

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



October 29th, 2023 | Thirtieth 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.



Love the Lord your God with all
your **heart, soul, and mind.**

Matthew 22:37 TLB

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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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CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOMES

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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 28th to November 4th, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 28th

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

5:00 pm +Marcy Moraima Barrios V. De Lopes

SUNDAY, October 29th

9:00 am +Niso Daneluzzi / Special Mass for +Marcelo San Mateo / +Paulina & +Ireneo, +Macario & +Anastasia Cruz/ +Teofilo & Flora San Mateo/ Thanksgiving for Marlyn & Erlinda San Mateo & families

10:30 am +Antonio Pitaro/ +Giulio Aversa, +Filomena & +Giuseppe Carinci +Rossana Crezenci/ +Lorenzo Ardizzi

12:00 pm +Bernadette Cardyn/ +Antonietta Barbuzi/ Peace in the world

2:00 pm Descanso del alma de +Lucia Carlota Ayala de Ycaza & +Harry Ycaza/ Sanacion de Han Ycaza & Rafaela de Jesus Velasquez /Ayuda de San Jose para Ernesto Zepeda, Christian y Marthita Ortiz & Gonzalo Castillo

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, October 30th — St. John Capistrano

9:00 am +All deceased family members of Chioran & Antonel Families/ +Maria Serafina de Cedillos, +Juan Cedillos, Zofia & Stanislaus Misko, & all Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, October 31st — St. Anthony Mary Claret

9:00 am +Luis Garzon, +Milagros Garzon & +Carmen Flores/ Birthday blessings upon Rev. Fr. Deodatus/ +Primitivo Ruedo Salvador and all souls in purgatory

WEDNESDAY, November 1st — Solemnity of All Saints

9:00 am All souls in purgatory

THURSDAY, November 2nd — All Souls' Day

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

9:00 am All souls in purgatory

FRIDAY, November 3rd — St. Martin de Porres

9:00 am All souls in purgatory

SATURDAY, November 4th — St. Charles Borromeo

9:00 am All souls in purgatory

5:00 pm All souls in purgatory



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

A Letter from Bishop Kasun

Dear Fr. Patrick, Fr. Peter and Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas,

Many good things are happening at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish! I am writing to you, as your Regional Bishop, to say "thank you" for your good ministries and for your great interest in advancing the Kingdom of God on earth!

Your developing food bank is but one example of the good things happening. Others could be mentioned too. It has come to my attention that each Tuesday morning over 100 food packages are handed out from your church. Food insecurity is great in our city, and the neighbourhoods in the area of your parish are no exception. A lot of people are benefitting from your service! You are responding directly to the call of Christ to "feed the hungry."

Thanks to the Fathers, the parishioners, non-parishioners, Second Harvest and the Share Life Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto for making it happen!

Gratefully,
Bishop Robert Kasun CSB
Central Region Auxiliary Bishop

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, November 3, 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!

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

\$4,800.00

October 22, 2023

\$4,960.00

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our awarded Altar Servers. This weekend, 18 of our altar servers received the Bishop's Award for Service. We heartily congratulate them! Do keep up the good work! God bless you all.

All Saints Day Trilingual Mass

On Wednesday, 1st November, Solemnity of All Saints, there will be a trilingual solemn evening Mass at 7pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

All Souls Day Masses

On Thursday, 2nd November, Solemnity of All Souls, there will be two additional Masses: 9am (English); 12pm (Italian/English) and 7pm (Spanish/English).

Parish Volunteers' Retreat Saturday, 11th November 2023:

In preparation for Christmas, all our volunteers are encouraged to join a retreat of spiritual renewal on Saturday, 11th November 2023 at 6:30pm guided by Fr. Joel Okojie OSA, Augustine Prior at Our Lady of Grace Shrine in Marylake (ON). The topic will be "Confession". There will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. If you serve in our parish, please do your best to be there!

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. All souls envelopes and folders are available on the tables in front of the Church. Please write the names of your deceased and insert your offerings in the All Souls donation box. Thank you!

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

Carta del obispo Kasun

Queridos P. Patrick, P. Peter y feligreses de Santo Tomás de Aquino,

Muchas cosas buenas están sucediendo en la Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino. Les escribo, como su Obispo Regional, para darles las gracias por sus buenos ministerios y por su gran interés en hacer avanzar el Reino de Dios en la tierra.

Su banco de alimentos en desarrollo no es más que un ejemplo de las cosas buenas que están sucediendo. También podrían mencionarse otros. Me he dado cuenta de que cada martes por la mañana se reparten más de 100 paquetes de comida desde su iglesia. La inseguridad alimentaria es grande en nuestra ciudad, y los barrios de la zona de su parroquia no son una excepción. Mucha gente se beneficia de su servicio. Estáis respondiendo directamente a la llamada de Cristo de "dar de comer a los hambrientos".

¡Gracias a los Padres, a los feligreses, a los no feligreses, a Second Harvest y a Share Life Charities de la Archidiócesis de Toronto por hacerlo posible!

Con gratitud,
Obispo Robert Kasun CSB,
Obispo Auxiliar de la Región Central

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 3 de noviembre de 2023

Tema: Noche de Diversión y Juegos

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

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

\$4,800.00

22 de octubre de 2023

\$4,960.00

¡Felicitaciones!

Felicitaciones a nuestros Monaguillos premiados. Este fin de semana, 18 de nuestros monaguillos recibieron el Premio del Obispo al Servicio. ¡Los felicitamos de todo corazón! Sigán trabajando así de bien. Dios los bendiga a todos.

Misa trilingüe de Todos los Santos

El miércoles 1 de noviembre, solemnidad de Todos los Santos, se celebrará una misa vespertina solemne trilingüe a las 19.00 horas. Se anima a todos a participar.

Misas del día de Todos los Santos

El jueves 2 de noviembre, Solemnidad de Todos los Fieles Difuntos, habrá dos Misas adicionales: 9h (inglés); 12h (italiano/inglés) y 19h (español/inglés). Se anima a todos a participar.

Retiro de Voluntarios Parroquiales Sábado, 11 de noviembre de 2023:

En preparación para la Navidad, se anima a todos nuestros voluntarios a unirse a un retiro de renovación espiritual el sábado 11 de noviembre de 2023 a las 18:30, guiado por el P. Joel Okojie OSA, Augustine Prior en el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de las Gracias en Marylake (ON). El tema será "La confesión". Habrá exposición del Santísimo Sacramento y Reconciliación. Si sirves en nuestra parroquia, ¡haz todo lo posible por estar allí!

Intenciones de Misa en noviembre

Les informamos que para todo el mes de noviembre, no tenemos intenciones específicas de Misa. Todas las Misas serán ofrecidas por nuestros seres queridos difuntos que fallecieron desde el año pasado. Los sobres y carpetas para las almas están disponibles en las mesas frente a la Iglesia. Por favor escriba los nombres de sus difuntos e introduzca sus ofrendas en la caja de donaciones de Todas las Almas. 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"
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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

November 1—Solemnity of All Saints



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a celebration honoring all men and women who have entered Heaven. While this includes every soul in Heaven, the focus is particularly on those who led extraordinarily holy lives on earth and that the Church has canonized as saints. These individuals honored God in a variety of ways: through deep prayer and mystical union, through enduring martyrdom or other forms of religious persecution, and through acts of service, such as caring for the needy or teaching the faith. Some saints were powerful preachers or miracle workers. Others were leaders, some lived in obscurity, and still others experienced exile or made significant personal sacrifices for their faith. In various ways, these saints glorified God during their lifetimes.

By honoring this host of saintly witnesses, we honor and glorify God through their lives. By honoring them, we honor Him Who made them holy. This liturgical solemnity is but a foretaste of the eternal Solemnity of Heaven. Heaven will be the eternal glory of God through the lives of all His saints. In Heaven, the virtues, sacrifices, prayers, and selfless service of all the saints will radiate as beacons that eternally manifest the great mercy and goodness of God. The life of every saint in Heaven will become a continuous chorus of praise and worship of God, intertwined with the nine choirs of angelic hosts. . With the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones, the saints will cry “Holy, Holy, Holy...” With the Dominions, Virtues, and Powers, the saints will participate in God’s providential care of the New Heavens and Earth.

All saints in Heaven, I thank you for the holy witness you each have given to the Church and rejoice in the blessings you now enjoy in Heaven. Please pray for me and for all people, that every one of us will become holy, bearing witness to Christ with our lives, and one day enter Heaven. May God pour forth an abundance of grace upon the world through the example you set and the prayers you now pray before His throne. All saints of God, 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](#)

Motivation to Get Your Family Together to Pray



One of my favorite movies as a kid, and even to this day, is *The Incredibles*. I remember watching this movie for the first time thinking, “That is my family.” For those who haven’t seen it, the movie is all about a family of superheroes in the throes of the ups and downs of family life trying to figure out their identity as individuals and as a family with superpowers, while saving the world and still trying to remain semi-normal.

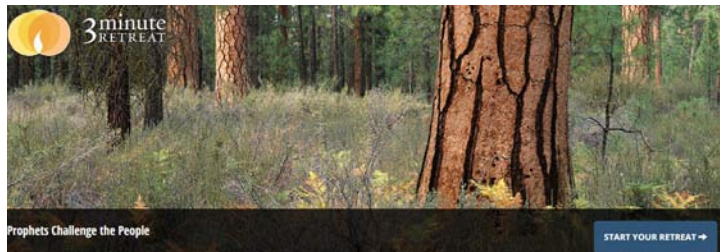
Being Normal or Being Chosen

I always could relate to the daughter Violet growing up. She complained about wanting to be normal:

“We act normal, mom! I want to be normal! The only normal one is Jack-Jack, and he’s not even toilet trained!”

There is this struggle between the desire to be like the world and conform to worldly normalcy while leaving behind her true identity, something I struggled with a lot as a teen. I wanted so badly to look good to my peers at school. To look like I was cool, or maybe in my mind, to be good enough for them.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat

Prophets Challenge the People
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](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

We Love Because God Loves Us



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](#)

The Communion of Saints



What many people fear in death, whether their own or that of those they love, is the loss of connection with their loved ones. If we think of going to heaven as though it were like going to Cleveland (only better), then we are sad that they or we are "going away," even if we hope it is a "better place." But if heaven is union with the Father in Christ through the Spirit, and if Christ lives and is present to each of us, then we, too, remain connected with our loved ones—even more intimately and fully—in union with Christ's Body and the communion of saints. We believe that Christ lives and that he continues to watch over us, sending his Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us. When those we love were alive, we sometimes asked them to pray for us, knowing they would precisely because of their love for us. The Christian promise is that this sort of love can never die (see Rom 8:38). It lives on in Christ.

[Read More](#)

Why You're Not Happy (and What to Do About It)



As we read the lives of the saints—and as we live our own lives—we are confronted with the inescapable reality of suffering. The Christian life is not, in fact, always easy. But didn't Jesus say we would be happy? Today Fr. Gregory Pine helps us understand St. Augustine's famous quote, "our hearts are restless until they rest in you," and how we can find true happiness—both in this life and in the life to come.

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*"Since love grows within you, so beauty grows.
For love is the beauty of the soul."
- St. Augustine*

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