

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | Christ the King

## 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

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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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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

## November 2023 MASS INTENTIONS

***For the whole month of November, we have no specific Mass intentions. All the Masses will be offered for our faithful relatives and friends who died since the past year.***

***Parishioners are welcome to write down the names of their dearly beloved dead in the "All Souls" folder or envelopes by the altar. They may also make an offering in the "All Souls" box by the left corner of the sanctuary.***



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

This 34th and last Sunday in Ordinary Time is the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our Savior Jesus Christ is our King in the sense that He shepherds us with His teachings and examples. Above all, the Lord shepherds us with His sacred Body and Blood, Food for pilgrims, Pill of immortality and Seed of Eternal Life. The Holy Eucharist not only makes us like Christ, but it also opens our hearts to recognize His presence in the poor, needy and persecuted. The Gospel reading (Matthew 25.31-46) reminds us that "just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me". "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23). Amen.

## Youth Group: Friday Evenings

**Youth Ministry for Friday, December 1, 2023**

**Topic: Mass & Adoration Night**

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

## CWL Membership Drive Dec. 2/3rd

On the first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd and 3rd the Regional Chair of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, Mary Jane Domingo, will be speaking to us about the identity and mission of the CWL. Please save the date!

## SAVE THE DATE

Our parish will be having our Christmas Concert on Saturday, Dec. 9th, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Church, followed immediately by our Christmas Raffle Draw in the parish hall. Tickets are available in the parish office, for now!

**2023-2024 Sunday Missal (Year B) is available at the parish office. Cost is \$10.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

November 19, 2023

**\$4,443.00**

## Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – your assistance is requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights. The process should take a few minutes. We ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from Catholics throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our newly commissioned lectors. May you always proclaim God's word with faith, clarity and conviction.

## SAVE THE DATE

Choir members commissioning will take place on December 9/10th weekend. Please save the date!

## Christmas & New Year Schedule

Our Christmas/New Year schedule will be out by next weekend. Watch out for the bulletin!

## 2024 Envelopes

2024 Envelopes will be available in the upcoming weeks. Stay tuned! We kindly ask that you please use these new envelopes next year. Thank you for your generosity!

## Blessed Sacrament's Candle & Flowers



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*Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante!*

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA Este 34º y último Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario es la solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo es nuestro Rey en el sentido de que nos pastorea con sus enseñanzas y ejemplos. Sobre todo, el Señor nos pastorea con su sagrado Cuerpo y Sangre, alimento de peregrinos, píldora de inmortalidad y semilla de vida eterna. La Sagrada Eucaristía no sólo nos hace semejantes a Cristo, sino que abre nuestro corazón para reconocer su presencia en los pobres, los necesitados y los perseguidos. La lectura del Evangelio (Mateo 25.31-46) nos recuerda que "cuanto hicisteis a uno de estos hermanos míos más pequeños, a mí me lo hicisteis". "El Señor es mi Pastor, nada me falta" (Salmo 23). Amén.

## Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 1 de diciembre de 2023

Tema: Misa y Noche de Adoración  
De 7pm a 8:30pm en el templo; se ofrecerá un refrigerio después la liturgia. Si usted está interesado, por favor regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche juvenil. ¡Gracias de antemano!

## Campaña de afiliación a la CWL 2/3 de diciembre

El primer domingo de Adviento, 2 y 3 de diciembre, la Presidenta Regional de la Liga de Mujeres Católicas de Canadá, Mary Jane Domingo, nos hablará sobre la identidad y la misión de la CWL. Por favor, ¡reserven la fecha!

## GUARDAR LA FECHA

Nuestra Parroquia tendrá Concierto de Navidad el sábado 9 de diciembre de 2023. Más información en breve. Por favor, reserve la fecha y únase a nuestra comunidad parroquial en esta maravillosa celebración. ¡Esperamos verlos allí!

**Misal 2024 Ciclo B esta disponible en la oficina parroquial.  
Cuesta \$10**

**Gracias por su generosidad!**  
19 de noviembre de 2023  
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## Consulta arquidiocesana en curso - solicitamos su colaboración

Nuestro arzobispo, el Reverendísimo Francis Leo, está invitando a los católicos de toda la archidiócesis a compartir sus prioridades clave para ayudar a informar y guiar un Plan Pastoral actualizado. Para participar en la consulta, visite [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) para completar una breve encuesta antes del 15 de diciembre de 2023, donde puede ofrecer sus sugerencias y puntos de vista. El proceso le llevará unos minutos. Le pedimos que complete la breve encuesta lo antes posible. Esperamos tener noticias de los católicos de toda la archidiócesis. Gracias de antemano por compartir sus puntos de vista, ideas y discernimiento.

## FELICIDADES

Enhorabuena a nuestros nuevos lectores. Que proclaméis siempre la palabra de Dios con fe, claridad y convicción.

## GUARDAR LA FECHA

La puesta en servicio de los miembros del coro tendrá lugar el fin de semana del 9/10 de diciembre. ¡Por favor, reserve la fecha!

## Calendario de Navidad y Año Nuevo

Nuestro horario de Navidad y Año Nuevo estará listo el próximo fin de semana. Esté atento al boletín.

## Sobres 2024

Los sobres 2024 estarán disponibles en las próximas semanas. Estén atentos. Les rogamos que utilicen estos nuevos sobres el próximo año. Gracias por su generosidad.

## Vela y flores del Santísimo Sacramento



Por la amable generosidad de :  
**Franca y Abba Fostanes**  
¡Gracias y que Dios les bendiga!  
*Gracias. Gracias. Salamat po. ¡Asante!*

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## November 26: Solemnity of Christ the King



All of creation is a footstool for the Lord of the Universe. This last Sunday in Ordinary Time is dedicated to the very highest understanding of the nature, role, and purpose of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is multifaceted, the deep hues and contours of his personality revealing themselves to different races and ages in different ways. Even inside of just one single life, a Christian can understand Jesus in more subtle and complex ways

as that Christian matures. Carpenter, Miracle Worker, Son of Mary, Son of God, Prophet, Messiah, Son of David, Good Shepherd, Healer, Preacher, Logos, Lamb of God, etc. Yet all these titles and identities will give way as the world ends, time is fulfilled, and life with God becomes simply life itself. Jesus' identity will culminate in His Kingship. It will not be a transitional but a terminal identity. The dead will come nose to nose with King Jesus, feeling His hot breath on their cheeks, as He judges them at their life's end. And the saved will have King Jesus before them in Heaven forever as He renders homage to God the Father in the power of God the Holy Spirit. The feast of "Christ the King" was first established in 1925, and Pope Saint Paul VI expanded its name to "King of the Universe" in 1969. Jesus is not just a King of Hearts. He is more than a Universal Coach, Teacher, or Consoler of mankind. By "King of the Universe" the Church is communicating Jesus' metaphysical scale, that God encompasses all of reality, not just man's reality. We say in the Nicene Creed that God created all things visible and invisible inhabiting the reality bubble.

*Christ the King, Your sovereignty over all creation is not heavy. You order all reality toward Yourself and govern Your creatures with justice and humility. Help us to be faithful and subservient to what You desire, so that we can live one day in Your heavenly kingdom. — My Catholic Life*

**Day of Reflection: "Who is called to be holy?"  
Monday, November 27, 2023 09:00 AM - 03:30 PM  
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering**



Day of Reflection for men & women. The saints have always been a source of encouragement and hope for Christians, but for centuries Catholics believed that the path to holiness was restricted to people who "left everything to follow Christ". In 2011 Pope Benedict stated: "We are often led to think that holiness is a goal reserved for a few elect." He then asked: "What does it mean to be holy? Who is called to be holy?" Our day of reflection will focus on the call to holiness, its prominent place in the Scriptures, and the universal call to holiness promoted by Vatican II. Facilitated by Fr. John Reddy, CSB Suggested offering: Includes lunch, coffee/tea break, Mass and talks.

[Find Out More](#)

## Silence



One of the dangers many encounter in our modern technological world is that of constant noise. We are easily bombarded with chatter all day long. It could be through the radio, TV, Internet, or the ceaseless conversation of another. Rarely do we find times of great silence. As a result, when silence is offered us, we often look to fill that silence immediately. But is this wise? Is it good to occupy our minds day and night with noise? Though every person will be different, especially depending upon their vocation, every person does need times of regular silence and solitude. Without this it is hard to be recollected and to hear the Voice of God. God speaks in the silence and He desires to communicate to you through this sacred language. Do not run from silence for, if you do, you will be running *from the Voice of God (See Diary #1476).*

*Lord, I desire to seek You in the silence. I choose to listen to Your quiet promptings of love spoken in this way. Give me the wisdom and strength I need to dedicate myself to moments of quiet every day. May these moments bring clarity to my soul and understanding to my life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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## 3 Minute Retreat

### We are Christ's Presence

*1 Corinthians 10:16*

*The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?*

[English](#)

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# LIVING YOUR FAITH

## The Good King! Solemnity of Christ the King



[Animated Story](#)

[Children's Video](#)

## Discussion of St. Gregory of Nyssa's Letter, 'Whoever Has Done It to One of These Has Done It to Me.'



Wednesday, November 29, 2023 06:30 PM -08:00 PM  
St. John the Compassionate Mission  
155 Broadview Ave., Toronto

This event invites us to explore and reflect on a letter of St. Gregory of Nyssa that goes to the core of our discipleship! Participate for an insight into "diakonia" from an Eastern Christian perspective. This session is part of the "Bridges" series hosted by St. John the Compassionate Mission that for many years has served the needs of the poor in Toronto.

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## The Art of Accompaniment



November is the month of All Souls, an opportunity to remember and pray for our loved ones who have died. It is also an opportunity to reach out and accompany the bereaved families of our parish communities. Saulina (Sally) Amaral, Diocesan Coordinator, Ministries of Care and Ministry with Maturing Adults of the Office of Formation for Discipleship at the Archdiocese of Toronto, shares her thoughts on the 'Art of Accompaniment.' What is the 'Art of Accompaniment'? Pope Francis in the document, *Evangelii Gaudium*, writes that "the Church will have to initiate everyone – priests, religious and laity – into this "art of accompaniment" which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. Ex 3:5)." (Joy of the Gospel, 169).

[Read More](#)

## The Most Powerful Force in Human History



When faced with the chaos, evil, and tragedies present in this world, it can be easy to just give up. Our faith may tell us that prayer is effective, but the temptation is to despair. What effect can our tiny little prayers possibly have on world events? ...A lot. The answer is, our "tiny little prayers" can change the world. Fr. Mark-Mary adjures us earnestly to have hope in what our Lord and our God can do with our prayers.

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*"Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, 'I came as a guest, and you received Me' - St. Benedict*

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