

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



March 10th 2024 | Fourth 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

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.

CATECHISM & RCIA

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 & Saturdays at 12:00 pm

March 9th to March 16th, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 9th

9:00 am +Primitivo Rueda Salvador/ +Maria Hue & +Maria Phien/+Birthday blessings upon Rev. Fr. Jomon George/ Colette Vanderlinden

10:30 am Funeral of Pasquale Sclocco

2:30 pm Baptism of Julien Abregoso

5:00 pm +Antonio Spatafore

SUNDAY, March 10th

9:00 am +Florencia Cayas

10:30 am +Pietro e Maria Toter/+Pasquale e +Teresa Nudo/ +Rosario, +Enza & +Claudio Ferragina

12:00 pm +Maria Clotilde Barros & +Adelino Mouta Reis Gomes/ Thanksgiving for God's graces & mercy upon Lorraine Singh, Denzel, Merlyn & Eugene Stephens

2:00 pm +Isaac Arturo Imperial/ +Shelley/ Wedding Anniversary of Marcela & Luis Gil/ Sanacion espiritual para Isaura Calle y Jose Mauricio Castaño

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, March 11th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/

+Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ Dolores & +Alberto Rivero, + Joe Carreiro & +Juan Cedillos

TUESDAY, March 12th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Gerald Duncan/ Mathew Duncan

WEDNESDAY, March 13th

9:00 am +Ada & +Alphonso Mendicino/+Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/+For de Gonzalez/ Florecita Gonzalez

THURSDAY, March 14th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Marina Carlota Moz/ Birthday blessings upon Giselle Monge

FRIDAY, March 15th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

SATURDAY, March 16th

9:00 am +Vincent Van & +Maria Lua/ +Margarita Escobar & +Alicia Sandino/ Isabela Sofia Alvarez & Lucas Diaz

2:30 pm Baptism of Piajoya Hudson & Hyannah Lingan

5:00 pm +Timothy Ian Francis Alvarez, +Candelaria Asuncion, +Marietta Malabor & +Britta Quisumbing



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Associate Pastor's Desk

Rejoice in the Lord!!!

Dear Brethren in Jesus Christ, as we engage in our Lenten discipline through prayer, fasting and alms giving, the Church wants us to have a foretaste of joy of the Easter. Consequently, we rejoice because "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, [has] made us alive together with Christ – for it is by grace you [we] have been saved" Ephesians 2:4. We rejoice because of the sacrificial love God in Christ for our salvation (cf. John 3:16). We rejoice because our Lord Jesus Christ has continued to call us His people - the Christ's faithful to be light of the world. Happy Laetare Sunday!!!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for **Friday, March 15, 2024**

Faith Formation 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!

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.

Thank you for your generosity!
Offeratory Collection—March 4, 2024
\$6,680.00

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 pm: Rosary & Confessions

7:30 pm: Lenten Reflection

8:00 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

HEALTHY COMMUNICATION, INTIMACY RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes couples of all faiths to help get their relationships back on track. Join us from April 5-7, 2024 in Mississauga. For more information, call 437-234-5610 or visit torontoretrouvaille.com or helpourmarriage.org.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Sacraments & Sacramentals 2023

- Baptisms = 27
- First Holy Communion = 61
- Confirmation = 53
- Marriages = 6
- Funerals = 17

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

30-Minute Divine Mercy Chaplet

On Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday), we sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. You are very welcome to join us in prayer for mercy and reparation. God bless you.

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor Asociado
¡Alegraos en el Señor!

Queridos hermanos en Jesucristo, mientras nos comprometemos en nuestra disciplina cuaresmal mediante la oración, el ayuno y la limosna, la Iglesia quiere que tengamos un anticipo de la alegría de la Pascua. En consecuencia, nos alegramos porque "Dios, que es rico en misericordia, por el gran amor con que nos amó, aun cuando estábamos muertos a causa de nuestros delitos, [nos ha] vivificado juntamente con Cristo, pues por gracia [hemos] sido salvados" Efesios 2:4. Nos alegramos por el amor sacrificial de Dios en Cristo para nuestra salvación (cf. Juan 3:16). Nos alegramos porque nuestro Señor Jesucristo nos ha seguido llamando su pueblo - los fieles de Cristo para ser luz del mundo.

¡Feliz Domingo de Laetare!

Cuarto domingo de Cuaresma
Inspirado/a por su amor a Dios: Apoye la misión de ShareLife

Hoy, al contemplar la generosidad ilimitada de Dios, esperamos que nosotros también seamos movidos por este mismo espíritu de generosidad. Que esta generosidad nos inspire a todos a ser amables, compasivos y nos mueva a compartir nuestras bendiciones con nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados. 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.

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

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 antemano!

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.

¡Gracias por su generosidad!
Colecta del Ofertorio– 4 de Marzo de 2024
\$6,680.00

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- Rosario y confesiones
19:30- Reflexión cuaresmal
20:00 - 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

COMUNICACIÓN SANA, INTIMIDAD CONSTRUCCIÓN DE RELACIONES

Regálate un matrimonio feliz aprendiendo las herramientas de una comunicación sana. Retrouvaille, un programa de origen católico, acoge a parejas de todos los credos para ayudarles a reconducir sus relaciones. Únete a nosotros del 5 al 7 de abril de 2024 en Mississauga. Para más información, llame al 437-234-5610 o visite torontoretrovaille.com o helpourmarriage.org.

Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino Sacramentos y Sacramentales 2023

- Bautizos = 27
- Primera Comunión = 61
- Confirmaciones = 53
- Matrimonios = 6
- Funerales = 17

Capilla de la Divina Misericordia

Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia de 30 minutos
Los viernes de Cuaresma (excepto el Viernes Santo), cantamos la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia a las 15.00 horas. Le invitamos a unirse a nosotros en oración por la misericordia y la reparación. Que Dios le bendiga.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

Novena to St. Joseph — March 10-18



Day 1: Foster Father of Jesus

Saint Joseph, you were privileged to share in the mystery of the Incarnation as the foster-father of Jesus. Mary alone was directly connected with the fulfillment of the mystery, in that she gave her consent to Christ's conception and allowed the Holy Spirit to form the sacred humanity of Jesus from her blood. You had a part in this mystery in an indirect manner, by fulfilling the condition necessary for the Incarnation — the protection of Mary's virginity before and during your married life with her. You made the virginal marriage possible, and this was a part of God's plan, foreseen, willed, and decreed from all eternity.

Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, my loving protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or asked for your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, I come before you and humbly implore you. Despise not my petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen. — My Catholic Life

Annual Mass of St. Patrick Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:00 AM St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica



The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 16 at 10 a.m. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

[Check Out Event](#)

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Sight



Do you want to see? Today's Gospel (from Year A, which is also optional for Years B and C) is the story of the healing of the man born blind. He had suffered greatly throughout his life, but that suffering helped to make him the man he was. It's clear from the story that this poor, blind outcast of society was also very virtuous. He was humble, respectful, sincere, simple, and honest. Though we do not know how he would have turned out if he were not born blind, we do know a little about him as a blind man. When someone is born blind or with any physical defect, the immediate response is often one of disappointment and pity. Though this response might come from a compassionate heart, it might also be the result of a failure to see the many blessings that come through hardship.

Most glorious Lord, You seek out those who are humble of heart, open to the gift of faith, and willing to offer You the worship that is due Your name. Thank You for placing before me this poor and humble blind man as a model for me to follow. May I seek to imitate him so that I, too, will come to see You as You are and worship You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You

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3 Minute Retreat You are Loved

Matthew 6:26

Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media— Jesus Saves Us!



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](#)

9 Saints speak to us about the Sacrament of Confession



Our Lord Jesus Christ knew perfectly well that the human race has been weakened by original sin. As a result, even after receiving the grace of Baptism, we sin again. Knowing us so well, he wanted to leave us the sacrament of confession, so we could leave our sins behind us time and again, and start off anew. As the Psalmist says, "His mercies are new every morning." This was his command: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." — Jn 20:22-23

The saints know how important this is. Read on to discover what nine of these virtuous men and women thought of this great sacrament.

[Read More](#)

Journey through Lent – Third Sunday of Lent



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."— John 3:16 Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Lent 2024. On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, Bishop Hagemoen provides a reflection on rejoicing on our journey to Christ

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"If the poor world could see the beauty of the sinless soul, all sinners, all unbelievers would be instantly converted."

— St. Padre Pio

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