

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | Twenty-fourth 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.

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Please contact the office **one year** in advance.  
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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.

*"So my heavenly Father will also do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."*  
*Matthew 18:35*

**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 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup>** — Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

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

**5:00 pm** For the Seguin, Vian and D'Emers families – living and deceased / +Norie Andrai/ +Maria Perina /9 year death anniversary of +Federino Drusian/ +Rina Drusian

**SUNDAY, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** +Luisa Marchione

**10:30 am** +Mario Trevisan/ +Crocifissa e Carmela Calabro

**12:00 pm** Maria Pedreira's good health/ Anthonia Agbame 60th birthday blessings/ +Juan Templonuevo

**2:00 pm** Birthday blessings for Katherin Castro/ Cumpleanos de Francisca Ramirez/ Descanso del alma de + Diego Mendoza, +Sandor Valencia, +Francisca Graciela Gutierrez/ Sanacion de Maria Magdalena de Quintanilla/ +Gloria Maria Bravo/ +Manuel Rubio Palacios

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

**MONDAY, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** +Maria Madalena Ngu & all souls in purgatory

**TUESDAY, September 19<sup>th</sup>** — St. Januarius

**9:00 am** +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/+Leticia Gomez/ Birthday blessings upon Maribel Cedillos de Fuentes & Jose Roberto Gomez

**7:30 pm** Memorial Mass for +Alfredo Bonanno

**WEDNESDAY, September 20<sup>th</sup>** — St. Andre Kim & companions

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Rogelia Gomez de Rocero, +Osvaldo Enrique & All souls in Purgatory

**6:30 pm** Introductory Mass for Confirmation Students

**THURSDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup>** — Saint Matthew

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ + Rogelia Gomez de Rocero, +Osvaldo Enrique & all souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00** +Anita Peralta/ +Giuse Dinh & +Maria Luong/ + Carlos Hernan Rivera & +Nicolas Amilcar Rivera/ Birthday blessings upon Rev. Fr. Pious Malliar

**SATURDAY, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** — St. Padre Pio

**9:00 am** +Marie Amelie Felicite Wong/ +Marie Amelie Felicite Wong/ + Tito Iraheta/ Thanksgiving for the

ordination anniversary of Rev. Fr. Ruggiero Dibenedetto/ Birthday blessings Karen Manzano de Calix

**5:00 pm** Chavez-Molina families – living and deceased/ Malcolm Wallace/ all souls in purgatory



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Remember the end of your life and set enmity aside" (Sirach 27.30). "We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves" (Romans 14.7). "Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but I tell you, **seventy-seven times**'" (Matthew 18.21-22). Father, grant me the strength to forgive those who hurt me, just as you have forgiven me in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **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!

Archdiocesan Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel: Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto  
**Solemnity celebrated 29 September 2023**

Join us in praying a novena to St. Michael the Archangel beginning September 20 and ending September 28!

### **Thank you for your generosity!**

September 10, 2023 Regular Collection:  
**\$3,697.00**

## 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 [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!

### **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.

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30, 2023**

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place each year on September 30. At St. Ann's parish in Toronto, home to the Native People's Mission, a special Mass will be held on **October 1, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection the weekend of September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. You can donate through your local parish or online anytime at: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo

"Acuérdate del fin de tu vida y deja a un lado la enemistad" (Eclesiástico 27.30). "No vivimos para nosotros mismos, ni morimos para nosotros mismos" (Romanos 14,7). "Señor, ¿cuántas veces debo perdonar a mi hermano o a mi hermana si pecan contra mí? ¿Hasta siete veces? Jesús le contestó: 'No siete veces, sino te digo que **setenta y siete**'" (Mateo 18.21-22). Padre, concédeme la fuerza de perdonar a los que me hacen daño, como tú me has perdonado en Cristo Jesús. Amén.

### 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.

Novena arquidiocesana a San Miguel Arcángel:  
Patrón de la Archidiócesis de Toronto  
Solemnidad celebrada el 29 de septiembre de 2023

Únase a nosotros para rezar una novena a San Miguel Arcángel a partir del 20 de septiembre y hasta el 28 de septiembre.

## Gracias por su generosidad!

3 de septiembre de 2023 Colecta Regular:  
**\$3,697.00**

## ¡¡¡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 [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!

### 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.

### Día Nacional de la Verdad y la Reconciliación 30 de septiembre de 2023

El Día Nacional de la Verdad y la Reconciliación se celebra cada año el 30 de septiembre. En la parroquia de Santa Ana de Toronto, sede de la Misión de los Pueblos Indígenas, se celebrará una misa especial el **1 de octubre de 2023, a las 12.30 h.** Todos están invitados a asistir.

La Archidiócesis de Toronto celebrará una colecta especial el fin de semana del 30 de septiembre al 1 de octubre de 2023 para apoyar el Fondo de Sanación y Reconciliación Indígena. El fondo apoyará programas locales y nacionales propuestos por las comunidades indígenas para nutrir el viaje de reconciliación en curso. Puede donar a través de su parroquia local o en línea en cualquier momento en: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## September 21: Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist



At the time that Jesus began His public ministry, Galilee was part of the Roman Empire. Among the expectations of the Roman authorities was that all who lived under their rule pay taxes. To accomplish this, they often collaborated with local Jews, authorizing them to collect taxes on behalf of the Roman emperor and local governor. The rest of the community often despised the local tax collectors

because they were seen as traitors to their people for entering into an oppressive collaboration with the Roman authorities. Even the tax collectors' families were shunned. For example, their children were often seen as unsuitable as potential spouses. Additionally, many tax collectors were corrupt, imposing more taxes upon the people than they had a legal right to do. The Roman authorities usually overlooked this abuse because they often received a portion of the excess. The tax collectors pocketed the rest. It is within this context that today's saint, Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, emerged.

Saint Matthew was most likely born as Levi, the son of Alphaeus. Though nothing is known about his childhood, Levi became a tax collector for the Roman authorities. The name "Levi" implies that he was from the Tribe of Levi, the tribe responsible for Jewish liturgical worship. Though scholars cannot arrive at a definitive conclusion about the details of his life, it is almost universally accepted that the Levi mentioned in Mark 2:14 and Luke 5:27 is the same person mentioned in Matthew 9:9 by the name Matthew. Levi might have been his original name, and Matthew may have been the name given to him by Jesus upon his conversion. The name Matthew means "Gift of Yahweh."  
—*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](#)

## A Biblical Reflection on the Hail Mary



The first thing to note about the "Hail Mary" is that it comes right out of Scripture. The heart of the prayer originates in the angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary.

The Lord is with You

The phrase "the Lord is with you" (or its near equivalent) resonates deeply throughout the Bible, occurring at key junctions in salvation history—where one is at the cusp of some great moment in the progress of redemption. The phrase ensures God's presence and assistance in carrying out a special mission that will have far-reaching implications. )

We see this phrase with Moses when he hesitates to accept his mission to lead Israel out of slavery (Exodus 3:12); it occurs with Joshua as he prepares to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land (Joshua 1:5) and with Gideon, continuing the on-going work of Joshua. We also see this phrase with Jeremiah, beginning his difficult (and unpopular) prophetic ministry of calling the people to repentance, and Zerubbabel as he starts rebuilding the Temple and the city.

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## 3 Minute Retreat

### We are not Alone

*Acts of the Apostles 2:38*

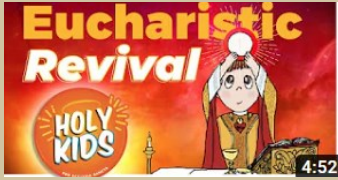
*Repent and be baptized . . . in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit.*

[English](#)

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## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Eucharistic Revival



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

### Marriage is the bond that holds our society together



A collection of writings by St. John Chrysostom helps us understand that it is marriage that creates society, not the other way around. This afternoon, I took a few hours off from work to go apple-picking with my wife and children. The eight of us piled into our beat-up minivan and headed off to the orchard. The five-year old started taking selfies in her car seat. Another daughter set up a chorus of whining for music. Our teen in the front seat laughingly struggled to provide her mother with coherent driving directions.

At the farm, the children ran through the boughs of the apple trees heavy with fruit. They were wild with joy, twisting deep red Jonathan apples from the branches and piling them into 10-gallon bags. My wife briefly rested her head on my shoulder. The light slanted golden through the leaves. I stood content, simply happy to be there.

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### 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](#)

### Scapegoating in the Digital World



"Friends, why are we so tempted to scapegoat people, especially online? And how do we escape that trap? On this episode of "The Word on Fire Show," Brandon Vogt and Bishop Barron discuss the great Catholic philosopher René Girard and his theory of scapegoating.

[Watch Video](#)

*"Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must.  
And Love says let it be!"  
— St. Elizabeth Ann Seton "*

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