

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



February 10th, 2024 | Sixth 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

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Please call the office, **Three months** in advance, .
Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

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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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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 10th to 17th, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 10th — St. Scholastica

9:00 am +Cecilia Cuellar de Castaño & +Lisimaco
Castaño/ +Joseph, +Barbara, +Jana & +Margot Maingot/
Health of Paul Maingot

5:00 pm +Teodora Iglesias / +Escolastico Calingacion Sr.

SUNDAY, February 11th

9:00 am Birthday blessings for Eddie Desarno

10:30 am +Francesco & +Ida Toter/+Mario Toter e
+Antonio Greco/ +Enio Marcocci/+Pietro Morricone/
In onore di Santissima Trinita e Santi Cosmo & Damiano

12:00 pm +Maria Clotilde Barros & Adelino Mouta Reis Gomes
2:00 pm Healing (Sanacion) of Jacob Lee McEwen, Irena,
Ania, Patricia Hugo, Larissa, Walter & Dinora/
+Edgar Fajardo

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, February 12th

9:00 am +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ +Jim
McCallum & +Ron Edwards/ + Elsa Maria Hervas and all
souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, February 13th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Jim
McCallum & +Ron Edwards/+Darlin Conrad/
Birthday blessings upon Andrew Coppins Sandino

WEDNESDAY, February 14th — Ash Wednesday

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Frank Daley

7: 30 pm Trilingual Mass for Ash Wednesday

THURSDAY, February 15th

9:00 am +Maria Bagnoli's first year death anniversary/
+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Frank Daley/ Birthday
blessings upon Graciela Conde, Jorge Lopez, Daria Dalsass

FRIDAY, February 16th

9:00 am +Merlyn Stephens/ Thanksgiving for Nerissa
Reyes/ +Gerardo & +Concepcion Cayago in remembrance
of their wedding anniversary/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria
Dinh/ +Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Stokes, CSB/ +Gerald Duncan

SATURDAY, February 17th

9:00 am +Bosco Bermudez Castro +Ivan Esteban Bermudez
5:00 pm +Manuel Perdro de Sousa and all souls in purgatory



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

In the beautiful Gospel of this 6th Sunday (Mark 1.40-45), a leper who had suffered pain, social isolation and loneliness for a long time met Jesus the Healer. His attitude sends a significant message: kneeling, he asked to be cured with these words: "If you choose, you can make me clean". To kneel means to show lowliness and deep reverence. Moreover, his prayer reveals his awareness of God's goodness and freedom. On Wednesday, we shall begin the season of Lent. The "Ash" should remind us that we are nothing. Our worth comes from the Lord alone! I wish you a very fruitful Lenten exercise. Have a blessed week!

Announcing the 2024 ShareLife Campaign

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 17, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal of \$14 million, addressing the growing needs in our communities.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- deliver food to children in developing countries
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

STA Parish Income & Expenditures

January 2024

Withdrawals: -\$43,145.35

Deposits: +\$38,440.69

Pre-renovation Survey: \$5,115.00

Property Insurance: \$2,289.50.

Thank you for your generosity!

Feast Day Collection—January 28, 2024
\$7,403.00

Offertory Collection—February 4, 2024
\$4,769.00

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, February 16, 2024

Topic: *Ask Questions to a Guest!*

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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MARRIED!

On this annual recurrence of marriage Sunday, we extend our cordial felicitations to all our parishioners who are who are blessed with the being the visible sign of perpetual and fruitful wedlock between Christ and the Church. May the Lord enrich you with all the graces you need to persevere in love, faithfulness, and fecundity. Amen!

Family Day Weekend Coffee!

Next weekend, 17/18 February, is Family Day weekend. We shall provide free coffee and sweets in the parish hall after every Mass for all those who would like to enjoy some fellowship with the rest of their brothers and sisters. Fr. Patrick and Fr. Peter would not miss it, even if you offered them winning lottery tickets. If you would like to bring along some typical sweets or deserts as you come for Mass, please feel free to do so. See you in the hall!

Dancing Children of Mary

The month of May is the month crowning flowers to Mother Mary. We are inviting all boys and girls from ages 8-18 years old. The practice will start from March 2nd to April 27th every Saturday from 6pm to 9pm. We will perform every weekend of May. Please join with us. Thank you!

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 feligreses de la Parroquia STA, En el hermoso Evangelio de este 6º Domingo (Marcos 1,40-45), un leproso que había sufrido dolor, aislamiento social y soledad durante mucho tiempo, se encontró con Jesús el Sanador. Su actitud envía un mensaje significativo: arrodillado, pide ser curado con estas palabras: "Si quieres, puedes limpiarme". Arrodillarse significa mostrar humildad y profunda reverencia. Además, su oración revela su conciencia de la bondad y la libertad de Dios. El miércoles comenzaremos el tiempo de Cuaresma. La ceniza debe recordarnos que no somos nada. Nuestro valor viene sólo del Señor. Os deseo un ejercicio de Cuaresma muy fructífero. ¡Que tengáis una semana llena de bendiciones!

Anuncio de la campaña ShareLife 2024

A medida que nos acercamos a la primera colecta dominical de ShareLife el 17 de marzo, es esencial que nos unamos con empatía para alcanzar la meta de nuestra Campaña Parroquial de \$14 millones, abordando las crecientes necesidades de nuestras comunidades.

Al alcanzar este objetivo, nuestras agencias continuarán:

- ofreciendo asesoramiento sin cita previa a quienes enfrentan problemas de salud mental
- ayudando a las víctimas de violencia doméstica
- garantizando que no se olvide a las personas mayores aisladas
- entregando alimentos a niños en países en desarrollo
- formando sacerdotes y diáconos que trabajarán en nuestras parroquias

Su apoyo a ShareLife hace posible estos programas, entre muchos otros. Por favor, done en su parroquia usando un sobre de ShareLife; en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, o en sharelife.org/donate.

STA Ingresos y Gastos Parroquiales Enero 2024

Retiradas: -\$43,145,35

Depósitos: +\$38,440,69

Encuesta previa a la renovación: \$5,115,00

Seguro de propiedad: \$2,289,50

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Colecta del Día de la Fiesta-28 de enero de 2024
\$7,403.00

Colecta del Ofertorio-4 de febrero de 2024
\$4,769.00

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 16 de febrero de 2024

Tema: *Haga preguntas a un invitado*

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!

FELICITACIONES A LOS CASADOS

En esta recurrencia anual del domingo del matrimonio, extendemos nuestras cordiales felicitaciones a todos nuestros feligreses que han sido bendecidos con el ser el signo visible del matrimonio perpetuo y fecundo entre Cristo y la Iglesia. Que el Señor os enriquezca con todas las gracias necesarias para perseverar en el amor, la fidelidad y la fecundidad. Amén.

Café el fin de semana del Día de la Familia

El próximo fin de semana, 17/18 de febrero, es el fin de semana del Día de la Familia. Ofreceremos café y dulces gratis en el salón parroquial después de cada misa para todos aquellos que quieran disfrutar de un poco de compañerismo con el resto de sus hermanos y hermanas. El P. Patrick y el P. Peter no se lo perderían, aunque les ofrecieras billetes de lotería premiados. Si queréis traer algún dulce o postre típico cuando vengáis a Misa, no dudéis en hacerlo. Nos vemos en la sala.

Niños danzantes de María

El mes de mayo es el mes de la coronación de flores a la Madre María. Invitamos a todos los niños y niñas de 8 a 18 años. Las prácticas comenzarán del 2 de marzo al 27 de abril todos los sábados de 18:00 a 21:00 horas. Actuaremos todos los fines de semana de mayo. Por favor, únete a nosotros. Gracias.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY



It was a common practice within the early Church that those who were found guilty of grave public sin needed to do public penance before they were admitted back into communion with the Church and admitted to the Most Holy Eucharist. The public sinners came forward in sackcloth forty days before Easter and were sprinkled with ashes, in keeping with many Old Testament examples of public penance. They fasted and prayed for forty days and then, on Easter, were readmitted into full communion with the Church. Eventually, prior to the end of the first millennium, this practice was extended to the entire Church as a way of highlighting everyone's need for penance. Today, as a sign of our ongoing need to repent of our sins and do penance, the faithful are invited to come forward to be marked with ashes as a sign of their commitment to the penitential season of Lent, so as to celebrate with great joy the Solemnity of Easter. Lent is forty-six days long. Forty of those days are penitential days, and six of them are Sundays. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with the Easter Vigil. The forty penitential days are an imitation of Jesus' forty days in the desert.

Most glorious and Triune God, You have justly condemned me but mercifully offered me redemption. As I enter this season of Lent, I wholeheartedly acknowledge my sin and repent. Please be merciful to me, a sinner. Help me to make this Lent a truly penitential season so that my soul will be more disposed to receive You this Easter. Jesus, I trust in You.
—My Catholic Life

The Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2024 Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

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Day One: Journeying With Our Lord



Though Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, it is one of the most attended liturgical celebrations on our Church calendar. Perhaps this speaks to the desire in our hearts to have a fruitful and transformative Lent each year. These forty days honor and imitate Jesus' forty days in the desert that immediately followed His baptism and just prior to the beginning of His public ministry. Jesus' forty days were a time of fasting and prayer, followed by His subjecting Himself to the evil one's every temptation. These temptations are the same temptations we endure, which is why our Lord endured them while in a physical state of extreme hunger and isolation. As we begin our Lenten journeys, it is customary to give something up, fast, abstain from meat today and on Fridays, spend extra time in prayer, and increase our acts of charity. These meditations will take you, one step at a time, to be with our Lord in the desert so that you can more fervently fulfill these Lenten duties in imitation of Him. You will ponder what Jesus went through during those days, feel what He felt, experience what He experienced, imitate His actions, fast with Him, pray with Him, and face the temptations that He faced and overcame.

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3 Minute Retreat Open and Clear

Isaiah 35:5

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared.

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

What is Ash Wednesday?



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

The Final Days:

Passion and Death of the Lord in Jerusalem

Friday, February 16, 2024 07:00 PM -

Sunday, February 18, 2024 01:30 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering



Men & Women Silent Retreat - facilitated by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB. – "The Final Days: Passion and Death of the Lord in Jerusalem." Although the Passion Narratives of all four Gospels are similar in many ways, there are significant differences among them. While the three Synoptic Gospels agree with each other (since Matthew and Luke are almost certainly based on Mark), John's account is quite different. Though Matthew and Mark are nearly identical, Luke differs from them and is much closer to John's account. What does each of the four Evangelists stress the most in the Passion narrative?

[Register Here](#)

3 Essential biblical parables on prayer that Jesus gave us



The Catechism of the Catholic Church highlights three of Jesus' parables on prayer. Three principal parables on prayer are transmitted to us by St. Luke:

– The first, "the importunate friend," invites us to urgent prayer: "Knock, and it will be opened to you." To the one who prays like this, the heavenly Father will "give whatever he needs," and above all the Holy Spirit who contains all gifts. [Lk 11:5-13]

– The second, "the importunate widow," is centered on one of the qualities of prayer: it is necessary to pray always without ceasing and with the patience of faith. "And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" [Lk 18:1-8].

[Read More](#)

The Purpose of Lent



What's the real connection between the Israelites' forty years in the desert and the forty days of Lent? Sure, they both involve the number forty—which often represents a time of test and trial in the Bible—but what's the more important connection? The Israelites' time in the desert and our forty-day Lenten fast represent God's invitation for us to trust him completely.

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"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring." — St. Catherine of Siena

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