

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 7th, 2024 | Epiphany of our Lord

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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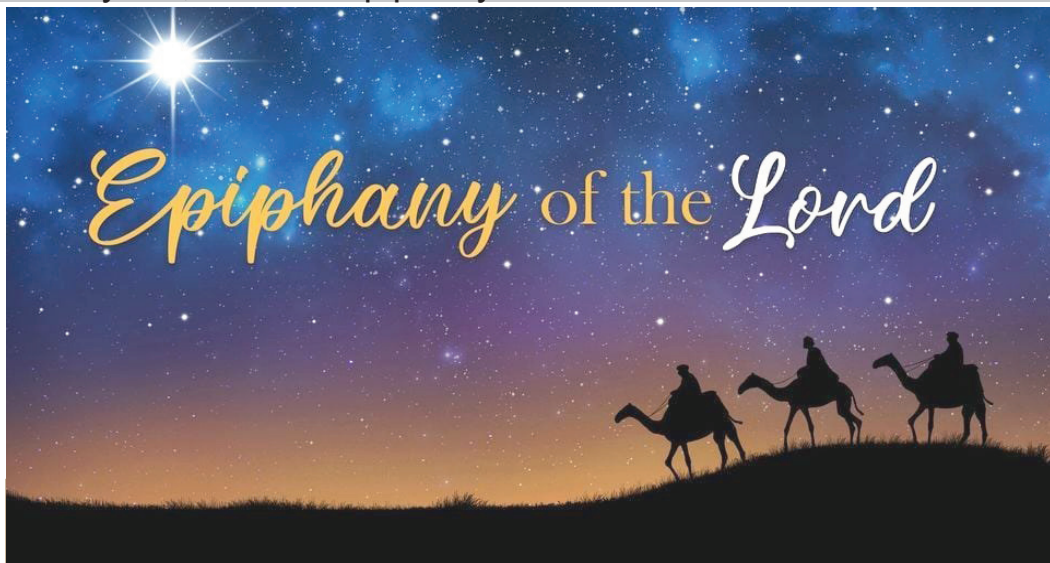
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FOOD BANK: Tuesdays at 12:00 pm

January 6th to 13th, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 6th

9:00 am +Norma Calix, +Enriqueta & +Cosme Rodas/
+Sammy Chung / Birthday blessings upon Allison Lopez/
Thanksgiving for Legion of Mary/ Birthday blessings and
thanksgiving of Maura Gamo and family

5:00 pm +Elisa Chiappetta & +Gina Kohler

SUNDAY, January 7th — Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Thanksgiving for the ordination anniversary of
Fr. Jomon George

10:30 am +Rocco Nicastro/+Pietro e +Maria Toter,
+Pasquale e +Teresa Nudo/+Giovambattista e
+Rita Marchese/+Rosario Ferragina, + Ida Giordano &
+Armando Carpino

12:00 pm +Jun Comendal

2:00 pm +Yolanda Unda/ +Manuel Amadeo Rubio
Thanksgiving for the Calle, Rubio & Pereira-Calle,
Calle-Cepeda, Alvar-Calle families/ Descanso del alma de
+Alberto Espinoza, +Julia Tejada, +Alejandra de Elias/
Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Claudio Calix & Cindy
Milena Chacon

6:00 pm Good health and quick recovery for
Rosanna Raymundo

MONDAY, January 8th — Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 am +Maria Dinh & all souls in purgatory/ Birthday
blessings upon Juan Carlos Fuentes

7:00 pm (available for intentions)

TUESDAY, January 9th

9:00 am +Primitivo Rueda Salvador/ +Denzil Stephens/
+Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ + Denis, +Maria Elena
& +Jose Antonio Elias/ Birthday blessings upon Tatiana
Elizabeth Mejia

WEDNESDAY, January 10th

9:00 am +Gioan Baotixita Dinh & +Maria Ngo/ +Fortunato
Montana & +Erlinda Quijazon

THURSDAY, January 11th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ All priests living
& deceased/ Healing & Birthday blessings upon
Gina Pinargote

FRIDAY, January 12th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Sonia Salgado/
Healing & birthday blessings upon Dennis Pinargote

SATURDAY, January 13th — St. Hilary

9:00 am +Concepcion de Ramos/ Birthday blessings upon
Ana Mirian Fuentes

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,

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord and then with tomorrow's feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season officially comes to an end. That means we have a few more hours to say "Merry Christmas". "*Epiphaneia*" is Greek word for *manifestation*. It recalls the visit of the three wise men from the East by the guidance of a star. Hence, even when the lights go down, the Light of Christ continues to manifest in the heart, mind, and hands of every person of good will. Like the three wise men (see Matthew 2:1-12), am I following the star of God's love in front and around me? May 2024 be a year to arise and *let your light shine*. May the Lord be gracious to you and bless you in a special way this year. Amen!

Thank You

Thank you, Gracias, Grazie & Salamat po!

Dear parishioners, Fr. Peter and I would like to say a Big "Thank you" to you for your Christmas gifts, prayers and best wishes to us. Our Christmas tree was covered and surrounded with so many presents that we had to start giving some away. May God bless you and replenish you abundantly during this new year. Amen.

A special appreciation to our volunteers!

We are grateful to our choir, ushers, lectors, EMHC, altar servers, decorators and all those who quietly or openly helped to make the Christmas season a special one. May God bless you richly during this year. Amen.

Priests' Session with FHC Parents

Just a gentle reminder that the mandatory session of parents of First Holy Communion kids with the priests will be on Saturday, 13th January at 3pm in the Church. Let us remember that it is required for parents to attend Sunday Masses and have their kids attend all FHC classes.

Santo Niño Novena!

For the first time, our STA parish will be hosting a Novena in preparation for the Feast of Santo Niño de Cebu from Friday, 12th January to Saturday, 20th January, followed by light refreshment in parish hall. On Sunday, 21st January, there will be a solemn Mass at 7pm in honor of Santo Niño de Cebu, followed by a reception in parish hall! Please save the date!

Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo – "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.

7pm Trilingual Mass of the Baptism of the Lord
Tomorrow, 8th January, with the Feast of the baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season officially comes to an end. Please join us for the evening Mass at 7pm. If you can, assist us as well with bringing down and putting away the nativity scene, the tress and lights. Thank you.

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, January 12, 2024

Topic: Fun and Games Night

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

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Livestreaming Update

Please note that the parish has cancelled its livestreaming services. Thank you for understanding!

Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection—December 24, 2023

\$5,263.10

Christmas Collection—December 25, 2023

\$5,842.00

Regular Collection—December 31, 2023

\$4,974.00

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Hoy celebramos la Epifanía del Señor y mañana, con la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, termina oficialmente el tiempo de Navidad. Eso significa que aún nos quedan unas horas para decir "Feliz Navidad". "Epifanía" es la palabra griega que significa *manifestación*. Recuerda la visita de los tres Reyes Magos de Oriente guiados por una estrella. Por eso, aunque se apaguen las luces, la Luz de Cristo sigue manifestándose en el corazón, la mente y las manos de toda persona de buena voluntad. Como los tres Reyes Magos (ver Mateo 2,1-12), ¿sigo la estrella del amor de Dios delante de mí y a mi alrededor? Que 2024 sea un año en el que te levantes y *dejes brillar tu luz*. Que el Señor tenga misericordia de ti y te bendiga de manera especial este año. Amén.

Gracias!

Thank you, ¡Gracias, Grazie & Salamat po!

Queridos feligreses, el P. Peter y yo queremos daros las gracias por vuestros regalos de Navidad, vuestras oraciones y vuestros mejores deseos. Nuestro árbol de Navidad estaba cubierto y rodeado de tantos regalos que tuvimos que empezar a regalar algunos. Que Dios os bendiga y os colme en abundancia durante este nuevo año. Amén.

¡Un agradecimiento especial a nuestros voluntarios!

Estamos agradecidos a nuestro coro, ujieres, lectores, EMHC, monaguillos, decoradores y todos aquellos que en silencio o abiertamente ayudó a hacer la temporada de Navidad una especial. Que Dios los bendiga ricamente durante este año. Amén.

Sesión de los sacerdotes con los padres de FHC

Sólo un amable recordatorio de que la sesión obligatoria de padres de niños de Primera Comunión con los sacerdotes será el sábado 13 de enero a las 15:00 en la Iglesia. Recordemos que es obligatorio que los padres asistan a las misas dominicales y que sus hijos asistan a todas las clases de FHC.

Novena del Santo Niño

Por primera vez, nuestra parroquia STA acogerá una Novena en preparación de la Fiesta del Santo Niño de Cebú del viernes 12 de enero al sábado 20 de enero, seguida de un ligero refrigerio en el salón parroquial. El domingo, 21 de enero, habrá una misa solemne a las 19:00 en honor del Santo Niño de Cebú, seguida de una recepción en el salón parroquial. No se lo pierdan.

Carta Pastoral del Reverendísimo Francis Leo—

"Buscar el Reino de Dios por encima y más allá todas las demás cosas"

El Arzobispo Francis Leo ha publicado una Carta Pastoral a la Iglesia de Dios en la Archidiócesis de Toronto, titulada "Buscando el Reino de Dios por encima y más allá de todas las demás cosas". Esta significativa reflexión de nuestro pastor espiritual pretende ofrecer una meditación teológica, espiritual y pastoral al embarcarnos en un nuevo año y en nuestros esfuerzos colectivos por construir y fortalecer el Reino de Dios en toda nuestra archidiócesis. Se puede acceder a la Carta Pastoral visitando la página web de la archidiócesis: www.archtoronto.org.

19.00 h Misa trilingüe del Bautismo del Señor

Mañana, 8 de enero, con la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, concluye oficialmente el tiempo de Navidad. Acompañenos en la misa vespertina de las 19 horas. Si pueden, ayúdenos también a bajar y guardar el belén, los árboles y las luces. Gracias.

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la noche

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 12 de enero de 2024
Tema: Fun and Games Night
De 19:00 a 20:30 en el salón parroquial; después habrá un refrigerio. Si usted está interesado, por favor regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche juvenil. ¡Gracias de antemano!

ACTUALIZACIÓN IMPORTANTE

Actualización de Livestreaming

La parroquia ha cancelado la retransmisión en directo de sus servicios. Gracias por su comprensión.

Gracias por su generosidad

Colecta Regular-Diciembre 24, 2023

\$5,263.10

Colecta de Navidad - 25 de diciembre de 2023

\$5,842.00

Colecta regular-31 de diciembre de 2023

\$4,974.00

ALL ABOUT FAITH

January 8—Baptism of our Lord



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that? Simply put, Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him. By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You came to me in my baptism and united me in my fallenness with You in Your divinity. I pray that I will continuously be aware of all that divides us and will never grow weary of repenting of my sin. I do repent once again, dear Lord. I beg for Your mercy and forgiveness and open myself more fully to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life

The Source Holy Hour



Thursday, January 25, 2024
07:00 PM to 09:00 PM
840 Bathurst Street, Toronto

You are invited to The Source Holy Hour with music by the Sisters of Life at St. Peter's Church in Toronto (Bathurst and Bloor).

[Check Out Event](#)

Did the Magi follow a star or an angel to the Child Jesus?



One of the most interesting observations of St. John Chrysostom is how the star physically moved and marked out the exact location of the Child Jesus, something a star in the sky could never do. For it did not, remaining on high, point out the place; it not being possible for them so to ascertain it, but it came down and performed this office. For you know that a spot of so small dimensions, being only as much as a shed would occupy, or rather as much as the body of a little infant would take up, could not possibly be marked out by a star...How then, tell me, did the star point out a spot so confined, just the space of a manger and shed, unless it left that height and came down, and stood over the very head of the young child? And at this the evangelist was hinting when he said, Lo, the star went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. Therefore after He has brought them, leading them by the hand, and has set them by the manger; it is no longer by a star, but by an angel that He now discourses unto them.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat

Our Deepest Hungers

John 6:35

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media - Magi! Epiphany



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

How Mary pondered everything in her heart



Pope Benedict XVI pointed out the original Greek word used in the Gospel of Luke that helps explain Mary's pondering. The Blessed Virgin Mary does not say many words in the Gospel, but she more frequently "ponders" everything in her heart. This pondering happens first when the shepherds approach Jesus and Mary on Christmas night.

"And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." - Luke 2:17-19

She ponders again when she finds Jesus in the Temple, "And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51).

[Read More](#)

Give ear to my words, O LORD;
give heed to my sighing



Friday, January 12, 2024 07:00 PM -
Sunday, January 14, 2024 01:30 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering
Men Ignatian Silent Retreat - facilitated by Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ. – "Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing." Praying with the Psalms. In the quiet of this retreat the words of the Psalms emerge in a way that helps us to pray. This wondrous book of hymns expresses in language, in poetry, in images, those emotions that dwell deep within us.

[Register Here](#)

The Word of the Year You Need in 2024



If you don't already have a "word of the year" for 2024 (or if you're open to a second one), Fr.

Mark-Mary has one for you: **Confidence**.

Here is why he's pretty sure that this is a good word for Catholics this year.

[Watch Video](#)

"We can never have too much confidence in the good God... As we hope in Him so shall we receive."

— St. Therese of Lisieux

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