

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



September 3rd, 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

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.

*"If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take
up their cross and follow me."*

Matthew 16:24



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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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 26th to September 2nd 2023 MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 2nd

9:00 am Circle of Prayers/ Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary/ +Maria Serafina & +Juan Cedillos/ +Arturo Rodas & +Manuel Gonzalez/ Birthday blessings upon Jose Eduardo Gallardo

5:00 pm +Aquilino Libarios/ +Sean Sullivan & +Ernest Pittard and all deceased members of their families

SUNDAY, September 3rd

9:00 am Thanksgiving for Angela Gundayao

10:30 am +Pietro & +Maria Toter/ +Pasquale & +Teresa Nudo / +Maria Bagnoli

12:00 pm Thanksgiving for the birthday of Alona Epistola, Aidenn and Alyssa Mercado

2:00 pm +Angel Francisco Martinez, +Marcelino Octavio Castillo Valverde/ Sanacion de Alicia Sandino, Jose Mauricio Castaño, Uziel Zayas Velasquez/ Birthday blessing upon Victoria Martinez

6:00 pm +Death anniversary of Rolando Punto/+Rolando Reyes

MONDAY, September 4th

9:00 am +Pedro Pablo Castro Espinoza & Maria Jacinta Trujillo/ Maria Madalena Ngu & all souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, September 5th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Julia Tejada Choto/ +Giacomo & +Santa Berni/ Birthday blessings upon Iris Anabell Tejada & Rev. Fr. Charles Kelechi Egbulefu

WEDNESDAY, September 6th

9:00 am +Gioan Baotixita Dinh & +Maria Ngo

THURSDAY, September 7th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Pauline, Don & +Brandon Dixon/ Myriam Faluotico/ Birthday blessings upon Dinora Cedillos

FRIDAY, September 8th — Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Zofia & +Stanislaus Misko, +Maria Serafina & +Juan Cedillos & all souls in Purgatory/ Healing of Irena

3:00 Wedding of Alberto & Erikka

SATURDAY, September 9th — St. Peter Claver

9:00 am +Denzil Stephens/ +Maria Cristina Duran, + Rev. Fr. Miro/ 5 months since the passing of +Primitivo Ruedo Salvador/ Birthday blessings upon Adrian Alvarez Silva

2:30 pm Baptism of Ainsley Lachica

5:00 pm +Anacieta Tuala & +Ceriaco Tubog



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wonder if you have had one of those “not-so-pleasant” moments where people speak very frankly about themselves or about others. Well, the truth in Person urges us in the Gospel reading of this 22nd Sunday to make a radical decision for or against him: “If anyone wants to become my follower, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 16.21-27). Bottomline, either **Jesus Christ** or nothing; no middle way! I am reminded of that lucky individual who found a hidden treasure, ran off and sold all that he or she had, and bought it. As a new week begins, I choose Christ and whatever His will for me is. Amen.

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!

Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo

Friday, September 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

Thank you for your generosity!

August 27, 2023 Regular Collection:

\$4,744.05

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!

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, Me pregunto si habréis tenido uno de esos momentos "no tan agradables" en los que se habla muy francamente de uno mismo o de los demás. Pues bien, la verdad en Persona nos exhorta en la lectura del Evangelio de este domingo 22 a tomar una decisión radical a favor o en contra de Él: "El que quiera seguirme, que se niegue a sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y me siga. Porque quien quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; y quien pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará" (Mateo 16.21-27). En resumen, o **Jesucristo** o nada; ¡no hay término medio! Me acuerdo de aquel afortunado que encontró un tesoro escondido, corrió a vender todo lo que tenía y lo compró. Al comenzar una nueva semana, elijo a Cristo y lo que sea Su voluntad para mí. Amén.

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!

Celebración de la Solemnidad de San Miguel y Entrega del Palio al Rev. Francis Leo

*Viernes, 29 de septiembre de 2023 - 17:30 horas
Basílica de la Catedral de San Miguel*

La Archidiócesis de Toronto celebra la fiesta de nuestro patrón archidiocesano, San Miguel, el viernes 29 de septiembre de 2023. Todos están invitados a unirse a una celebración especial ese día a las 5:30 p.m. en la Basílica Catedral de San Miguel (65 Bond St.). El arzobispo Francis Leo celebrará la misa, con música de la mundialmente conocida Escuela Coral de San Miguel. Como parte de la celebración, el Nuncio Apostólico en Canadá, Mons. Ivan Jurkovič, conferirá el palio a nuestro arzobispo, símbolo de su papel como Arzobispo Metropolitano de Toronto y pastor de los fieles. Tras la misa, habrá una recepción informal con un refrigerio ligero en el atrio y el patio de la catedral de San Miguel. Se atenderá por orden de llegada. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a esta celebración especial para nuestra archidiócesis y nuestro arzobispo.

Gracias por su generosidad!

August 27, 2023 Colecta Regular:
\$4,744.05

¡¡¡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

September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. That solemnity highlights the singular grace bestowed upon the Blessed Virgin Mary at the moment she was conceived. The Church dogma states, "...in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful" (Pope Pius IX, 1954).

Today's Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, just as Christmas is celebrated nine months after the Church remembers the Incarnation of the Son of God on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of three liturgical feasts in which we celebrate a birth: Christmas, the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, and the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Only the three most consequential figures in the Bible receive the honor of a liturgical celebration to commemorate their births.

Dearest Mother Mary, your conception was immaculate and your birth glorious. You were conceived without sin, born without sin, and remained sinless throughout your life. In Heaven, you radiate the beauty and splendor of God and will do so for all eternity. Please pray for me, that I will more fully imitate your many virtues, so that I can be a fitting instrument of your divine Son in the world. Mother Mary, 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](#)

Planting Flowers in Heaven



Jesus, I implore You to help me plant flowers in Heaven; flowers of patience, surrender, Penance, sacrifice, and virtue

Throughout my life. Please procure and tend to my heavenly garden. While I am out of reach of their fragrance on Earth. Weed out impurities and sin that are tempting to choke these flowers' sprouting roots and blossoming petals.

When my life is over, let me pick these flowers for You, Jesus. Let me pick flowers from the fields of sacrifice. To humbly place them at Your feet when I join You in Eternity. Are futile without Your green thumbs, and ever-loving . With your help, Jesus. Let my garden be bursting at The seams with sweet blooms for You, at my death!

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3 Minute Retreat

All is Good

Sirach 39:33

The works of God are all of them good; every need when it comes he fills.

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Who is Jesus?



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

7 Reasons JP II thought one document was key to 21st century



Faith without reason is weak and superstitious; reason without faith is stunted and warped. That's what St. John Paul II warned 25 years ago in *Fides et Ratio* (Faith and Reason), and if you look at the headlines about the rise of astrology and Pope Francis' warnings about gender ideology, he was right.

A number of events will celebrate the anniversary St. John Paul II's 1998 encyclical — including a September 16, 2023, online conference I'm helping out with — because he considered it a key to our times. First, he said getting faith and reason right is crucial to human dignity. Reason wilts without faith.

[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](#)

The Cost of Love



What if no one ever told you about Jesus? Your life probably wouldn't have so many rules. You wouldn't be as guilty for any sins you commit (you wouldn't even know they were sins in the first place). You wouldn't need to evangelize. And you wouldn't know that the God of the universe—your creator—loves you with a burning passion that you can't even imagine. Fr. Mike makes the case that it is better to know Christ. It is better to live in the truth. And it is better to take on the challenge of Christian discipleship.

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“All the gifts, virtues and graces of the Holy Ghost are distributed by Mary, to whom she wishes, when she wishes, the way wishes and as much as she wishes.”

— St. Louis de Montfort

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