

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



September 24th, 2023 | Twenty-fifth 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.
Llamar a la oficina con **un año** de anticipación.

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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.



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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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 23rd to 30th 2023

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 23rd — St. Padre Pio

9:00 am +Marie Amelie Felicite Wong/ + Tito Iraheta/
+Alicia Arevalo de Sandino & Esteban Sandino/ Thanksgiving
for the anniversary of ordination of Rev. Fr. Ruggiero
Dibenedetto/ Birthday blessings Karen Manzano de Calix

2:30 pm Baptism of Iker & Javier

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

SUNDAY, September 24th

9:00 am Healing of Eduardo Gallardo Sarmiento & Emma
Sophia Greco Diaz/ +Digna Desarno

10:30 am +Rocco Nicastro/ +Gassire Alaimo

12:00 pm Maria Pedreira's good health

2:00 pm +Alicia Arevalo de Sandino & Esteban Sandino/
Descanso del alma de +Carlos Alberto Menjivar & +Eliseo
Murillo/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Glorita Estela
Marroquin & Francisco de Anda Varela

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, September 25th

9:00 am +Maria Madalena Ngu/ +Elsy Elia Murillo/ +Any
Orellana/ +Alicia Arevalo de Sandino & Esteban Sandino
& *all souls in purgatory*

TUESDAY, September 26th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Alicia
Arevalo de Sandino & Esteban Sandino/ +Cecilia Cha/
+Manuela Coton de Ixcara

WEDNESDAY, September 27th — St. Vincent de Paul

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Alicia Arevalo
de Sandino & Esteban Sandino/ +Carlyle Gyan & +Ameeza
Gyan/ Birthday blessings upon Nelly Yamileth Aguilar

THURSDAY, September 28th — St. Lorenzo Ruiz

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Alicia Arevalo
de Sandino & Esteban Sandino

FRIDAY, September 29th

9:00 am +Giuse Dinh & + Maria Dinh/ +Alicia Arevalo de
Sandino & Esteban Sandino

SATURDAY, September 30th

9:00 am +Alicia Arevalo de Sandino & Esteban Sandino/
+Carmen Hernandez Pratto/ Healing of Eduardo Maximo
Gallardo Sarmiento

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,

Before a man and a woman decide to climb the altar, they usually spend a reasonable amount of time getting to know themselves. It is expected that they both know, for instance, what the other's date of birth and occupation are, their favorite food, drink, leisure activity, etc. Now, how much do we know about God our Father, his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate? What lesson can we take home from today's Gospel regarding our Lord's sense of justice and fairness? Nowadays, we follow and model ourselves on a lot of celebrities. But **how Christian** are we by our thoughts, words, and actions? Teach me your way, O Lord. 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 17, 2023 Regular Collection:
\$4424.00

Stewardship Sunday:

Stewardship Sunday is an annual occurrence in the Archdiocese of Toronto on the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time and offers a wonderful opportunity to encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider becoming more engaged in parish life. To watch or read the homily of Archbishop Francis Leo, please follow the link: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship in the "Stewardship Sunday" tab.

Youth Group on Friday Evenings is Back!

Youth Ministry for Friday, September 29th

Topic: Music and Talent Night

7pm to 8:30pm in the parish hall; refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night. Thank you in advance!

FREE ROSARIES!

On the weekend of 7/8 October, our Legion of Mary will be giving away rosaries and to favor your devotion to our heavenly mother by the recitation of the holy rosary. Please join us to pray during this month of October. Thank you.

Annual Weekend Mass Attendance Count:

We will be conducting a parish headcount in all Masses during the weekends of **October 14/15 and October 21/22**. This will help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese.

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.

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA

Antes de que un hombre y una mujer decidan subir al altar, suelen dedicar un tiempo razonable a conocerse. Se espera que ambos sepan, por ejemplo, cuál es la fecha de nacimiento y la ocupación del otro, su comida, bebida, actividad de ocio favorita, etc. Ahora bien, ¿cuánto sabemos de Dios, nuestro Padre, de su Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y del Espíritu Santo, nuestro Abogado? ¿Qué lección podemos sacar del Evangelio de hoy sobre el sentido de la justicia y la equidad de nuestro Señor? Hoy en día, seguimos y nos modelamos en muchos famosos. Pero, ¿hasta qué punto **somos cristianos** por nuestros pensamientos, palabras y acciones? Enséñame tu camino, Señor. 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!

17 de septiembre de 2023 Colecta Regular:
\$4424.00

Domingo de la Corresponsabilidad:

El Domingo de la Corresponsabilidad es un acontecimiento anual en la Archidiócesis de Toronto el 25º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario y ofrece una maravillosa oportunidad para animar a los feligreses a considerar en oración la posibilidad de comprometerse más en la vida parroquial. Para ver o leer la homilía del arzobispo Francis Leo, siga el enlace: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship en la pestaña "Stewardship Sunday".

Vuelve el grupo de jóvenes de los viernes por la tarde

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 29 de septiembre Tema: Noche de Música y Talento

De 7pm a 8:30pm en el salón parroquial; habrá refrescos. Si usted está interesado, por favor regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche juvenil. ¡Gracias de antemano!

ROSARIOS GRATUITOS

El fin de semana del 7/8 de octubre, nuestra Legión de María regalará rosarios y favorecerá su devoción a nuestra madre celestial mediante el rezo del santo rosario. Por favor, únete a nosotros para rezar durante este mes de octubre. Gracias.

Recuento anual de asistencia a misa los fines de semana:

Realizaremos un recuento parroquial en todas las misas durante los fines de semana del 14/15 y 21/22 de octubre. Esto ayudará a proporcionar un perfil preciso de la asistencia a misa en la Archidiócesis.

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.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels



In the thirteenth century, Saint Thomas Aquinas built upon that teaching. Both taught that there are nine choirs in the hierarchy. The nine choirs are further divided into three triads. The three highest, comprising the first triad (Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones), is devoted exclusively to the service of God, worshipping Him continuously. The second triad (Dominions, Virtues, and Powers) is tasked with the governance of the created world and the entire Universe. The third triad (Principalities, Archangels, and Angels) is closest to humanity, acting as mediators between God and man. It is the Archangels whom we honor today. Though great mystery surrounds the full nature and function of these glorious angelic spirits, what is abundantly clear is that God has used them throughout the course of salvation history. Today, we can confidently assert that God continues to pour forth His grace upon us through the mediation of the angels, especially Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. For some reason, God specifically revealed the names of these spirits to us, and that invites us to call upon their mediation. As mediators, they do more than pray for us. They are entrusted with the duty of implementing God's will. As we honor these three archangels today, call upon their intercession, seek their mediation, and trust that they will accomplish the duties they are given. Through Michael, seek God's protection. Through Gabriel, seek God's revelation. And through Raphael, seek God's healing. They will not let you down.

Glorious Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, I entrust myself to your angelic mediation. Please set into motion God's plan for my life, protect me from the evil one, deliver to me God's holy word, and heal me of my sin. I thank you for the glorious duties you fulfill in the divine mission and rely upon you in my life. Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, pray for me and mediate God's grace to me. Jesus, I trust in You.—My Catholic Life

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



The 5th Moira St. 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](#)

God as Your Helmsman in the Storm



Imagine being a small child on a small boat in the middle of the sea. A storm sets in and you cannot see land in any direction. You are tossed and turned in the waves as they cover the bow with each crash and you wonder how you will survive. Now imagine that your dad is also on the boat with you. He tells you to sit and hold on and that all will be well. He is confident and in charge and shows no fear. The confidence that your father exudes calms you and you trust that he will keep you safe. This is an image of our lives. When we face a crisis we must realize that we are but a child in the midst of the stormy sea in need of our Merciful Lord. It would be foolish for a child to try to take charge of the boat. It would also be foolish for us to try to direct our own lives. We need the steady confidence of Jesus to put our hearts at rest. The Lord must be your Helmsman whenever the waves begin to rise. Do not doubt His ability to handle everything in life (See Diary #1322).

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3 Minute Retreat

Careful What You Say

James 3:5

In the same way the tongue is a small member and yet it has great pretensions. Consider how a small fire can set a huge forest ablaze.

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Imitating Our Friends The Saints



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

A religious sister's perfect response to whether she doubts her faith



Sr. My-Lan also explained that her calling to become a religious sister happened the day she was baptized, that it was "very, very strong," but she didn't say "yes" straight away.

A question of doubt

The photographer then asked a question that many people might ask themselves: "Do you ever question your faith?" The sister, who left Vietnam at the age of 20, explained: The fact that God leaves this doubt that is in me, living in me, is a sign that God wants me to be free. If you lock up the person you love so she doesn't leave, it's no longer love." After discussing the role of the Church in her life, Sr. My-Lan sat for a few more shots and the video was then posted on social media, where it has garnered a lot of interest and comments.

[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 Busy Catholic's Guide to Finding Time to Pray



St. Paul's call in Thessalonians 5:17 is to "pray without ceasing", but how do we do that in our busy lives today? In this video, Fr. Mark-Mary offers us practical ways to build little moments of prayer into our daily routine. The important thing to remember is that simply inviting God into these holy pauses will help sanctify your day and strengthen your relationship with him.

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"Fear is such a powerful emotion for humans that when we allow it to take us over, it drives compassion right out of our hearts." — St. Thomas Aquinas

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