

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



October 15th, 2023 | Twenty-eight 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 | First Fridays - 7:00 pm

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.

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.



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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 7:30 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 14th to 21st 2023

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 14th

9:00 am +In remembrance of Corazon Mercado Salvador on her 4th year death anniversary/ George Floyd/ +Terry Fox/ Birthday blessings upon Fatima Da Costa/ Healing of Omela Boodram & Ana de Dios Giraldo

5:00 pm +Claudio Alejandro/ In remembrance of +Mario Cirillo on his 80th birthday

SUNDAY, October 15th

9:00 am (available for intentions)

10:30 am +Francesco & +Ida Toter / +Antonio Greco & +Anime Purgatorio / Defunti Andreatta/ +Franca Lombardi/ +Adolfo Leo/ +Salvatore Adelina, +Gianni Romanyszyn, +Carmene D'Ambrosio, +Mario Guagiardi/
12:00 pm +Pasquale Emanuele/ Birthday Blessings upon Laura Miklas & Rev. Fr. Mario Salvatori

2:00 pm Descanso del alma de +Teresa de Jesus Cornejo & +Simon Cordero/ +Gilberto Tovar/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Leilah Isabel Castillo & Edwin Leonel Garcia/ Paz en el mundo/ +Elivia Chilibiquinca

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, October 16th — St. Marguerite d'Youville

9:00 am +Maria Dinh & all souls in purgatory/ +Rev. Fr. Juan Triviño/ +Francisco Tejada/ Birthday blessings upon Adela Flamenco

TUESDAY, October 17th — St. Ignatius of Antioch

9:00 am +Ida Salituro/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Evangelista & +Felix Chevez/ +Miguel Adalberto Gomez/ Birthday blessings upon Gerardo Silva & Alicia Galindo

WEDNESDAY, October 18th — St. Luke the Evangelist

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Regino Chevez, +Jose Luis Gochez & +Marina Carlota Moz/ +Elisa, Domenico Proximo, Nicola e Defutti/ Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

THURSDAY, October 19th — St. Paul of the Cross

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

FRIDAY, October 20th

9:00 am Birthday thanksgiving for Christina Brown/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Quadrini Family

SATURDAY, October 21st

9:00 am +Ricardo Arturo Gonzalez/ Healing upon Constanca Mendoza/ Birthday blessings upon Francesca Mendoza

5:00 pm (available for intentions)



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every Sunday during Mass, we hear ourselves invited to a meal each time the priest says: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. **Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb**". The Gospel reading of this 28th Sunday (Matthew 22.1-4) reminds us that it is not about us and our plans, but about our Lord and King who has invited us to the wedding banquet of His only begotten Son. Are you and I preparing ourselves with the **right wedding garments** so that we will be found fit to join the sumptuous feast with all the chosen or not? "Lord, I am not worthy ...but only say a word and I shall be healed". Amen.

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, October 20, 2023

Topic: Fun & Games 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!

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.

CATHOLIC REGISTER

Do you wish to receive The Catholic Register newspaper and have access to insightful stories? Please contact the Parish Office to subscribe!

STA Parish September 2023 Church Income & Expenditures

Overall Church Receipts: \$31,512.03
Overall Church Payments: \$41,067.65

Thank you for your generosity!
October 8, 2023 Regular Collection:
\$5,623.75

Fellowship Sunday October 21/22:

How many parishioners of STA do you know by name and can relate to? You are warmly invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ on the weekend of 21/22nd October to share some fellowship in the parish hall after each Mass. There will be coffee, tea and sweets to enjoy while getting to know each other. Feel at home!

Mandatory Priests' Session with the FHC Parents/Guardians:

All the parents/guardians of the First Holy Communion kids are invited to the first of three mandatory catechetical sessions with the priests on Saturday 21st October at 3pm inside the Church. Participation in all three sessions and in Sunday Masses are required for your children to receive their FHC next year. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass Intentions in November

Please note that for the whole month of November, we have no specific Mass intentions. All the Masses will be offered for our departed loved ones who died since the past year. Thank you for understanding!

Apartment Rentals/Job Opportunities:

Due to the current housing and employment situation, our parish office has received a number of inquiries from parishioners and/or friends regarding apartment and/or job availabilities in our neighborhood. If you or anyone you know would like to rent one or two rooms to newly arrived immigrant parishioners/friends, kindly please inform our pastor, Fr. Patrick. Thank you so much.

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 hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Cada domingo, durante la Misa, nos oímos invitados a una cena cada vez que el sacerdote dice: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios, he aquí al que quita los pecados del mundo. **Dichosos los llamados a la cena del Cordero**". La lectura del Evangelio de este 28º domingo (Mateo 22,1-4) nos recuerda que no se trata de nosotros ni de nuestros planes, sino de nuestro Señor y Rey, que nos ha invitado al banquete de bodas de su Hijo unigénito. ¿Nos estamos preparando con **los vestidos de boda adecuados** para que se nos considere aptos para unirnos al suntuoso banquete con todos los elegidos, o no? "Señor, no soy digno... pero sólo di una palabra y seré curado". Amén.

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Ministerio de la Juventud para el 6 de octubre

Tema: Noche de juegos y diversión

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!

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.

REGISTRO CATÓLICO

¿Desea recibir el periódico The Catholic Register y tener acceso a artículos de interés? Póngase en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial para suscribirse.

STA Parroquia Septiembre 2023 Ingresos y Gastos de la Iglesia

Ingresos totales de la Iglesia: \$31,512.03

Pagos totales de la Iglesia: \$41,067.65

Gracias por su generosidad!

8 de octubre de 2023 Colecta Regular:

\$5,623.75

Domingo de confraternidad 21/22 de octubre:

¿A cuántos feligreses de STA conoce por su nombre y puede relacionarse con ellos? Estás cordialmente invitado a unirte a tus hermanos y hermanas en Cristo el fin de semana del 21/22 de octubre para compartir un poco de compañerismo en el salón parroquial después de cada misa. Habrá café, té y dulces para disfrutar mientras nos conocemos. ¡Siéntete como en casa!

Sesión Sacerdotal Obligatoria con los Padres/Tutores de la Primera Comunión:

Todos los padres/tutores de los niños de Primera Comunión están invitados a la primera de las tres sesiones obligatorias de catequesis con los sacerdotes el sábado 21 de octubre a las 3pm dentro de la Iglesia. La participación en las tres sesiones y en las misas dominicales son necesarias para que sus hijos reciban su FHC el próximo año. Gracias por su cooperación.

INTENCIONES DE MISA EN NOVIEMBRE

Les informamos que para todo el mes de noviembre, no tenemos intenciones de misas específicas. Todas las Misas serán ofrecidas por nuestros seres queridos fallecidos desde el año pasado. Gracias por su comprensión.

Alquiler de apartamentos/Oportunidades de trabajo:

Debido a la situación actual de la vivienda y el empleo, nuestra oficina parroquial ha recibido una serie de consultas de los feligreses y / o amigos con respecto a los apartamentos y / o puestos de trabajo disponibles en nuestro barrio. Si usted o alguien que usted conozca desea alquilar una o dos habitaciones a feligreses/amigos inmigrantes recién llegados, por favor informe a nuestro párroco, P. Patrick. Muchas gracias.

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 "Siguiete"
**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 18: Saint Luke the Evangelist – Feast



Luke is credited with writing the Gospel of Saint Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. According to the fourth-century historian, Eusebius, Luke “was of Antiochian parentage and a physician by profession, and...was especially intimate with Paul and well acquainted with the rest of the apostles” (3.4). Saint Paul identifies him as his close companion and as a physician in various epistles he wrote (Colossians 4:14; Philemon 1:24; 2 Timothy 4:11).

It should be noted that only Luke includes details from the life of our Blessed Mother. Her Magnificat, experience at the Annunciation, and Presentation in the Temple suggest he either had an intimate knowledge of these events directly from the Blessed Mother or was privileged to receive a reliable and detailed account of them from another source. There is also an ancient tradition that Saint Luke was an artist who painted the first icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Child Jesus. As we honor this great evangelist, ponder the fact that while he wrote down this orderly account of the life of Christ and the early Church, little did he know that his writings would be among the most widely distributed writings in the history of the world, and would be one of the primary instruments of the salvation of countless souls.

Saint Luke, you were a faithful servant of Saint Paul and a devout worshiper of Jesus, your Lord. You placed before God all your natural gifts, your education, time, and energy so that He could use you for the fulfillment of His holy will and the proclamation of the Gospel. Please pray for me, that I will always devote myself without hesitation to the fulfillment of God’s will, so that God can use me as He will to draw many to Christ. Saint Luke, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.—My Catholic Life

RENEW CONFERENCE



Saturday, November 04, 2023 09:30 AM - 07:30 PM
Canada Christian College
300 Water St, Whitby

Renew Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 19-39 taking place on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Canada Christian College in Whitby, Ont. It is an opportunity to reconnect with your community, grow in faith, rejuvenate your spirit, and be inspired. Look forward to a full day of worship, fellowship and a great line-up of keynote and workshop speakers.

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Listening To The Word of God



Saint Jerome, the great biblical scholar, is probably most well known for his quote “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” St. Jerome translated the Bible into the Latin Vulgate in the late 4th century. He spent 23 years of his life in the Word, translating from Hebrew to Latin. Then he spent the rest of his life writing Biblical commentary on what he had spent so many years contemplating. He was thoroughly steeped in the Word, so much so that a quote attributed to Saint Augustine said, “What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known.” Recently, I was reading the Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* by Pope Benedict XVI, and this quote from Saint Jerome pierced my heart:

We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [Eucharistic] Mystery, Christ’s body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God’s teaching. When we approach the [Eucharistic] Mystery, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God’s Word and Christ’s flesh and blood are being poured into our ears yet we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?

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3 Minute Retreat

Embracing Children

Mark 10:16

Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

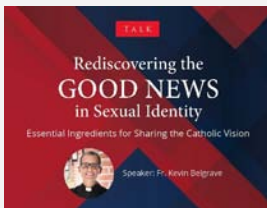
The Parable of the Wedding Banquet



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Spirit & Life Series - Rediscovering the Good News in Sexual Identity: Essential Ingredients for Sharing the Catholic Vision



Title: *Rediscovering the Good News in Sexual Identity: Essential Ingredients for Sharing the Catholic Vision*

Speaker: Fr. Kevin Belgrave

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9:00—11:00 AM

Location: St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough ON

Cost: FREE

Few moral topics today feel as impossible as those around sexual identity. In this talk, we'll first try to understand why questions of sexual identity can be so challenging, so full of tension and emotion. From there, we'll look at some essential "ingredients" for any approach to this topic, in any situation; with the hope of allowing the Catholic faith's reasonable, hopeful, and ultimately beautiful vision of human sexuality – created, fallen, and redeemed – to be better known and experienced.

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Am I missing out on love because I don't claim it?

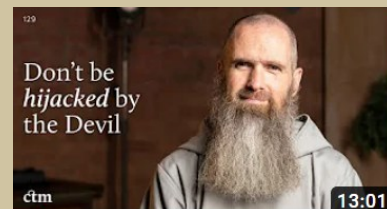


At times, when the waiting for what I desire stretches endless, I feel like I balance precariously between thoughts of eager anticipation and hopelessness. When I am not careful to check my thoughts, the weight of despair prevails, and I resort to the age-old question of love. I have been in a season of waiting of late. My mind has been pointing out others around me and taunting me to consider perhaps I did wrong or perhaps I had it all wrong to begin with. There are days when I conclude, If I had gotten it right in the first place, I would not be waiting now.

This time my Lord God's answer, tucked into the Sunday homily, was so profound I rifled through my purse for anything to write down the words: "Lavished Love." The deacon offered a question so fundamental; it begged not to be answered but pondered. it."

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The Devil Wants to Steal Your Identity



"I'm sick of it. Are you not sick of it?" Getting thrown around like a rag doll in life is not fun. Feeling overwhelmed and jolted by every bit of bad news, every negative comment, every fear, anxiety or worry. But it doesn't have to be like that. Don't have your identity hijacked by the Devil and the lies and tumult of the world. Instead, keep it in Christ, and you'll find the glory and peace that you're called to.

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*“Sadness is looking at ourselves,
happiness is looking towards God.”
— Blessed Carlo Acutis*

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