

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



March 3rd 2024 | Third Sunday of Lent

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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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday
9:30 am - 12:00pm | 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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on Fridays and 7:30 pm on First Fridays

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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

March 2nd to March 9th, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 2nd

9:00 am Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary
2:30 pm Baptism of Logan Braga and Kyle Tubil
5:00 pm (available for intentions)

SUNDAY, March 3rd

9:00 am +Joao Da Silva/ +Lilia Palomo/ +Luz Macuto
10:30 am +Pietro Durante e famiglia/ +Antonietta
Buongiorno/ +Maria Montemurro, +Antonio e
Bruno Chioran
12:00 pm Thanksgiving, good health and well being of
Conrad Anderson & Jennifer Jane
2:00 pm +Ana de Dios Giraldo/ Sanacion de Nury Rivas,
Maia Pedreira, Marcelo Giron
6:00 pm (available for intentions)
MONDAY, March 4th — St. Casimir
9:00 am +Therese Rashette, +Norah Shanque/ +Maria
Phien and all souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, March 5th

9:00 am +Giovanni Lo Buono, +Pasqua, +Angela & +Marta/
+Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Carmelina
Colasuonno/ Thanksgiving for the ordination anniversary of
Rev. Fr. Jorge Amaro

WEDNESDAY, March 6th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Lucie & +Ernest
Vanderlinden/ Birthday blessings upon Colette Vanderlinden

THURSDAY, March 7th — Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh

FRIDAY, March 8th — St. John of God

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Leticia Gomez/
+Adalberto Gomez/ Birthday blessings upon Marco Gomez Sr.

SATURDAY, March 9th — St. Frances of Rome

9:00 am +Primitivo Rueda Salvador/ Birthday blessings
upon Rev. Fr. Jomon George/ Colette Vanderlinden
2:30 pm Baptism of Julien
5:00 pm (available for intentions)



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Associate Pastor's Desk

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." St. Augustine's Confessions (Lib 1,1-2,2.5,5: CSEL 33, 1-5). Since it is God who has put in every human being, the innate desire or thirst for Him, then, only Him alone can satisfy or quench such desire or thirst. (cf. Psalms 42 1-2). The water that the Israelites thirsted for and received in the wilderness was a foreshadow of the Living Water we hear in the Gospel, precisely in the dialogue between Jesus Christ and the Samaritan woman (cf. John 4:5-42). It is our Lord Jesus Christ, Who implanted this innate desire in her, in us and our Catechumens in particular. Consequently, with faith and hope in Him, and cooperating with His grace (cf. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8), coupled with the Word of God, the Sacraments (Holy Eucharist) and works of charity (cf. Matthew 25: 34-40), we can attain that satisfaction we thirst and desire for, here on earth. Although already not yet whole or complete, but in view of the whole or complete satisfaction in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Third Sunday of Lent

You bring love and hope to young mothers through ShareLife

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future. "I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Young Adult Meet-up

We invite all parish young adults, ages 18 to 29, to join us for our get-together on Saturday, 9th March at 6pm in the Church. We meet every other Saturday to connect with each other, reconnect with Jesus Christ and share in the mission of the Church. For more info, just show up or call the parish office.

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, March 8, 2024

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!

Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory Collection—February 25, 2024
\$4, 365.10

March 9 & 10— Sharelife Presentation by Angela Carboni

On the weekend of March 9/10th , Angela Carboni, the Executive Director of St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre will be offering us a brief information on her ministry for less privileged kids and how your ShareLife donations profits them.

ShareLife Special Collection

On the weekend of March 16/17, our parish will be gathering our first collection offering for ShareLife mission. Please give intentionally and generously so that the charity of our Lord will continue to reach millions of people in Canada and around the world. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.— Message from Fr. Patrick

CWL General Meeting

The Catholic Women's League of Canada invite all the women who signed up to join them for their general meeting at St. Alphonsus parish on Vaughan & St. Claire on Wednesday, 13th March at 7pm. It is a special privilege to join other women of faith in their love of God and homeland. There will be Mass and light refreshments.

2024 Lenten Schedule

FRIDAYS

9:00 am: Holy Mass

9:30 am: Adoration

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

3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

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)

LENTEN 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 Asociado

"Nos has hecho para ti, Señor, y nuestro corazón está inquieto hasta que descanse en ti". Confesiones de San Agustín (Lib 1,1-2,2.5,5: CSEL 33, 1-5). Puesto que es Dios quien ha puesto en cada ser humano, el deseo o sed innata de Él, entonces, sólo Él puede satisfacer o apagar tal deseo o sed. (cf. Salmos 42 1-2). El agua que los israelitas tuvieron sed y recibieron en el desierto fue una prefiguración del Agua Viva que escuchamos en el Evangelio, precisamente en el diálogo entre Jesucristo y la mujer samaritana (cf. Jn 4,5-42). Es nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Quien implantó este deseo innato en ella, en nosotros y en nuestros Catecúmenos en particular. En consecuencia, con fe y esperanza en Él, y cooperando con Su gracia (cf. Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8), unidas a la Palabra de Dios, los Sacramentos (Santa Eucaristía) y las obras de caridad (cf. Mateo 25: 34-40), podemos alcanzar esa satisfacción de la que estamos sedientos y deseamos, aquí en la tierra. Aunque todavía no sea entera o completa, sino en vista de la satisfacción entera o completa en el Reino de los Cielos.

Tercer domingo de Cuaresma

Usted trae amor y esperanza a madres jóvenes a través de ShareLife

Muchas mujeres jóvenes que se embarazan inesperadamente no saben a quién acudir en busca de ayuda. A través de su apoyo a ShareLife, nuestras agencias se aseguran de que ellas tengan los recursos que necesitan para mantener la educación que están cursando, para brindar a sus bebés un comienzo saludable y para forjarse un futuro brillante. "No tengo palabras para describir lo que significa ser receptora de su generosidad", comparte Arielle, una joven madre agradecida a la que usted apoya a través de Vita Center. "Ahora tengo un mejor estado mental y sé que mi bebé también está sano gracias a eso". Done en su parroquia usando un sobre ShareLife; en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, o en sharelife.org/donate.

Encuentro de jóvenes adultos

Invitamos a todos los jóvenes adultos de la parroquia, de 18 a 29 años, a unirse a nosotros para nuestro encuentro el sábado 9 de marzo a las 18:00 en la Iglesia. Nos reunimos cada dos sábados para conectarnos unos con otros, reconectarnos con Jesucristo y compartir en la misión de la Iglesia. Para más información, preséntate o llama al despacho parroquial.

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 8 de Marzo de 2024

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

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Colecta del Ofertorio– 25 de febrero de 2024
\$4, 365.10

Marzo 9 & 10- Presentación de Sharelife por Angela Carboni

El fin de semana del 9 y 10 de marzo, Angela Carboni, directora ejecutiva del Centro de Recursos Familiares Santa Bernadette, nos ofrecerá una breve información sobre su ministerio para los niños menos privilegiados y cómo les benefician tus donativos de ShareLife.

Colecta especial ShareLife

El fin de semana del 16/17 de marzo, nuestra parroquia recogerá nuestra primera ofrenda de colecta para la misión ShareLife. Por favor den intencional y generosamente para que la caridad de nuestro Señor continúe llegando a millones de personas en Canadá y alrededor del mundo. Gracias y que Dios les bendiga abundantemente. Mensaje del P. Patrick

Reunión general de la CWL

La Liga de Mujeres Católicas de Canadá invita a todas las mujeres que se inscribieron a unirse a ellas para su reunión general en la parroquia de San Alfonso en Vaughan & St. Claire el miércoles 13 de marzo a las 7pm. Es un privilegio especial unirse a otras mujeres de fe en su amor a Dios y a la patria. Habrá misa y refrescos.

Calendario de Cuaresma 2024

VIERNES

9:00: Santa Misa

9:30: Adoración

10:30: Vía Crucis (inglés e italiano)

15:00 - Devoción a la Divina Misericordia

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

Memorial: St. John of God — March 8



Reflection: Saint John of God was born in the village of Montemor-o-Novo, Portugal to middle-class, faith-filled parents. According to his early biographer, John was abducted from his home when he was only eight years old and taken to the town of Oropesa, Spain, more than 200 miles away. In Oropesa, John found himself homeless and alone. He met a good man named El Mayoral who gave him a job as a shepherd and a place to live. John worked hard until he was twenty-two years old, never returning to his parents' home. El Mayoral wanted John to marry his daughter, but John wanted to see the world. He joined the army of the Holy Roman Emperor and battled the French. During his service, he was assigned to guard some captured clothing that went missing. John was accused of theft and condemned to death, but others intervened and he was released. Frustrated with military life, John returned to El Mayoral's farm where he worked for another four years before entering the army once again to fight the Turks for the next eighteen years.

Saint John of God, you struggled in many ways throughout your life. Through it all, you never gave up your desire to serve God and others. Please pray for me, especially when I lose hope, that I may imitate your example and offer myself to God for His glory and the service of all. Saint John of God, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen. —My Catholic Life

Bible & Beer – “Reply, Reply All, Forward, Send: Being Messengers of Hope in Dark Times”



Tuesday, March 05, 2024 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Ignite! Young Adult Ministry
(age 18-39)

Living in the midst of dark times is not new, but neither are the signs of hope that are around us. How can the “Good News” be good news for us in the midst of darkness, and allowing our world to be enveloped with Light.

[Check Out Event](#)

Third Sunday of Lent: Living Water



Today's Gospel reading (John 4:5–42) is the touching and tender story of the Woman at the Well. That Gospel story is always read in liturgical year A and is optional for years B and C. That story fits beautifully with the theme we have been pondering of Jesus' forty days in the desert.

First of all, the story takes place at noon, when most women remained inside at home to avoid the heat. The woman comes to the well during the heat of the day to avoid encountering other women, for fear of experiencing their judgment of her sinful life.

The story also has as a central theme the quenching of one's thirst, which we have also pondered this Lent as we looked at Jesus in the desert. When Jesus encounters this woman at the well, it is clear that she is physically thirsty; even more, she is spiritually thirsty. She sought to quench that thirst by marrying one man after another and then by living with someone who was not her husband. When Jesus sees her, He makes an interesting request of her with deep spiritual meaning. He simply says, “Give me a drink.”

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3 Minute Retreat Gifts at the Altar

Matthew 5:23-24

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media– Jesus in the Temple!



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

7 Principles for Making Marriage Work Weekend Couples Retreat



Friday, March 22, 2024 04:00 PM -
Sunday, March 24, 2024 02:00 PM

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga

- You will learn about re-building your friendship, managing conflict and creating shared meaning
- There will be presentations, class exercises, couple exercises and homework activities
- All meals and accommodations are include

[Register Here](#)

Cooperation and service at heart of priestly ministry, says Pope



In an address prepared for deacons preparing for priestly ordination, Pope Francis reflected on three aspects of priestly ministry highlighted in the rite of ordination: faithful cooperation with the Bishop, service to the people of God, and guidance by the Holy Spirit. Although a scheduled meeting was postponed on account of the Pope's health, the Holy Father's remarks were published on Saturday by the Holy See Press Office. Pope Francis reminded them, first of all, that the Church does not ask them primarily to be leaders, but to be cooperators with the Bishops. Priests, he said, are called to be witnesses to the "mystery of communion" that is the Church, especially through fraternity, fidelity, and docility. In short, he said, priests are meant to be members of a choir, "not soloists"; brothers in the presbyterate and priests for all, not only for a particular group.

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Journey through Lent – Third Sunday of Lent



"God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." — 1 Corinthians 1:25 The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Lent with the Most Rev. Stephen Hero, Bishop of Prince Albert, and the Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of Saskatoon. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Lent 2024. On this Third Sunday of Lent, Bishop Hagemoen provides a reflection on freedom from false gods.

[Watch Video](#)

*"God cannot turn away his face from those who cast themselves at his feet with a humble and contrite heart."
— St. Alphonsus Liguori*

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