

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



March 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 | Palm Sunday

## 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

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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

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

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

**9:00 am** +Joao Luis De Sousa / +Gioan Baotixita Tinh & +Maria Dao

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

**5:00 pm** Parishioners of St. Thomas

### SUNDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup> — Palm Sunday

**9:00 am** For health and peace of Kerwin, Korey, Kiefer & Ann Mentore

**10:30 am** +Giuseppe e Anna Callabro

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

**2:00 pm** +Ariel Maya/ Luba Pawluk & Almy Cornejo

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

### MONDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup> — Holy Monday

**9:00 am** +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/  
+Carmen, +Alvira, +Gretzco

### TUESDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup> — Holy Tuesday

**8:00 am** +Manuel & Maria Vieira & +Lucio Rego/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong +Ana Sylvia Argueta/ Alejandro Meza

### WEDNESDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup> — Holy Wednesday

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/  
+Agripina Gemora/ +Eufemio Laranjo & +Cesaria Tubog /  
+Michal and +Michalina Pawluk, +Vivi, +Ram

### THURSDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup> — Holy Thursday

**8:00 pm** Celebration of the Lord Supper—Trilingual

### FRIDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup> — Good Friday

**8:00 am** Liturgy of the Hours

**2:00 pm** Celebration of the Lord Passion (Italian)

**4:00 pm** Celebration of the Lord Passion (Spanish)

**7:30 pm** Celebration of the Lord Passion (English)

### SATURDAY, March 30<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 am** Liturgy of the Hours

**8:00 pm** Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of Christ



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. People went wild with joy as the long-awaited Messiah made his way into the holy city. They threw palm branches, clothes, and similar stuff on his path as a sign of deep reverence and piety. But, as it often happens, not too long after the jubilation, people shouted "crucify him, crucify him". incredible, isn't it? Hence, the Passion Sunday unveils the full picture of the mystery of our Christian life: joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous. May we never take our eyes off our Lord Jesus Christ, our perfect Model of Christian living. Amen.

## Palm Sunday

ShareLife: Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most. Thus far we have raised \$11,797.20 toward our goal of \$32, 000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

## Our priests renew their priestly promises

On Tuesday, 26th March, our two priests will be joining about 250 other priests at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 11am to renew their priestly promises to the Archbishop of Toronto, His Grace Francis Leo. Please remember your God-given priests in your prayers. Thank you.

## Youth Group

There would be no Youth Group meeting on Good Friday. We'll see you next week!

## PLEASE NOTE

- We would not be taking any Mass intentions for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.
- The parish office will be closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday.

Thank you for understanding!

## 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*

## Appreciation for ShareLife 1st Collection Donation

We heartily appreciate your generous contribution to our first ShareLife collection. May the Lord be generous in increasing his blessings in your life. Amen.

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*Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.*

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Del Escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,  
Hoy celebramos la entrada triunfal de Jesucristo en Jerusalén. La gente enloqueció de alegría cuando el Mesías, tan esperado, entró en la ciudad santa. Arrojabán ramas de palma, vestidos y otras cosas similares a su paso, en señal de profunda reverencia y piedad. Pero, como suele ocurrir, no mucho después del júbilo, la gente gritaba "crucifícalo, crucifícalo". increíble, ¿verdad? Así pues, el Domingo de Pasión desvela el cuadro completo del misterio de nuestra vida cristiana: gozoso, doloroso, glorioso y luminoso. Que nunca quitemos los ojos de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, nuestro Modelo perfecto de vida cristiana. Amén.

## Domingo de Ramos

ShareLife: Dén la bienvenida a Jesús a sus corazones compartiendo sus bendiciones hoy

Hoy es Domingo de Ramos, un tiempo en nuestro camino de Cuaresma, en el que recordamos la importancia de acoger a Jesús en nuestro corazón. Guiados por el espíritu de Sus enseñanzas y ejemplo, extendamos nuestras manos a quienes más necesitan nuestra ayuda. Hasta ahora, hemos recaudado [insertar el total recaudado] hacia nuestra meta de [insertar la cantidad de la meta]. Por favor, done en su parroquia usando un sobre ShareLife; en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, o en [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). Gracias por vivir el Evangelio abriendo sus corazones y compartiendo sus bendiciones.

## Nuestros sacerdotes renuevan sus promesas sacerdotales

El martes 26 de marzo, nuestros dos sacerdotes se unirán a otros 250 sacerdotes en la Basílica de la Catedral de San Miguel a las 11 de la mañana para renovar sus promesas sacerdotales ante el Arzobispo de Toronto, Su Gracia Francis Leo. Por favor, recuerden en sus oraciones a los sacerdotes que Dios les ha dado. Gracias.

## Grupo de jóvenes:

No habrá reunión del Grupo de Jóvenes el Viernes Santo. ¡Nos vemos la semana que viene!

## NOTA

- No tomaremos ninguna intención de Misa para el Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Sábado Santo.
- El despacho parroquial permanecerá cerrado desde el Viernes Santo hasta el Lunes de Pascua.

Gracias por su comprensión!

## 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*

### Agradecimiento por la donación a la 1ª colecta de ShareLife

Agradecemos de corazón tu generosa contribución a nuestra primera colecta de ShareLife. Que el Señor sea generoso en aumentar sus bendiciones en tu vida. Amén.

### ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

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### Santísimo Sacramento Vela y Flores

Por la amable generosidad de  
Maria Ferragina  
Gracias y que Dios te bendiga.  
Thank you and God bless you.

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## Good Friday



**Reflection:** Perhaps one of the most surprising practices on Good Friday is that the Mass is not celebrated. Instead, Jesus' saving Sacrifice is commemorated by the full reading of the Passion account, the veneration of the Cross, and the distribution of Holy Communion that was consecrated the day before. Why wouldn't we celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass on Good Friday? Saint Thomas Aquinas gives a profound answer to this question in his masterful work, *Summa Theologica* (See III.83). In part, he says the following: *Reply to Objection 2. The figure ceases on the advent of the reality. But this sacrament is a figure and a representation of our Lord's Passion, as stated above. And therefore on the day on which our Lord's Passion is recalled as it was really accomplished, this sacrament is not consecrated.*

A careful reading of that passage, as well as the rest of that article, tells us that there is great power in the Liturgical Year, and in our annual Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. We celebrate Mass daily throughout the year, except on Good Friday, so that we can receive the fruit of the Passion every day.

*My suffering and sacrificial Lord, You have sanctified this day and endowed it with grace. As I commemorate Your saving sacrifice, draw me into this mystical act of love. Help me to remain prayerful and recollected throughout this day and into tomorrow. Invite me to stand before Your Cross and to gaze upon Your beaten and torn body. As I do, pour forth the abundance of Your mercy flowing from Your wounded side. Jesus, I trust in You. — My Catholic Life*

## Eucharistic Miracle Retreat 2024

Saturday, April 13, 2024 09:00 AM -

Sunday, April 14, 2024 06:00 PM

69 William St. (Divine Retreat Centre Toronto)



The Eucharistic Miracle Retreat will be led by Fr. Sam Samuel VC, Fr. Louis Joseph VC, and the Divine team on April 13th and 14th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (both days are mandatory). The retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Confession, Spiritual talks and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us as we come to enrichen our faith in Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

[Check Out Event](#)

## Hosanna! To the Suffering Christ!



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year B)

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:9-10

Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him.

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat Glimmers of God

1 Peter 1:15-16

*But, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, "Be holy because I [am] holy."*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

# LIVING YOUR FAITH

## Catholic Kids Media – Holy Week



### Animated Story

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

## Is Failure an Option?

Friday, April 12, 2024 07:00 PM -

Sunday, April 14, 2024 01:30 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Center Pickering



Men & Women Ignatian Silent Retreat - facilitated by Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ. – "Is Failure An Option? Failure is not an option!" was the supposed mantra of the engineers who built the Apollo Moon rockets. But in fact, science progresses precisely by failing. What insights to ourselves and our faith can we derive from how science learns from its mistakes? This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$275 per person which includes 2 night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

### [Register Here](#)

## Why do Catholics Cover Crucifixes and Statues during Lent?



It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

Veiling of statues and images

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice.

### [Read More](#)

## Journey through Lent – Palm Sunday



"He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." — Philippians 2:8 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 Palm Sunday, Bishop Hagemoen provides a reflection on the passion of Christ.

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— St. Francis de Sales*

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