

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



February 4th, 2024 | Fifth 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.



© Daily Bible Readings

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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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

February 3rd to 10th 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 3rd — St. Blaise

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

5:00 pm All souls in purgatory/ +Blanca Angelica Leon Castaneda

SUNDAY, February 4th

9:00 am +Joao Da Silva/ +Loreto & Franca Marchione

10:30 am +Nicola & +Antonietta Nicastro/ +Rosario

Ferragina, +Carpino Armando & +Ida Giordano

12:00 pm +Hannah Scarponcini/ Thanksgiving for Nelia Aienza & family

2:00 pm Thanksgiving for Maria Delgado / +Hipolita Medrano & +Adalberto Gomez/ Bendiciones en el

cumpleaños de Blanca Rivas y Xavier Silva/ Sanacion de Nelly de Orellana

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, February 5th — St. Agatha

9:00 am +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/

+Florencio Perez, +Pasquale Emanuele & +Evelyn

Emanuele/ Birthday blessings upon Gabriel Elias Gallardo

TUESDAY, February 6th — St. Paul Miki & Companions

9:00 am Birthday blessings upon Jane Sookhai/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Eduardo Jose, +Arturo & +Maria Flor de Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, February 7th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Sarantos

Katsoulis/ St. Joseph's help upon Marthita Ortiz

THURSDAY, February 8th — St. Josephine Bakhita

9:00 am Birthday blessings upon Lita Quijano/+Vincent

Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Filomena & +Giussepe Carinci,

+Gina Galazka & +John Daniele

FRIDAY, February 9th

9:00 am +Primitivo Rueda Salvador/ +Vincent Nguyen &

+Maria Dinh

7:00 pm Memorial Mass for Manuel Alonso

SATURDAY, February 10th — St. Scholastica

9:00 am +Cecilia Cuellar de Castaño & +Lisimaco Castaño

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,

Someone told me not long ago that a certain international soccer athlete rises early in the morning and trains for about three hours before the general training with the rest of the team. Terrific! Our Lord was obviously not a world-class athlete, but he certainly did some intense training in prayer so much so that he would rise very early, even after a hectic day, to pray. Conversion with the Father was practically his "gas station". In fact, Jesus was prayer-dependent! What about you and me? Are we dependent enough on that vital relationship with God, or rather with our work, pleasures, honors, and material possessions? May the Lord fill our hearts with a preferential love for Christ. 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

St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day

We thank everyone for participating in our parish feast day. 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! Watch a short video of the beautiful celebration here:

https://youtu.be/uDcj9KaeG1E?si=aQeEI0gAx_xSHEX8

Thank you for your generosity!
Regular Collection—January 28, 2024
Will be available next week!

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, February 9, 2024

Topic: Fun and Games Night

7pm to 8:30 pm 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!

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!

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!

2024 Lenten Schedule

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

9:00 am: Mass & imposition of ashes

10:00 am: Impositions of ashes at the elementary schools

7:30 pm: Trilingual Mass & imposition of ashes

FRIDAYS

9:00 am: Holy Mass

9:30 am: Adoration

10:30 am: Stations of the Cross (English & Italian)

7:00—7:30 pm: Rosary & Confessions

7:30—8:00 pm: Lenten Reflection

8:00— 8:30 pm. Stations of the Cross (English & Spanish)

LENTEEN REFLECTION

Every Sunday during homilies

Fridays @ 7:30pm (except Good Friday)

PARISH RECONCILIATION

Every Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) 7:00pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday, 27 March, 10:00am to 11:30am; 7:00pm to 8:30pm

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,
Alguien me contó no hace mucho que cierto atleta internacional de fútbol se levanta temprano por la mañana y entrena unas tres horas antes del entrenamiento general con el resto del equipo. ¡Estupendo! Nuestro Señor no era, evidentemente, un atleta de categoría mundial, pero ciertamente hacía un entrenamiento intenso en la oración, hasta el punto de que se levantaba muy temprano, incluso después de un día agitado, para rezar. La conversión con el Padre era prácticamente su "gasolinera". De hecho, ¡Jesús dependía de la oración! ¿Y tú y yo? ¿Somos suficientemente dependientes de esa relación vital con Dios, o más bien de nuestro trabajo, placeres, honores y posesiones materiales? Que el Señor llene nuestros corazones de un amor preferencial por Cristo. Amén.

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

Fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino

Agradecemos a todos la participación en nuestra fiesta parroquial. 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! Vea aquí un breve vídeo de la hermosa celebración: https://youtu.be/uDcj9KaeG1E?si=aQeEI0gAx_xSHEX8

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Colecta Regular-28 de enero, 2024
Estará disponible la semana que viene

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 9 de febrero de 2024

Tema: Noche de juegos y diversión
7pm a 8:30 pm en el salón parroquial; después se ofrecerá un refrigerio. Si usted está interesado, por favor regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche juvenil. ¡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.

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!

Calendario de Cuaresma 2024

LITURGIAS DEL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

9:00 am: Misa e imposición de la ceniza
10:00 am: Imposición de la ceniza en las escuelas primarias
19:30: Misa trilingüe e imposición de la ceniza

VIERNES

9:00: Santa Misa
9:30: Adoración
10:30: Vía Crucis (inglés e italiano)
19:00-19:30 Rosario y confesiones
7:30-8:00 pm: Reflexión cuaresmal
8:00- 8:30 pm. Vía Crucis (inglés y español)

REFLEXIÓN DE CUARESMA

Todos los domingos durante las homilias
Viernes @ 7:30pm (excepto Viernes Santo)

RECONCILIACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma (excepto Viernes Santo) de 7:00pm a 7:30pm
Miércoles 27 de marzo, de 10:00 a 11:30; de 19:00 a 20:30

ALL ABOUT FAITH

February 5 — St. Agatha

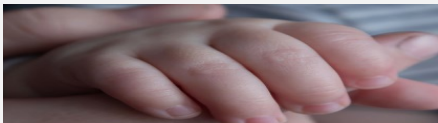


Reflection: As with many of the early and most revered martyrs in our Church, very little is known about the life and death of Saint Agatha. She was born in either Palermo or Catania, Sicily around the year 231 and died a martyr's death in Catania around the year 251 during the persecution of Christians ordered by the Roman emperor Decius. Early devotion to her is attested to by the fact that she is one of the seven virgin martyrs listed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I in today's Missal). Since the fifth or sixth century, other details, hymns, art, and stories about her life and death have emerged. Much of what is written about her life, however, emerged centuries later, leaving its historical accuracy in question.

According to those later traditions, Agatha was born into a wealthy noble family. At the age of fifteen, she made a vow of virginity, choosing to devote herself and her wealth solely to Christ, her divine Spouse. Because she was very beautiful and wealthy, the local Roman Prefect Quintianus wanted to take her for his wife for impure reasons and to attain her wealth. She refused his every attempt.

Saint Agatha, you offered your life to Christ and your divine Spouse and were faithful to your last breath. Please pray for me, that I may learn from the witness of your life to be single-hearted in my fidelity to the will of God and devoted to Him above all earthly fears and evils, trusting in Him until the end. Saint Agatha, 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](#)

Pope clears way for canonisation of Canadian nun Mary Leonia Paradis



A life dedicated to supporting priests

Beatified by John Paul II on 11 September 1984, in Montreal, Marie Leonia Paradis has now been credited with curing a newborn girl of "prolonged perinatal asphyxia with multi-organ failure and encephalopathy" in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, in 1986. The Canadian nun was born on 12 May 1840 in L'Acadie, Canada. At the age of 13, she entered the Congregation of the Marianite Sisters of the Holy Cross, dedicated to domestic service in the homes of the "Priests of the Holy Cross" and to the education of young people. She lived in various houses in Canada, France, and the US before, in 1880, founding the Congregation of the "Little Sisters of the Holy Family", with the charism of providing service in religious communities, colleges and seminaries. Her Congregation eventually spread beyond Canada, opening houses in Italy, the US, and Honduras. Mother Mary Leonia died on 3 May 1912 in Sherbrooke, Quebec, at the age of 72.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat God Delivers

Exodus 20:1-2

*Then God delivered all these commandments:
"I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, that place of
slavery."*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

The Presentation of Jesus



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Bible and Beer: The One Where Jesus Heals the Leper

Tuesday, February 06, 2024 07:00 PM 09:00 PM
St. Patrick's Church, 137 McCaul St., Toronto



Presenter: Fr. Michael Brehl, C.S.S.R.

Jesus performed many healings throughout His ministry. In the Gospel of Mark, we hear of the time Jesus healed a man with leprosy, then told the man to tell no one what He had done. Then, the healed man goes out and tells everyone he meets. This results in a sticky situation for Jesus, who can no longer preach freely because of His growing fame. Even in a sticky situation, fit for the plot of a '90s sitcom, God is at work. Join with FRIENDS, old and new, in the heart of the city, as we read, reflect on and discuss this story from Mark's Gospel – The One Where Jesus Heals the Leper.

[Register Here](#)

How my dad's crazy plans taught me to trust in God's plan



When we trust in God the way a child trusts their father, we permit God to enact His plan for our lives — and the journey is often much more enjoyable than expected.

The California sun warmed us up while the Pacific breeze cooled us down, creating the perfect meandering weather. My dad led the way, navigating the hilly streets of San Francisco toward a surprise activity he had planned for the two of us. We strolled for over an hour, stopping to pick up a coffee to accompany us on our sightseeing. "Bike the Golden Gate Bridge," I read out loud from a sign above us. "Can you imagine? That sounds crazy."

[Read More](#)

How to Stop Worrying About the Future (and Be in the Here and Now)



Your imagination is a powerful gift from God, and your freedom to focus carries immense responsibility. When we surrender our future to God, it can be tempting to focus on that unknown future instead of the here and now. It can be tempting to imagine what things might be like... especially for the worse. Fr. Mark-Mary challenges us to discipline our imaginations and focus the way that an athlete disciplines his or her own body, and gives us a few tips to stay grounded and present in the moment.

[Watch Video](#)

"I asked you for a favor and you would not listen, so I asked God and He did listen." — St. Scholastica

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