

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 | Fifth 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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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.



*Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.*

*John 12:25*

**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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**Holy Rosary:** 8:30am on Wednesdays

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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 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Joao Parracho Domingues & +Lucio Rego/  
+Vincent Van & +Maria Lua

**2:30 pm** Baptism of Piajoya Hudson & Hyannah Ligan

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

### SUNDAY, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Frank Perri/ +Luz Macuto

**10:30 am** Tutti defunti della famiglia Trevisan/ +Mario  
Guagardi/ +Salvatore Adelina/+Gianni Romanyzyn/  
+Giussepina Gentile & Gina e Rosa Villardo

**12:00 pm** (available for intentions)

**2:00 pm** +Gilberto Trovar/ +Teresa Bonilla de Alcantara  
& +Shelley Ward/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Rocio  
Reyna & Ana Dolores Rivera

**6:00 pm** (available for intentions)

### MONDAY, March 18<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ +Arturo  
Gonzalez, Sr./ Birthday blessings upon Arturito Gonzalez  
Moz, Camila Gotlik, Ruben Garcia, & Ivan Jose Perez

### TUESDAY, March 19<sup>th</sup> — Solemnity of St. Joseph

**9:00 am** Birthday blessings upon Camilla Gotlick &  
recovery of Dina Sandoval/ Blessings upon Isolina Garcia/  
Birthday blessings upon Maritza de Lopez/ Healing upon Toty  
Calle & Francisco Vargas/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong

### WEDNESDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Juana  
Rodriguez Sandres, +Pedro Rivera Hernandez & +Tadeusz

### THURSDAY, March 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Yvonne,  
+Harold, & +John Way & +Ana Piecha

### FRIDAY, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh

### SATURDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00 am** (available for intentions)

**2:30 pm** Baptism of Benjamin Lecitona

**5:00 pm** (available for intentions)



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

*From the Associate Pastor's Desk*  
*"Sir, we wish to see Jesus"*

The first reading from Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34 envisions the conclusion of the new covenant of God with His people. This covenant will not be etched in stone. Rather it would be written or inscribed in the human heart. The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9 and the Gospel John 12:20-33 highlight the person and the means of ratifying the new covenant. He, Who the focus of the verses is no other than God Himself in the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus Christ. The means with which Jesus Christ would put into effect this new covenant would be through taking up His Cross in obedience, suffering and death. Thus, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit". The Gospel insists and invites us to desire with all our heart and with all our soul to see Jesus. The important question comes to fore. Where can we find Him? Where can we see Him? Apart from finding and seeing Him in His Words and Sacraments, we can truly find Him among the poor, the homeless, among the margins of society and among our neighbours. To find Him, we must see with the lenses of our hearts and not with the lenses of our eyes. Have a blessed Sunday!!!

## 5th Sunday of Lent: This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Our parish goal this year is **\$32,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for **Friday, March 22, 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!

## 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.

## 2024 Easter Triduum Schedule

### PARISH RECONCILIATION

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

- 10:00am to 11:30am
- 7:00pm to 8:30pm

### HOLY TUESDAY - March 26, 2024

- Morning Mass will be at 8:00 AM

### HOLY THURSDAY - March 28, 2024

- 8:00 pm- Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the feet (Trilingual)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 PM

### GOOD FRIDAY - March 29, 2024

- 8:00 am – Morning Prayer with the Psalms & Readings of Christ's Passion
- 2:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Italian)
- 4:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)
- 6:00 pm – Stations of the Cross at STA School Yard (Trilingual: led by the Youth Ministry)
- 7:30 pm -Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)

### EASTER VIGIL/EASTER SUNDAY

March 30, 2024

- 8:00 am - Morning Prayer with the Psalms & Readings of Christ's Passion
- 8:00pm - Easter Vigil

### March 31, 2023 - Resurrection of the Lord

*Regular Sunday Masses Schedule*

## STA Parish Income & Expenditures February 2024

Withdrawals: \$64,836.94

Deposits: \$54,342.59

- We made 2 payments of \$6,000.00 each towards the Diocesan Assessment for January & February
- We made a payment of \$14,737.46 for Inspection/consultation pre-major renovation
- We received another Ontario Anti-Hate grant in the amount of \$7,500.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
Offertory Collection—March 10, 2024  
\$4480.85

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Del Escritorio del Pastor Asociado "Señor, deseamos ver a Jesús"

La primera lectura del profeta Jeremías 31,31-34 prevé la conclusión de la nueva alianza de Dios con su pueblo. Esta alianza no estará grabada en piedra. Más bien se escribirá o inscribirá en el corazón humano. La segunda lectura de la carta a los Hebreos 5:7-9 y el Evangelio Juan 12:20-33 destacan la persona y los medios para ratificar la nueva alianza. Aquel en quien se centran los versículos no es otro que Dios mismo en la segunda Persona de la Santísima Trinidad, Jesucristo. El medio con el que Jesucristo pondría en vigor esta nueva alianza sería tomando Su Cruz en obediencia, sufrimiento y muerte. Así, "En verdad os digo que si el grano de trigo no cae en tierra y muere, queda uno solo; pero si muere, da mucho fruto". El Evangelio insiste y nos invita a desear con todo el corazón y con toda el alma ver a Jesús. Surge entonces una pregunta importante. ¿Dónde podemos encontrarle? ¿Dónde podemos verlo? Aparte de encontrarle y verle en sus Palabras y Sacramentos, podemos encontrarle verdaderamente entre los pobres, los sin techo, entre los márgenes de la sociedad y entre nuestros vecinos. Para encontrarle, debemos ver con las lentes de nuestros corazones y no con las lentes de nuestros ojos. Feliz domingo!

## 5º domingo de Cuaresma Este fin de semana es domingo de ShareLife

Hoy domingo inicia la primera colecta de ShareLife para la campaña anual de nuestra parroquia.

Todos los días, jóvenes de nuestra comunidad necesitan ayuda debido a la falta de vivienda, a los problemas de trata y a la violencia. Las agencias de ShareLife garantizan la seguridad de los jóvenes que huyen de hogares violentos y les brindan un lugar de apoyo donde quedarse. Todo esto es posible gracias a personas increíbles como usted que eligen apoyar a ShareLife. Le agradecemos su amabilidad y generosidad. Nuestra meta parroquial este año es **\$32,000**. 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde**  
**Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 22 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!

**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.

## Calendario del Triduo Pascual

### RECONCILIACIÓN PARROQUIAL

**Miércoles, 27 de marzo de 2024**

- 10:00 a 11:30
- 19:00 a 20:30

### MARTES SANTO - 26 de marzo de 2024

- La misa matutina será a las 8:00

### JUEVES SANTO - 28 de marzo de 2024

- 20:00- Solemne Celebración de la Cena del Señor y Lavatorio de los pies (Trilingüe)
- Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento hasta las 22h30

### VIERNES SANTO - 29 de marzo de 2024

- 8:00 am - Oración de la mañana con los Salmos y Lecturas de la Pasión de Cristo
- 14:00 - Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (en italiano)
- 16:00 - Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (español)
- 18:00 - Vía Crucis en el patio de la escuela STA (Trilingüe: animado por la pastoral juvenil)
- 7:30 pm - Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Inglés)

### VIGILIA DE PASCUA/DOMINGO DE PASCUA 30 de marzo de 2024

- 8:00 am - Oración de la mañana con los Salmos y Lecturas de la Pasión de Cristo
- 20:00 - Vigilia Pascual

### 31 de marzo de 2023 - Resurrección del Señor

*Horario regular de las misas dominicales*

### STA Ingresos y Gastos Parroquiales Febrero 2024

**Retiros: \$64,836.94**  
**Depósitos: \$54,342.59**

- Hicimos 2 pagos de \$6,000.00 cada uno para la Evaluación Diocesana de enero y febrero.
- Hicimos un pago de \$14,737.46 para Inspección/consulta pre-renovación mayor.
- Recibimos otra subvención de Ontario contra el odio por valor de 7.500 dólares.

**¡Gracias por su generosidad!**  
Colecta del Ofertorio— 10 de Marzo de 2024  
\$4480.85



# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary—March 19



The Father in Heaven sent His Son into the world to be born of the Virgin Mary. The Father chose her who was the Immaculate Conception to bear His Son in her womb, bring Him into the world, and raise Him from infancy to adulthood. But the Father also

needed to choose a foster father for His divine Son. Of all the men in Israel that He could have chosen, He chose Joseph of Nazareth, a carpenter. Today's solemnity not only honors him, but it also points us to his marital union with the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the effect that that marriage had not only upon him, Mary and Jesus, but also upon us as members of the Body of Christ.

*Saint Joseph, you were obedient to the will of the Father in Heaven as it was revealed to you by an angel. You took Mary as your wife and Jesus as your Son. You raised Him, protected Him, and exercised a fatherly authority over Him. Please exercise that same fatherly authority, given to you by the Father in Heaven, over my life. I entrust myself to your intercession and authority and pray that you protect me always, guiding me to your Son in Heaven. Saint Joseph, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. — My Catholic Life*

## Music Concert Celebrating 400 years of St Joseph as Patron of Canada—March 21, 2024



Join Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto and the Heralds of the Gospel celebrating 400 years of the Consecration of Canada to St Joseph on **Thursday, March 21 @ 7:00 PM** at St Paul's Basilica in Toronto, located at 83 Power St, Toronto ON M5A 3A8.

The Concert is free of charge, but consider making a reservation at 1-800-674-3410 or by email at [vfa@virginfatima.org](mailto:vfa@virginfatima.org)

[Check Out Event](#)

## Fifth Sunday of Lent: Suffering Transformed by Glory



"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." John 12:27–28. Our Lord's human soul was "troubled." Other translations state that His soul was in agony. After expressing His interior suffering, Jesus identified the human temptation caused by this suffering: to flee from His "hour." Of course Jesus dismisses this temptation as a way of teaching us a lesson from His human experience. As God, Jesus had perfect strength and always remained faithful to the mission He received from the Father. But as a human, Jesus permitted Himself to experience temptation and human suffering for many reasons. One reason was so that He could relate to us in every way. That includes being able to relate to interior human suffering. In doing so, Jesus also made it possible for us to imitate Him and to share in the strength and determination He had as He perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father. Jesus allowed Himself to endure the agony caused by foreseen suffering because we will endure similar temptations through life.

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat Loving Like Jesus

*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](#)

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# LIVING YOUR FAITH

## Catholic Kids Media– It's Time!



### Animated Story

### [Children's Video](#)

## 7 Principles for Making Marriage Work Weekend Couples Retreat

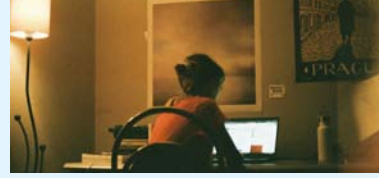


Friday, March 22, 2024 04:00 PM -  
Sunday, March 24, 2024 02:00 PM  
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga

- 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](#)

## Habits: A Prayer About Sacrifice



Read:

“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”

Respond:

It's a habit, the way my fingers move along the screen, scrolling mindlessly through things I won't remember tomorrow.

### [Read More](#)

## Journey through Lent – Fifth Sunday of Lent



“Create in me a clean heart, O God.” — Psalm 51:10a 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Bishop Hagemoen provides a reflection on God's call to us all to care for one another.

### [Watch Video](#)

*“There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St Joseph is unlimited: it extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard.” — St Thomas Aquinas*

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