

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | Twenty-second 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.

*"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."*

*Matthew 18:19*



**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

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, September 9<sup>th</sup> — 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

### SUNDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Heidi Park

**10:30 am** +Frank Perri/ +Giovanna Guerra

**12:00 pm** Thanksgiving for Anthonia Agbame

**2:00 pm** Descanso del alma de +Maria Teresa Peralta, +Rogelia de Rocero, +Osvaldo Enrique/ Sanacion de Jose Mauricio Castaño & Maria Antonia Sanchez

**6:00 pm** +Max Vinogradov

### MONDAY, September 11<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Maria Madalena Ngu & all souls in Purgatory/ +Roberto Julian Aguilar & +Teresa de Jesus Cornejo/

Birthday blessings upon Claudio Manuel Calix/

Holy Spirit's guidance upon Bryan Galindo

### TUESDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong

### WEDNESDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup> — St. John Chrysostom

**9:00 am** +Gioan Baotixita Dinh & Maria Ngo/ +Filomena & Giuseppe Carinci/ Giulio Aversa & Rossana Cescenzi/ Birthday blessings upon German Geovanny Aguilar/ Healing of Alicia Sandino & Jose Mauricio Castaño

### THURSDAY, September 14<sup>th</sup> — Triumph of the Cross

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Maria Dolores & Angel Pineda/ +Marina Carlota Moz/ Healing of Irena & Alicia Sandino

### FRIDAY, September 15<sup>th</sup> — Our Lady of Sorrows

**9:00** +Erlinda Quiazon & +Fortunato Montana/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Lauren Gopaul, +Rosa Vaclaro & +Encarnacion Alas Palma/ +Marcelino Castillo Valverde

Birthday blessings upon Sandra Gyan

### SATURDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup>

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

**5:00 pm** For the Seguin, Vian and D'Emers families – living and deceased / +Norie Andrabi



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

Today's Gospel (Matthew 18.15-20) introduces what we may call a three-step model of **Christian reconciliation**. First, "Go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone". If it does not work, then, "take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses". Should the second step also fail, take the third and final step, "tell it to the Church" (Matthew 18.15-20). Like St. Francis of Assisi, I pray that the Lord may make you and I this week and always, instruments of his peace. 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!**

September 3, 2023 Regular Collection:  
**\$5070.85**

## 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 [stthomasaquinas-to@archtoronto.org](mailto:stthomasaquinas-to@archtoronto.org). Thank you!

#### **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!

#### **FHC Prep Introductory Mass & Welcome:**

Our 2023/2024 FHC prep will begin on Wednesday, 13th September with Holy Mass at 6:30pm. Students in grade 2 and above, who have not received Jesus in the Eucharist are encouraged to attend, together with their parents/guardians. You will be provided with the relevant information.

#### **Confirmation Prep Introductory Mass & Welcome:**

Our 2023/2024 Confirmation prep will begin on Wednesday, 20th September with Holy Mass at 6:30pm. Students in grade 7 and above, who have not received the special Gift of the Holy Spirit are encouraged to attend, together with their parents/guardians. You will be provided with the relevant information.

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA, El Evangelio de hoy (Mateo 18.15-20) introduce lo que podemos llamar un modelo de tres pasos de la reconciliación cristiana. Primero, "Id y señalad la falta cuando estéis los dos solos". Si no funciona, entonces, "toma a uno o dos contigo, para que cada palabra sea confirmada por la evidencia de dos o tres testigos". Si tampoco funciona el segundo paso, den el tercero y último: "díganse a la Iglesia" (Mateo 18,15-20). Como San Francisco de Asís, rezo para que el Señor nos haga a ti y a mí, esta semana y siempre, instrumentos de su paz. 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!

3 de septiembre de 2023 Colecta Regular:  
**\$5070.85**

## ¡¡¡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](mailto:stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org). Muchas gracias.

### 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!

### FHC Prep Misa introductoria y bienvenida:

Nuestra preparación FHC 2023/2024 comenzará el miércoles 13 de septiembre con la Santa Misa a las 6:30pm. Se anima a los alumnos de 2º curso en adelante, que no hayan recibido a Jesús en la Eucaristía a que asistan, junto con sus padres/tutores. Se les proporcionará la información pertinente.

### Confirmación Prep Introductoria Misa y Bienvenida:

Nuestra preparación para la Confirmación 2023/2024 comenzará el miércoles 20 de septiembre con la Santa Misa a las 6:30pm. Se anima a los alumnos de 7º curso en adelante, que no hayan recibido el Don especial del Espíritu Santo, a que asistan, junto con sus padres/tutores. Se les proporcionará la información pertinente.

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross—Feast



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Nowadays, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation. The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24–25).

*Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grace today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance. I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses every day of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love on the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on 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](#)

## Journeying Through the Catechism: Our Calling



The truths that God has revealed to us are not a set of abstract teachings. Rather, they convey the most concrete, fundamental of all realities—namely, the truth of who God is and who we are. To know that God is a Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is no mere abstract bit of knowledge but an awareness that God is a communion of divine Persons, who are united in an eternal relationship of love. As St. John tells us, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth" (John 1:1 and 14). Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate, true God and true man came to touch the deepest point of our identity:

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10* And what is this life? It is the very life of Christ himself: "In him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily ... And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace" (Colossians 2:9; John 1:16).

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat

### We Are on a Mission

*Mark 1:17-18*

*Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they left their nets and followed him.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

# LIVING YOUR FAITH

## Who is Jesus? 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

## 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](#)

## Priest offers a single word that can confront anxiety



Fr. David Michael Moses shares some very useful advice on how we should address the worries in our lives. Anxiety is something so many of us experience throughout our lives, from financial and career woes to concerns about our loved ones. While sometimes we're able to brush off our worries, on other occasions our angst can take over our lives.

Thankfully, Fr. David Michael Moses has shared some sound advice on how we can try and cope with anxiety, and it just takes altering our mindsets slightly, and looking to Matthew Chapter 10 for inspiration. As Fr. David Michael explains, we need to address our language that can cause anxiety to spiral. And it's actually something we can try and instill in our children, too — just a few choice words can change our outlook and bring stress levels down.

[Read More](#)

## 4 Powerful Truths about Your Self-Worth (feat. Lillian Fallon)



You are worth something. You probably know that. But... do you really know it? Deep down? Do you think and act like that is truly the case? Or does a quiet, pervasive feeling of worthlessness plague your days? Moving through life, we pick up lies that challenge the unchanging truth that we have intrinsic value.

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*“Oh cherished cross! Through thee my most bitter trials are replete with graces!”*  
— St. Paul of the Cross

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