

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 28th, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of 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.



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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

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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 & Saturdays at 12:00 pm

January 27th to February 3rd, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 27th — St. Fabian

9:00 am +Albertina Tomazia Leal
5:00 pm +Guerino Fratangeli/ +Francesco Gullone/
+Benjamin S. Dela Cruz

SUNDAY, January 28th — St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 am Healing for Dina Aracely Murga de Hidalgo
10:30 am (available for intentions)
12:00 pm +Georgina Maria Munguia/ Birthday blessings
upon Stella Todd
2:00 pm Trilingual Mass in honour of St. Thomas Aquinas
6:00 pm +Dolcie & David Misquitta/ +Ranjana Borde

MONDAY, January 29th

9:00 am +Maria Phien and all souls in purgatory/ +Maria
del Transito Claros, +Nelson Claros/ Birthday blessings
upon Nilsa Claro

TUESDAY, January 30th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Domenico,
Elisa, Giuseppina, Cateriana, Marianno/ +Francisca
Graciela Gutierrez/ Birthday blessings upon Martha

WEDNESDAY, January 31st — St. John Bosco

9:00 am +Gioan Baotixita Dinh & +Maria Ngo

THURSDAY, February 1st

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Mario
LaMacchia/ +Emilio Casale

FRIDAY, February 2nd — Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Zofia &
Stanislaus Misko/ Healing upon Jacob Lee & Irena

SATURDAY, February 3rd — St. Blaise

9:00 am +Hipolita Medrano/ Birthday blessings upon
Brenda Rivas
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,

The first reading of this fourth Sunday (Deuteronomy 18.15-20) speaks about the prophet whom the Lord would raise to minister to his people Israel. Jesus Christ spoke with authority because he is the only begotten Son of God, the Word of the Father, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. He is the foretold Prophet. Yet, we too, since our baptism have become "prophets", anointed, and sent to preach the Gospel of Jesus in the world. Are you still faithful to your prophetic mission? "O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord; do not harden your heart!" May the Lord fill your heart and lips with the fire of his word. Amen!

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage

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!
Regular Collection—January 14, 2024
\$5,382.10

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.

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, February 1, 2024

Topic: First Friday Adoration

Following the adoration; refreshments will be provided in the church hall. If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night. Thank you in advance!

FOOD BANK UPDATE

Food Bank adds a second day! Our St. Thomas Aquinas Food Bank will be distributing food every Saturday, in addition to Tuesdays. The time remains 12pm for both days. If you are able and willing to volunteer in our Food Bank, please fill out the volunteer form in the parish office and join our charitable outreach. Thank you!

Appreciation to our Patron Feast Sponsors!

We extend a special note of appreciation to all those who contributed in one way or another in making our patronal feast a resounding success. May God bless you abundantly!

Marriage Sunday Wedding Vow Renewal Sunday February 10th, 2024

Our parish invites all married couples who would like to renew their marriage vows during or after the Sunday Masses to please call the parish office and register. For those who will be renewing theirs during the Mass, it will be done after the announcements. It only takes some five (5) minutes extra!

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Este tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario está dedicado a la Palabra de Dios. Pero coincide también con la Semana de oración por la unidad de los cristianos, período durante el cual se conmemora litúrgicamente la Conversión de San Pablo (25 de enero). ¿Tienes la Biblia en casa? ¿Es la Palabra de Dios el centro de tu vida? ¿Está en el corazón de tu unidad familiar? La primera lectura narra cómo "Dios cambió de parecer" porque la gente decidió abandonar los malos caminos y seguir la palabra de Dios (ver Jonás 3.1-5). Incluso ahora, tú y yo podemos responder a la amable invitación de Jesús: "Venid en pos de mí y os haré pescadores de hombres" (Mc 1,14-20). Tú eres la luz del mundo (Mateo 5.14), ¡deja que brille!

Celebración de la Misa Matrimonial con el Arzobispo Francis Leo

Como parte de las celebraciones del Domingo del Matrimonio 2024, el Arzobispo Francis Leo presidirá una Misa especial para honrar a las parejas casadas, con un reconocimiento especial para aquellos que celebren su 25º, 40º, 50º, 60º y 60+ aniversarios de boda en 2024. La Misa tendrá lugar a las 15.00 horas del domingo 11 de febrero de 2024 en la Basílica Catedral de San Miguel (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Todas las parejas casadas tendrán la oportunidad de renovar su compromiso matrimonial durante la Misa. Todos son bienvenidos. Las parejas que celebren su 25º, 40º, 50º, 60º o 60+ aniversarios en 2024 podrán inscribirse para un asiento reservado. Los asientos reservados son limitados, por lo que se ruega inscribirse pronto. Los demás asientos se reservarán por orden de llegada. Aquellos que no puedan asistir a la Catedral están invitados a unirse a la celebración a través de la retransmisión en directo de la misa.

La inscripción y otra información importante se pueden encontrar en www.archtoronto.org/marriage

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.

¡Gracias por su generosidad!
Colecta Regular-14 de enero, 2024
\$5,382.10

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.

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 1 de febrero de 2024

Tema: Adoración del Primer Viernes

Después de la adoración, se ofrecerá un refrigerio en el salón de la iglesia. Si usted está interesado, por favor regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche de jóvenes. ¡Gracias de antemano!

BANCO DE ALIMENTOS

¡El Banco de Alimentos añade un segundo día! Nuestro Banco de Alimentos Santo Tomás de Aquino repartirá comida todos los sábados, además de los martes. La hora sigue siendo las 12h para ambos días. Si puedes y quieres colaborar como voluntario en nuestro Banco de Alimentos, rellena el formulario de voluntariado en el despacho parroquial y únete a nuestra labor solidaria. Muchas gracias.

Agradecimiento a los patrocinadores de nuestra fiesta patronal

Extendemos una nota especial de agradecimiento a todos aquellos que contribuyeron de una manera u otra a hacer de nuestra fiesta patronal un éxito rotundo. ¡Que Dios os bendiga abundantemente!

Domingo del Matrimonio Renovación de votos matrimoniales -10 de febrero de 2024

Nuestra parroquia invita a todas las parejas casadas que deseen renovar sus votos matrimoniales durante o después de las Misas dominicales a que por favor llamen a la oficina parroquial y se registren. Para aquellos que van a renovar los suyos durante la Misa, se hará después de los anuncios. ¡Sólo toma unos cinco (5) minutos extra!

ALL ABOUT FAITH

January 28 — St. Thomas Aquinas



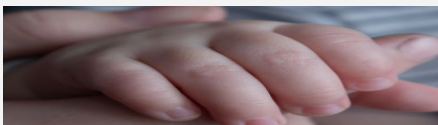
Reflection: Among the greatest intellectuals in the history of the Church, Saint Thomas rises far above the rest. He is not only a Doctor of the Church but is given the titles Angelic Doctor, Common Doctor, and Universal Doctor. It is difficult to

understate the impact that Saint Thomas has had on the Church's doctrine and intellectual understanding of the faith.

Saint Thomas was not only brilliant, he was also a man of deep faith, who loved God, never stopped contemplating the truths of faith, and courageously introduced new methods by which God became better known and understood. His life of prayer produced a wellspring of supernatural truth that was then organized by his intellect and articulated in ways never seen before. Thomas' humility and sincerity come through in a story told by one early biographer who relates that as Brother Thomas was praying one morning before the crucifix, he anxiously implored the Lord as to whether or not his writings were correct. Jesus spoke to him saying, "You have written well of Me, Thomas, what shall be your reward?" Thomas replied, "Nothing but You, Lord."

Prayer: *Saint Thomas, God revealed Himself to you through your interior life of prayer from an early age. You listened to His voice, pondered all that He revealed, and used your natural gifts to share these truths with the Church. Please pray for me, that I may also open my mind to the many truths that God wants to speak to me so that the Truth Himself will become the center of my mission in life. Saint Thomas, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life*

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign Opening Events



You are warmly invited to the 40 Days Opening Events - save the dates:
Thursday, February 8th @ 6 p.m. - Opening Event at the Daughters of St. Paul
Wednesday, February 14th @ 12 p.m. - Opening Mass and Group Vigil at St. Charles Borromeo Church
To register or more info <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/toronto>

[Check Out Event](#)

Nothing but You, Lord



After writing on the Eucharist, St. Thomas entered into a great ecstasy. He then heard a voice from the crucifix on the altar say: "Thou hast written well of me, Thomas; what reward wilt thou have?" St. Thomas' reply was: "Non nisi Te, Domine. Non nisi te. (Nothing but you, Lord. Nothing but you)." In the end, none of the goods of this life, even profound intellectual genius, wealth, talents, power, and all other manner of things can bring us our ultimate fulfillment. These are goods that reflect the goodness of God, but they are not God. It is God who we long for. It is God who made us for happiness. And it is God who will ask us at the end of our lives the reward we desire. The hope is that we will answer: "Nothing but you, Lord." St. Thomas' answer is the answer of a saint. God is our ultimate reward.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat
Word Became Flesh

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

St. Thomas Aquinas



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Why Jesus had to learn how to pray



Fully embracing his humanity, Jesus was taught how to pray by his parents as well as through the prayers he heard in the synagogue and Temple.

While Jesus is fully divine, he is also fully human, and that meant he had to “learn” a variety of things after his birth.

It might seem strange to think of the Creator of the world having to learn how to walk, but that is exactly what happened over 2,000 years ago.

Not only did he have to learn how to walk, but he also had to learn how to pray.

[Read More](#)

Praying with the Wisdom Tradition of the Old Testament

Friday, February 02, 2024 07:00 PM -

Sunday, February 04, 2024 01:30 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering



Women Ignatian Silent Retreat - facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ. – "Praying with the Wisdom Tradition of the Old Testament." Although many believers are not attracted to the Old Testament since God often is portrayed as a warrior God; nevertheless, the books of Proverbs, Psalms, Job, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom of Solomon and Wisdom of Sirach give us much material to pray with and to reflect on to navigate us through the troubles of our contemporary world, in our own family and community. This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$250 per person which includes 2 night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

[Register Here](#)

How to Trust the Lord in the Midst of Suffering



Immerse yourself in a transformative excerpt from our main discussion as Scott Hahn and Fr. Mike Schmitz shed light on suffering in today's world. In this focused segment, these two profound thinkers provide invaluable insights and practical guidance on navigating the challenges of life with unwavering trust in the Lord. Join us for a brief yet powerful exploration that promises to illuminate your path through the storms of suffering. Gain wisdom and inspiration from these trusted voices in the Catholic faith.

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*“Nothing but you, Lord. Nothing but you.”
— St. Thomas Aquinas*

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