

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



October 8th, 2023 | Twenty-seventh 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

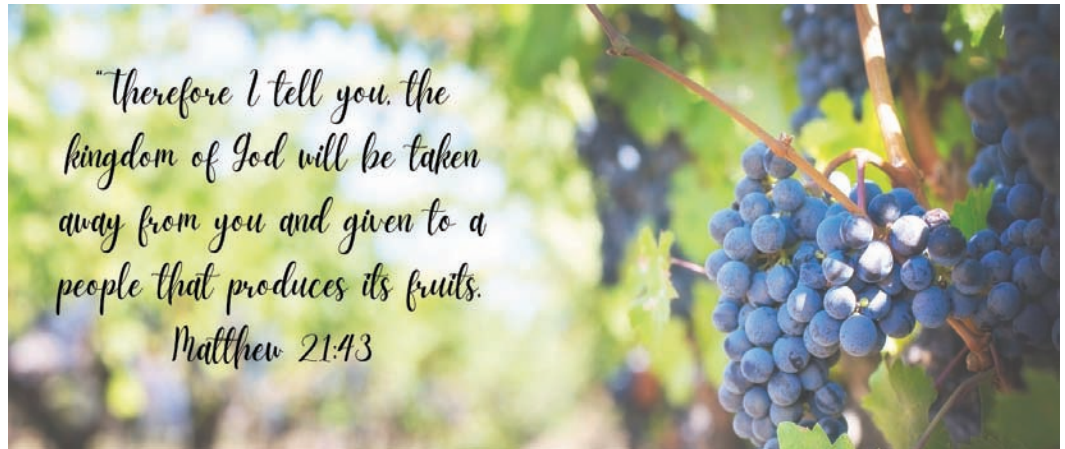
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CATECHISM & RCIA

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.



*Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits.
Matthew 21:43*

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.
FOOD BANK: Tuesdays at 12:00 pm

October 7th to 14th 2023

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 7th — Our Lady of the Rosary
9:00 am +Circle of Prayer/ Thanksgiving for the Legion of the Mary/ For the deceased members of Rodas, Cedillos, Mizko, Gonzalez, Moz & Heath families/ All souls in Purgatory/ For all priests living and deceased/
5:00 pm +Robert Linda & +Diego Liut and all souls in Purgatory/ Thanksgiving for the Melaya family/ +Francisco Salameda/ Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Susana Dela Trinidad/
SUNDAY, October 8th
9:00 am +Julieta Avelar & +Alfred Sousa
10:30 am +Maria Rosa Dalsass, +Filomena Calitri, +Sebastiano Milano
12:00 pm Maria Pedreira's good health/ +Marie Lourdes San Miguel
2:00 pm Descanso del alma de +Eteban Bemudez, +Clemencia Aguero, +Marina Galdo/ Sanacion para Idali Bermudez, Martha Prado y Ana de Dios Giraldo/
Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Revital Guardado Cedillos
6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, October 9th — Thanksgiving Day
9:00 am +Denzil Stephens/ +Primitivo Rueda Salvador/ +Eteban Bermudez & all souls in purgatory/ Thanksgiving for Mary Anne De Guzman
TUESDAY, October 10th — St. John XXIII
9:00 am +Maria Cristina Duran+/ +Rev. Fr. Miro/ Birthday blessings upon Karla Moz Cedillos
WEDNESDAY, October 11th
9:00 am +Elizabeth Majoros, +Eteban Bermudez/ Healing of Omela Boodram & Ana de Dios Giraldo
THURSDAY, October 12th
9:00 am +Darci Paixao/ +Giacinto & +Maria Gimma/ +John Michael Fee, +Luis Vicente Rodriguez & +Maria Cruz Olimpia de Rodriguez/ Birthday blessings upon Achilles Teodoro Zachos, Shahira Wahba, Pilar Phong & Rev. Fr. Isaias Dulla Agaw
FRIDAY, October 13th
9:00 am (available for intentions)
SATURDAY, October 14th
9:00 am Birthday blessings upon Fatima Da Costa/
5:00 pm +Claudio Alejado/ In remembrance of +Mario Cirillo on his 80th birthday



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

Were you not moved by the word of God which advises us to “**not worry about anything**” (Philippians 4.6-9), but to share our worries with God in prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving? For me, it is very reassuring to remember that we are Christ's Beloved, His own Vineyard, in whom He has invested so many resources. Why should I worry so much about things that abound today but which by tomorrow will have gone? Instead, I would prefer to occupy myself with **what remains forever**, such as truth, justice, love, holiness and grace. As we reflect on the beautiful readings of this 27th Sunday, may the Lord renew your noble calling as “Christian”. Amen.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are asking for nonperishable food items such as pasta tuna, beans, spaghetti, canned soup, etc. Your generosity makes a difference! Thank you for helping those who are in need in our parish community and beyond!

Archbishop Leo invites you to join ShareLife's fight against hunger

"It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right," shares Archbishop Francis Leo. "Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to feed the hungry. Since the earliest days of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, on the margins of society and we continue this life-giving legacy."

Please support the fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for reaching out with the hands of Christ to feed the hungry.

Youth Group on Friday Evenings is Back!

Youth Ministry for Friday, October 13, 2023

Topic: Faith Formation 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!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be a meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 11 am** at the room adjacent to the sacristy. We appreciate and thank all our dedicated volunteers!

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

October 1, 2023 Regular Collection:

\$4857.00

FORMED

Our Parish has Subscribed to FORMED! Here is some information to help with next steps to register for FREE:

1. Go to signup.formed.org
2. Type "M6E 3G9" to find and click on our Parish click "Next"
St Thomas Aquinas Parish
640 Glenholme Ave Toronto ON
3. Type your name and your personal email address and click "Sign Up"

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA

¿No os ha conmovido la palabra de Dios que nos aconseja "**no preocuparnos por nada**" (Filipenses 4.6-9), sino compartir nuestras preocupaciones con Dios en oración, súplica y acción de gracias? A mí me tranquiliza mucho recordar que somos los Amados de Cristo, su propia Viña, en la que ha invertido tantos recursos. ¿Por qué habría de preocuparme tanto por cosas que hoy abundan, pero que mañana habrán desaparecido? En cambio, preferiría ocuparme de lo que permanece para siempre, como la verdad, la justicia, el amor, la santidad y la gracia. Al reflexionar sobre las hermosas lecturas de este 27º domingo, que el Señor renueve tu noble vocación de "cristiano". Amén.

Vuelve el grupo de jóvenes de los viernes por la tarde

Ministerio de la Juventud para el 6 de octubre

Tema: Noche de formación en la fe

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

Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión

Habrán una reunión para todos los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión **el martes 10 de octubre de 2023 a las 11 am** en la sala adyacente a la sacristía. ¡Apreciamos y agradecemos a todos nuestros dedicados voluntarios!

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.

Gracias por su generosidad!

1 de octubre de 2023 Colecta Regular:
\$4857.00



COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Estamos pidiendo alimentos no perecederos como atún, pasta, frijoles, espaguetis, sopa enlatada, etc. ¡Su generosidad hace la diferencia! ¡Gracias por ayudar a aquellos que están en necesidad en nuestra comunidad parroquial y más allá!

El Arzobispo Leo te invita a unirse a la lucha de ShareLife contra el hambre

"Es desgarrador e inaceptable que alguien hoy en día carezca de acceso a la comida, que es el derecho humano más básico", comparte el Arzobispo Francis Leo. "Nuestros feligreses están actuando en respuesta a la llamada del Señor a alimentar a los hambrientos. Desde los primeros días de la comunidad católica en la archidiócesis de Toronto, los fieles han atendido a los necesitados, en los márgenes de la sociedad, y nosotros continuamos este legado vivificador."

Por favor, apoye la lucha contra el hambre en sharelife.org/donate o dando en nuestra parroquia usando un sobre de ShareLife. Gracias por tender las manos de Cristo para alimentar a los hambrientos.

FORMED

¡Nuestra parroquia se ha suscrito a FORMED! Aquí hay alguna información para ayudar con los próximos pasos para inscribirse GRATIS:

1. Ir a signup.formed.org
2. Escriba "M6E 3G9" para encontrar y haga clic en nuestra Parroquia haga clic en "Siguiente" **Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino 640 Glenholme Ave Toronto ON**
3. Escriba su nombre y su dirección de correo electrónico personal y haga clic en "Sign Up".

ALL ABOUT FAITH

October 15: Saint Teresa of Jesus – Memorial



Saint Teresa of Ávila, also known as Saint Teresa of Jesus, was born Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda y Ahumada in Ávila, Spain, to very faithful Catholic parents. Her father, Sánchez, had been married previously. He and his first wife, Catalina, had three children together, one daughter and two sons. After Catalina died, Sánchez married Beatriz with whom he had nine children, seven boys and two girls. Teresa was the third child of her father's second marriage. By age six or seven Teresa began to think seriously about her life of faith, desiring to become a saint and even a martyr. When Teresa was only twelve, her mother died, leaving her heartbroken. As Sister Teresa began to enter more deeply into her second conversion, she became increasingly aware of the lukewarmness of her own convent, as well as the many other Carmelite convents throughout Spain. Instead of being places of deep prayer, mortification, and recollection, the convents had slipped into worldliness, comforts, and a lack of prayer. As a result, God began to direct her to engage in a reform of the Carmelite Order.

As we honor this great saint and mystic, ponder the fact that she needed to enter into a second conversion. Though she was a nun with an established life of prayer, she was not entering into the depth of prayer to which she was called. When she discovered this fact, God took her into her own soul and she met Him there. Through her, God left a profound and lasting spiritual legacy for the Church.

Saint Teresa of Ávila, God called you to religious life, but within that life He called you deeper, into a profound life of mystical union with Him. Please pray for me, that I will come to know God with the same depth of knowledge you had, so that God can use me for the purpose to which He has called me. Saint Teresa of Ávila, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.—My Catholic Life

Marian Retreat October 2023

Saturday, October 14, 2023 09:00 AM -
Sunday, October 15, 2023 06:00 PM

Divine Retreat Centre Toronto (69 William St)



The Marian Retreat will be led by Fr. Paul Parekattil VC and the Divine team on October 14th and 15th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Confession, Spiritual talks, and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will

be provided and attendance on both days is mandatory. Prior registration is required with a fee of \$20 (plus service fees) and registration can be done through our website divineretreatcentretoronto.org.

[Find Out More](#)

Priest: Here's the one true reason we should forgive



Fr. David Michael Moses has been busy recently sharing his thoughts on vocations and anxiety that have been both inspirational and thought-provoking. But now the priest has taken the time to explain the role of forgiveness in our lives, and how just one image can make it all the easier to forgive ourselves and those who've wronged us. He also raises a more pertinent point:

Could anyone nourish anger against another and still expect healing from the Lord considering that God, who has nothing to be forgiven of, still forgives?"

When we consider that forgiving others doesn't always come naturally — and in fact can take a lot of effort and time to achieve — Fr. David Michael Moses gives us one image we can focus on that puts everything in perspective. It can also provide enough motivation to want to forgive.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat

An Invitation

Luke 14:23

The master then ordered the servant, "Go out to the highways and hedgerows and make people come in that my home may be filled."

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

The Depths of God



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Praying with the life of Sr. Faustina Kowlaska
Friday, October 13, 2023 07:00 PM -
Sunday, October 15, 2023 01:00 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering

SILENT RETREAT WEEKEND FOR MEN: While most Catholics are familiar with the Icon of the Divine Mercy which is found in most parishes, less known is the life of Sr. Faustina, an obscure Polish nun whom Jesus used to proclaim God's infinite mercy to all who desire to receive it. This retreat is meant to assist retreatants to move to a deeper insight into the spiritual life of Sr. Faustina which hopefully leads to a deepen understanding and acceptance of retreatants own life journey with God. Facilitated by: Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ. Suggested offering: \$ 250 pp. Includes two nights accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and program.

[Learn More Here](#)

Why the Catechism Is So Important



What is the Catechism? Pope St. John Paul II's *Laetamur Magnopere* ("We Rejoice Greatly") says that the Catechism is a "genuine, systematic presentation of the faith and of Catholic doctrine." A systematic presentation simply means that the Catechism provides an organized and understandable treatment of the faith. It answers a comprehensive question that is both historical and sociological in nature, and one that lingers in the hearts of the baptized: What do Catholics believe?

Why Should You Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church? For the same reason that I should wipe the dust off of mine. Because we are called to both deeper intimacy with Christ and to tell the world that Jesus is Lord

[Read More](#)

How to Be Excellent (NOT a Perfectionist)



They say that perfection is the enemy of the good. But what is true goodness in a pursuit? What does excellence actually look like and consist of? Fr. Mike urges us to practice two qualities that lie at the heart of excellence: promptness and preparedness.

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*"Leave it all to God and leave your interests in His hands. He knows what is fitting for us."
— St. Teresa of Avila*

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