

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



March 31st 2024 | Easter 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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by appt

BAPTISMS—BAUTIZOS

Please call the office, **Three months** in advance, .
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For the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion/Confirmation), please contact the office and press **ext. 0**

SICK CALLS

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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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 30th to April 6th 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 30th

8:00 am Morning Prayer with Psalms
8:00 pm Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, March 31st — Easter Sunday

9:00 am Birthday blessings for Francesco/In honour and thanksgiving to St. Joseph, Blessed Trinity, Holy Family, all saints, holy angels & blessed
10:30 am +Guadalupe Abrea Estonina
12:00 pm (available for intentions)
2:00 pm +Ana Orsini, +Claudio Marco La Rosa, +Caterina La Rosa, +Roberto Sitipria/ +Cleotilde Sanchez Garcia
6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, April 1st

9:00 am +Carmela Aurilio & +Salvatore Fiata/ +Berta Preciosa Alves Domingues/ +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ +Jorge Calle, +Teresa de Jesus Cornejo, & +Angel Francisco Martinez

TUESDAY, April 2nd

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Denzil, +Merlyn, +Loraine, +Eugene & +Romena Stephens

WEDNESDAY, April 3rd

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Maria Serafina de Cedillos, +Juan Cedillos/ Birthday blessings upon Alicia Isabela Meza, Alejandra Fuentes

THURSDAY, April 4th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Maria Julia de Meza, +Gloria Meza/ Birthday blessings upon Rev. Priest Jorge Amaro

FRIDAY, April 5th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Fr. Miro/ Blessings upon Luisito Doradea
7:00 pm Deceased members of the Guardiareggia Community

SATURDAY, April 6th

9:00 am Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary/ +Lauren Gopaul- Roldan, +Carlyle & +Ameeza Gyan,/ Healing of Luis Ortiz
2:00 pm Marriage of Susan Omeiza & Collins Ire-Okole
5:00 pm all souls in purgatory/ +Roberto Asuncion & Mansueto Malabor



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118). On behalf of Fr. Peter and the entire staff of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, I wish you and your loved ones a joy-filled Easter Sunday. Christ is Risen; Truly He is Risen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord

Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, April 5, 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!

Divine Mercy Chaplet!

On Sunday, 7th April, Feast of Divine Mercy, we shall be praying together our divine mercy chaplet at 3:30pm. More than ever, we need to invoke God's mercy upon our lives. Please join us!

El domingo 7 de abril, fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, rezaremos juntos la coronilla de la Divina Misericordia a las 15.30 horas. Más que nunca, necesitamos invocar la misericordia de Dios sobre nuestras vidas. ¡Acompáñenos!

Parish Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

After Holy Communion during all the Masses next weekend 6/7th April, there will be a parish consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Archbishop Francis Leo encouraged us to do this humble act of devotion as a parish community. Please join us! Thank you!

Consagración parroquial a la Santísima Virgen María

Después de la Santa Comunión durante todas las misas del próximo fin de semana 6/7 de abril, habrá una consagración parroquial al Inmaculado Corazón de María. Nuestro Arzobispo Francis Leo nos animó a hacer este humilde acto de devoción como comunidad parroquial. Les rogamos que se unan a nosotros. Gracias.

Acoja el amor y la compasión de Jesús ayudando al prójimo

El amor y el ejemplo de Jesús nos inspiran a extender una mano amiga a los demás, especialmente a aquellos que enfrentan los mayores desafíos. Las agencias de ShareLife continúan acercándose a los miembros más vulnerables de nuestra comunidad, ofreciéndoles servicios esenciales que son posibles gracias a su solidaridad y generosa contribución.

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.

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 5 de abril de 2024

7pm a 8:30 pm en el salón parroquial; refrescos serán proporcionados después. Si usted está interesado, por favor regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche juvenil. ¡Gracias de antemano!

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Dalla scrivania del parroco

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ShareLife: abbraccia l'amore e la misericordia di Gesù con una donazione

L'amore e l'esempio che Gesù ci dà ci ispirano ad estendere una mano d'aiuto al prossimo, in modo particolare verso coloro che devono affrontare le sfide più dure. Le agenzie di ShareLife continuano ad essere presenti con i membri più vulnerabili della nostra collettività, offrendo loro servizi essenziali resi possibili dalla tua disponibilità.

Per favore, fai una donazione presso la parrocchia utilizzando le buste di ShareLife, oppure via internet tramite il sito web della parrocchia, o tramite share-

HAPPY EASTER!
BUONA PASQUA!
FELICES PASCUAS!

Thank you for your generosity!
Grazie per la vostra generosità!
Gracias por su generosidad.
Offertory Collection—March 17, 2024
\$8439.60

Coroncina della Divina Misericordia!

Domenica 7 aprile, festa della Divina Misericordia, alle 15.30 pregheremo insieme la coroncina della Divina Misericordia. Abbiamo più che mai bisogno di invocare la misericordia di Dio sulla nostra vita. Unitevi a noi!

Consacrazione parrocchiale alla Beata Vergine Maria

Dopo la Santa Comunione durante tutte le Messe del prossimo fine settimana 6/7 aprile, si terrà una consacrazione parrocchiale al Cuore Immacolato di Maria. Il nostro arcivescovo Francesco Leone ci ha incoraggiato a compiere questo umile atto di devozione come comunità parrocchiale. Vi preghiamo di unirvi a noi! Grazie!

We is Risen



ALL ABOUT FAITH

Easter Sunday



Reflection: Today's glorious solemnity is the ultimate cause of all joy, fulfillment, happiness, and glory. If Jesus only died on the Cross, destroying death, something would be missing—the restoration of life into a transformed and glorified living. Easter is not only about the forgiveness of sins, it's about the temporal and eternal glorification of every human soul who dies and rises with Christ. When we focus upon the Gospel and consider the many lessons Jesus taught and the example He set, the Cross is often considered the difficult message and Easter the easy message. But is it?

The message of the Cross, as presented to us through both Jesus' teachings and His lived example, is certainly challenging. Each one of us is called to the same depth of selfless surrender of our lives to the Father's will. We must each die completely to ourselves, be purified from every sin and every attachment to sin, from every bad habit and every worldly thought, and from everything that is not God and God alone.

Prayer: My Resurrected Lord, the glory to which You have called me is beyond my natural capacity to comprehend. I could never imagine what awaits those who fully, and without reserve, surrender their lives to You and obey every aspect of the Father's will. Please fill me with a realization that there is so much more that I do not know. In flame my soul with a desire to quench that longing to know You more so as to share more fully in the glories of the Resurrection while here on earth and forever in Heaven. 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](#)

Glory Beyond Our Imagination



"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Matthew 28:5-7

The Lord has truly risen! Alleluia! Sin and death have been destroyed, and new life has been offered to all who cling to the Savior in faith. What a glorious day we celebrate today! Matthew's Gospel, quoted above, is read at the Easter Vigil Mass. Prior to the reading of this Gospel are seven Old Testament readings, each followed by a psalm, as well as a New Testament reading, another psalm and the Gospel. There are seventeen readings in all at the Easter Vigil! For that reason, the Easter Vigil is called "the mother of all vigils." Though many people have not had the opportunity to participate in the Easter Vigil, it is helpful to understand it, because its structure and length reflect the awe and wonder we must have at the Resurrection of Christ.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat One with God

John 10:30

"The Father and I are one."

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media – Easter Sunday



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?



On a late summer day, in the Italian hillside town of Castel Gandolfo, Pope Benedict XVI was speaking of springtime.

He was encouraging the ancient practice of lectio divina, which is Latin for "Divine Reading." This form of prayer includes slowly reading and re-reading a Scripture passage using four steps: reading, meditation/reflection, prayer, and contemplation. He says in his address, "[T]he diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart [. . .] this practice will bring to the Church - I am convinced of it - a new spiritual springtime."

[Read More](#)

EASTER SUNDAY



He is Risen!

Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for Easter Sunday 2024, with Bishop William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

[Watch Video](#)

*Christ is risen, and none are left dead in the tomb.
For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of
those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto
ages of ages. — St. John Chrysostom*

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