

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | Second 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.

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For the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion/Confirmation), please contact the office and press **ext. 0**

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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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## 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

## January 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, January 13<sup>th</sup> — St. Hilary

**9:00 am** +Concepcion de Ramos/ Birthday blessings upon Ana Mirian Fuentes/ Healing of Liliana, Maxa Maria Villanueva, and Patricia Hugo

**5:00 pm** Birthday blessings for Veronica Botenes/  
+Mirella Bonora

### SUNDAY, January 14<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Frank Perri/ +Alfonso Gabas/ +Joao Da Silva/  
Thanksgiving for Lovely & Zhyr

**10:30 am** +Victor Alfredo Leon/ +Franca Lombardi

**12:00 pm** +Coral Hines/ Birthday blessings for  
Veronica Botenes

**2:00 pm** Descanso del alma de +Alicia Sandino, +Graciela Castaño de Quevedo & +Laura Castaño/ Sanacion de Diego Hernan Castaño

**6:00 pm** (available for intentions)

### MONDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Maria Dinh & all souls in purgatory/ Blessings upon Ivonne, Julian, D'Angelo, Ivan, Milo & Tabatha

### TUESDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Bertha Elba Nieto Miranda/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Manuel de Jesus Lopez, +Rev Fr. Thomas John Stokes, CSB/ Birthday blessings upon Sebastian Aguirre

### WEDNESDAY, January 17<sup>th</sup> — St. Anthony of Egypt

**9:00 am** +Gioan Baotixita Dinh & +Maria Ngo/ Birthday blessings Petronilla Vicencio & Deivin & Donabelle Castro/ Birthday blessings upon Xenia Ivette Gonzalez

### THURSDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / +Lolita Montero/ Birthday blessings upon Fr. Javier Valdez/ Thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Florecita & Rodrigo Montero

### FRIDAY, January 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Denzil Stephens/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Eduardo, Arturo & Flor de Maria de Gonzalez

### SATURDAY, January 20<sup>th</sup> — St. Fabian

**9:00 am** +Rev Fr. Franco Ierardi/ +Rev. Fr. Pier Giorgio Di Cicco/ Birthday blessings upon Sarah Miklas

**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,

As a young seminarian, I used to be fascinated by the story of Samuel, the young apprentice of Eli (see 1 Samuel 3.3b – 10.19). Samuel's loyalty is overwhelming, to say the least! I can tell you without doubt that he influenced my priestly vocation. Moreover, St. Paul reminds us at the start of the year that, "the body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body" (1 Corinthians 6.13c). Whoever truly follows Jesus understands that he demands and deserves the best. To his "wannabe" followers, Jesus turns and asks: "What are you looking for?" (John 1.38). I would respond: "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will" (Psalm 40). God bless you!

### **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. Masses from Monday to Friday are at 7pm. 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!

### **2024 Envelopes**

The 2024 envelopes are available for pick-up in the sacristy. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. If you do not have a registered envelope number, you may take a box of envelopes that are unlabeled. Please print your full name, mailing address and contact information clearly and you will be assigned the number on the box. We kindly ask that you use the 2024 envelopes for this year. Thank you for your generosity!

### **STA Parish Income & Expenditures**

#### **December 2023**

**Withdrawals:** \$37,359.62

**Deposits:** \$58,789.30

### **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](http://www.archtoronto.org).

### **Youth Group: Friday Evenings**

Youth Ministry for Friday, January 19, 2024

Topic: Asking Father Patrick!

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!

### **Priests' Session with Confirmation Parents**

Just a gentle reminder that the mandatory session of parents of Confirmation students with the priests will be on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Confirmation classes.

### **Thank you for your generosity!**

New Year's Day — January 1, 2024

**\$4,257.10**

Regular Collection—January 7, 2024

**\$3,608.00**

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA,

Cuando era un joven seminarista, me fascinaba la historia de Samuel, el joven aprendiz de Elí (ver 1 Samuel 3.3b - 10.19). La lealtad de Samuel es abrumadora, ¡por no decir otra cosa! Puedo decir sin duda que influyó en mi vocación sacerdotal. Por otra parte, San Pablo nos recuerda a principios de año que "el cuerpo no está hecho para la fornicación, sino para el Señor, y el Señor para el cuerpo" (1 Corintios 6.13c). Quien sigue de verdad a Jesús entiende que exige y merece lo mejor. A sus "aspirantes" a seguidores, Jesús se vuelve y pregunta: "¿Qué buscáis?" (Juan 1.38). Yo respondería: "Aquí estoy, Señor; vengo a hacer tu voluntad" (Salmo 40). ¡Que Dios te bendiga!

## 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. Las misas de lunes a viernes son a las 19.00 horas. 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.

## Sobres 2024

Los sobres 2024 se pueden recoger en la sacristía. Los sobres están ordenados alfabéticamente. Si no tiene un número de sobre registrado, puede coger una caja de sobres sin etiquetar. Escriba claramente su nombre completo, dirección postal e información de contacto y se le asignará el número que aparece en la caja. Le rogamos que utilice los sobres 2024 para este año. Gracias por su generosidad.

## Ingresos y Gastos de la Parroquia STA

Diciembre 2023

Retiros: \$37,359.62

Depósitos: \$58,789.30

## 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](http://www.archtoronto.org).

## Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 19 de enero de 2024

Tema: Preguntando al Padre Patrick

De 7pm a 8:30pm en el salón parroquial; después habrá refrescos. 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.

### Sesión de los Sacerdotes con los Padres de Confirmación

Sólo un amable recordatorio de que la sesión obligatoria de los padres de los alumnos de Confirmación con los sacerdotes será el sábado 20 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 Confirmación.

## ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Año Nuevo - 1 de enero de 2024

**\$4,257.10**

Colecta Regular-7 de enero, 2024

**\$3,608.00**



# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## January 17—St. Anthony of Egypt



**Reflection:** Anthony was born into an upper-class Catholic home. His parents raised Anthony and his younger sister in a small village in southern Egypt. He received a basic education and was twenty years old when his parents suddenly died. He was left with a large inheritance and the responsibility of caring for his sister. Some months later, Anthony was attending Mass and heard the Gospel story of Jesus' command to the rich young man: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven" (Matthew 19:21). As Anthony heard these words, he knew Jesus was speaking directly to him. Shortly after, he gave away most of his property, sold almost everything else, and kept only what he needed to care for himself and his sister. But that's not exactly what the Lord had commanded! Jesus said that perfection is obtained only if one were to sell everything and give it to the poor.

*Prayer: Saint Anthony, you heroically embraced the unique vocation you were given by God. You entered into silence and solitude so as to enter more deeply into communion with the Triune God. Please pray for me, that I will learn from your life of prayer and always spend time seeking God in the solitude of prayer each and every day. Saint Anthony, pray for me. Jesus, 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](#)

## Healed and Restored



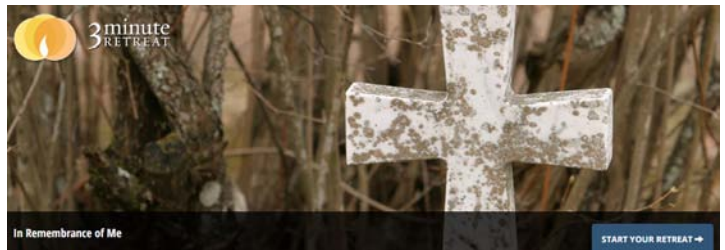
In the Gospels, we see that an integral part of Christ's mission on earth was healing. As He traveled from town to town preaching the coming Kingdom of God, He showed forth that that Kingdom involves healing on every level: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.

## Suffering Trauma in Our Humanity

While we live as daughters of the King through Baptism, we still live in a fallen world. None of us escape heart-ache, loss, or trauma. These challenges are varied in type and tempo, but the effects of sin touch all of us.

If you have already experienced deep trauma in your life, I am sorry. These experiences give us a front row seat to the fallen state of the world. What happened to you should not have happened to you. The brokenness you feel or have felt is not what was the original intent.

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## 3 Minute Retreat In Remembrance of Me

*1 Corinthians 11:25-26*

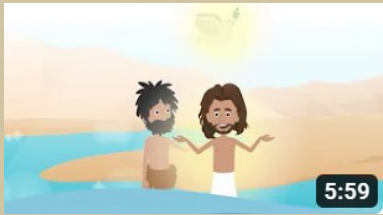
*In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Catholic Kids Media - Baptism of Our Lord



#### Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

### "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you"

Monday, January 29, 2024 09:00 AM - 03:30 PM  
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering



Day of Reflection for men & women. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you." At Mass, just before communion, we have a Rite of Peace. This is no accident. Today we have a time for reflection on the importance of this rite. We offer a sign of peace to one another, we pray for peace in our world and in our lives, but we also open ourselves in a new way to receive this gift from Christ. Facilitated by Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ. Suggested offering of \$65. Includes coffee/tea break on arrival, talks, lunch and Mass.

[Register Here](#)

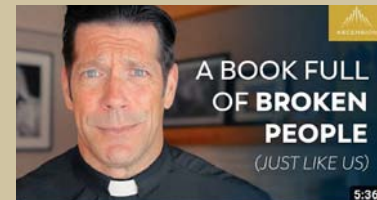
### Vatican's chief astronomer talks about stars, beauty, truth



"A universe full of stars is big enough to hold intangible things like Truth and Beauty," says the director of the Vatican Observatory (Specola), American Jesuit Guy Consolmagno, in an interview with I.MEDIA. For Brother Consolmagno, who shares his fondest memories and the unique characteristics of the small Catholic state's Observatory, contemplating the stars naturally leads to "an imminent realization of God."

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### The Raw Reality of Your Favorite Bible Heroes



Abraham lied and said Sarah wasn't his wife. Jacob tricked his father into giving him the birthright instead of his brother. And there are plenty of stories that aren't even appropriate enough to make it into a YouTube description. But what is the Bible? A collection of inspiring fables? Or the real story of humanity and God? For Fr. Mike, this is good news (and it should be for you too). Our favorite saints were just like us. And we can yes to God in all of our brokenness just like they did.

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*"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness."*

*— St. Charles Borromeo*

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