

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



October 22nd, 2023 | Twenty-ninth 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.

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.

Give God glory and honor!



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 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 21st to 28th 2023

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 21st

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

5:00 pm +Myrna Jose in remembrance of her birthday

SUNDAY, October 22nd

9:00 am +Dwarka Singh/ +Maria del Transito de Claros & +Nelson Claros/ +Elena Divinagracia/ Thanksgiving for the ordination anniversary of Rev. Fr. Ismael Naranjo Silva, Ardorini Missionary

10:30 am +Michele D'Angelo/ San Cosco e Demanio, per la santissima/ +Jose Villanueva Barragan

12:00 pm +Antonio Cardoso/ 2nd year death anniversary of +Anne Marie Cerato/ +Armido Cerato

2:00 pm Descanso del alma de +Carmen Flores, +Luis David Garzon, +Maria Julia Bonilla de Meza/ Birthday blessings Rene Orlando Meza, Cristabel Turcios & Guillermo Turcios, Jr., /Paz en el mundo

6:00 pm +Lescek, +Kristof, +Helena, +Wadek, +Wiesiek, +Ernest Perez Sandino

MONDAY, October 23rd — St. John Capistrano

9:00 am +Maria Dinh & all souls in purgatory/ +Ricardo Arturo Gonzalez, +Lucy Debayle, and all souls in purgatory/ Birthday blessings upon Cruz Rosilli

TUESDAY, October 24th — St. Anthony Mary Claret

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Esteban Sandino, +Alicia Sandino, +Doris Jose Delgadillo/ Peace in the world

WEDNESDAY, October 25th

9:00 am +Gino Antonel/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Elsy Elia Murillo, + Leonard Gregory, +Dorothy Gregory/ Birthday blessings upon Ana Elizabeth Posada de Quintanilla, Francisco De Anda Varela & Norma Elizabeth Garcia/ Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

THURSDAY, October 26th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

FRIDAY, October 27th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

SATURDAY, October 28th — Sts. Simon and Jude

9:00 am +Jose Villanueva Barragan, +Marina Carlota Moz, Birthday Blessings upon Juliana Isabela Gallardo Palacios/ Healing of Otto Martir Rivera & Jacob Lee McEwan
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,

Has someone you care for ever asked you for prayer, or have you ever asked someone dear to you for prayers? My parents always ask me to pray for them and this has made me fall into the same habit of requesting their prayers as well. I think it is a healthy practice among believers to **rely on one another for spiritual assistance**. St. Paul makes it abundantly clear in the amazing second reading of this 29th Sunday (1 Thessalonians 1.1-5). At the onset of the new week, I pray that our Lord may enrich you and I with a deep sense of gratitude. Enjoy each day as it comes!

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, October 27, 2023

Topic: Meet & Commune with STA Elders

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!

October Marian Procession

In honor of Mama Mary whom we venerate with a special devotion during this month, we shall be having a Rosary procession on Saturday, 28th October at 6:15pm. You're all encouraged to join us!

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 15, 2023 Regular Collection will be available next week.

Confirmandi Rite of Enrollment:

On the weekend of 28/29 October, all the Confirmation students will be officially enrolled into the program after the Sunday homilies. Parents and guardians please be sure to inform the Catechists about the Mass that you and your children will be attending on that weekend.

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"

CATHOLIC REGISTER

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

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA

¿Alguna vez alguien a quien quieres te ha pedido oraciones, o tú has pedido oraciones a alguien querido? Mis padres siempre me piden que rece por ellos y esto me ha hecho caer en el mismo hábito de solicitar también sus oraciones. Creo que es una práctica saludable entre los creyentes **apoyarse unos en otros para recibir asistencia espiritual**. San Pablo lo deja bien claro en la sorprendente segunda lectura de este 29º domingo (1 Tesalonicenses 1.1-5). Al comienzo de la nueva semana, rezo para que el Señor nos enriquezca a ti y a mí con un profundo sentido de gratitud. ¡Disfrutad de cada día tal como viene!

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Ministerio de la Juventud para el 27 de octubre

Tema: Encuentro y comunión con los ancianos de STA

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!

Procesión Mariana de octubre

En honor de Mamá María, a quien veneramos con una devoción especial durante este mes, tendremos una procesión del Rosario el sábado 28 de octubre a las 18:15. Os animamos a todos a uniros a nosotros.

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!

15 de octubre de 2023 La colección ordinaria estará disponible la próxima semana.

Confirmandi Rito de inscripción:

El fin de semana del 28/29 de octubre, todos los alumnos de Confirmación serán oficialmente inscritos en el programa después de las homilias dominicales. Padres y tutores por favor asegúrense de informar a los Catequistas sobre la Misa a la que ustedes y sus hijos asistirán ese fin de semana.

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 "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".

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.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

October 28: Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles—Feast



Saints Simon and Jude are two of the Twelve Apostles chosen by our Lord. They were two of the first bishops through whom our Lord established His Church and from whom every bishop, priest, and deacon is a spiritual descendant. Very little is known about these two Apostles, other than what is briefly mentioned about them in the New Testament, and even that is a little confusing. They are both listed among the Twelve whom Jesus

names Apostles: Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:13-16; Acts 1:13.

It's interesting to note that Jesus chose a variety of different people as His Apostles. Perhaps the most stark contrast is found between Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector. As a zealot, Simon would have been very committed to his Jewish identity and would have been firmly opposed to Roman oppression and taxation. The fact that Jesus did not choose like-minded Apostles shows His inclusion of all people. Jesus did not have a favorite type of person. He was not bound by cultural ties, ideologies, or social classes. He was not nationalistic in the sense of being a separatist or isolationist. He was interested in all people, those of every background and experience, and His Apostles reveal that fact. As we honor these Apostles, what we know for certain is that they were instrumental in the early Church. Being among the first bishops, they bore the sacred responsibility of transmitting the Sacraments and the teachings of Jesus to a nascent Church. One day in Heaven, we will see clearly the effects of their pastoral ministry. Today, we rejoice in what we do not fully know, trusting that their lives gave great glory to God and won the salvation of many souls.

Saint Simon and Jude, you were both privileged to learn from Jesus Himself. After His Ascension, you were among the first to receive the Holy Spirit and ordination as bishops. God used you to then go forth and fulfill His command to share the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Please pray for me, that I will more fully understand my mission within the Body of Christ and will fulfill my duties with diligence and love. Saints Simon and Jude, 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.

[Find Out More](#)

Risk averse? Here's something you should consider



If you find it hard to make tricky decisions, there's something that might make the process a little easier. A few months ago, a group of billionaires boarded a submersible vessel called Titan to explore the remains of the Titanic. They willingly took a great risk to travel to the extreme depths of the ocean to carry out their adventure. Unfortunately, the vessel imploded and all on board died.

Other seemingly impossible journeys have been successful: It's incredible to think that men managed to walk on the moon nearly 64 years ago, and today we're planning to send people to Mars.

You also have actors like Tom Cruise carrying out death-defying stunts in a bid to make their films as realistic and exciting as possible. Perhaps these adventurous actors also enjoy testing their limits? As Catholics we have constant reminders of the benefits of taking risks — just look at the apostles! And if there's one thing we should learn from those who gave up everything to follow Jesus, it's that sometimes we really need to take a leap of faith — well, as long as it doesn't involve parachuting from an airplane for this particular scaredy-cat!

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3 Minute Retreat

The Face of God
Matthew 4:23

He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

God and Ceasar!



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED - "Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?"



Saturday, November 04, 2023 09:30 AM - 05:00 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering

Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. Facilitated by Sr. Claire Marchal & Mary Hyland. Suggested Offering: \$65.00 - Includes break and lunch. For more information or to register: Mary Hyland at 905-441-0957

[Register Here](#)

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's Sorrowful Heart



Mary's Motherhood

Our Lady goes before us as the first woman cleansed by Christ's mercy. She was kept free from sin from her conception and was fittingly kept pure all of her life. Her role as woman is an inspiration for all women, demonstrating the realities of spiritual and physical motherhood alike. Hers is a life radically devoted to God in complete faithfulness, radically implanted in the process of redemption.

Though a physical mother to one alone, she is a spiritual mother to us all. She is both virgin and mother, a sign of contradiction in the life of women according to nature. As such, she lived out a perfect complement and imitation of her Divine Son, who lived his whole earthly life as a sign of contradiction.

[Read More](#)

Be Raw with God (feat. Sr. Maria Regina)



Fr. Mark-Mary and Sr. Maria Regina of the Sisters of Life continue their introduction to the healing process. First things first: we need to be real with God. We can't hide anything from him. We need to show him our wounds. Only then can he heal them.

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*"Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity.
Serve the Lord with laughter."
-St. Padre Pio*

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