live with deep meaning, but the phrase we often use to capture it is “living on mission.” By living on mission, we mean living with a clear sense of purpose and intentionality, journeying toward an explicit goal—ultimately union with Jesus Christ in this life and the next. This is exactly what Środowski is all about.

This plays directly into our question about how to form the friendships we are all looking for. In truth, the best way to form and foster deep and lasting friendships—and to grow in virtue and holiness—is to live on mission.

[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](#)

### What Makes Great Leaders Great



Friends, what makes great leaders great? Why do certain men and women seem to lead with such effectiveness? On this episode of “The Word on Fire Show,” Brandon Vogt and Bishop Barron discuss several great leaders including Jesus, Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King, Jr., Pope St. John Paul II, and Queen Elizabeth II. A listener asks, how can I be sure if I’m acting out a theo-drama or an ego-drama?

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*“Nothing is far from God.”  
— St. Monica*

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