

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



April 2nd, 2024 | Divine Mercy 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, .
Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

WEDDINGS—BODAS

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**

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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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

April 6th to 13th 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

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 Rosa La Fante/ all souls in purgatory/ +Roberto Asuncion & Mansueto Malabor

SUNDAY, April 7th — Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am +Joao Da Silva

10:30 am +Antonio Di Cosola/ +Elizabeta & +Nizo Daneluzzi

12:00 pm Jordan Oswald & Christian Francis/ +Lorna Meana/ +Eduardo Santos Junio

2:00 pm Birthday Blessings upon Isabel Ponce/ +Adriana Sanabria & +Anthony Steven Merchan/ Sanacion de Francisco Vargas & Jacob Lee McEwen

MONDAY, April 8th

9:00 am +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ +Paul & Jana Maingot & Joseph, Barbara Maingot/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Rev. Fr. Pier Giorgio Di Cicco/ Birthday blessings upon Santiago Marquez

TUESDAY, April 9th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Primitivo Rueda Salvador/+Domenico, Giorgia Annunziato, Vincenzo, Francesco & Nicolo/ +Clarence & +Janette Foulds & +Jim McCallum/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

WEDNESDAY, April 10th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Ron Edwards & +Frank Dalley/ +Eusebia Arce/ Maria Delia Arce de Avalos

THURSDAY, April 11th

9:00 am Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ All souls in purgatory/ +Julia Tejada Choto/ Rosita Emilia de Tejada

FRIDAY, April 12th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Maria Paula Rodriguez/ Maria de Dolores de Arevalo

SATURDAY, April 13th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Mariana Alvarado de Alvarado/ +Guillermo Turcio

5:00 pm (available for intentions)



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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 Feast of Divine Mercy. What else is Easter about if not that God showed his merciful love to us who only deserved condemnation. It is because of this gift of mercy that the Apostles lived together in peace and harmony (See Acts 4.32-35), knowing fully well that they have been "born of God" by the gift of faith. May the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding always keep your mind and heart in God's love. Have a blessed week!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Your ShareLife gift is a lifeline to families in need

Many individuals and families silently suffer from depression, anxiety, grief and trauma. ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services agencies provide a lifeline to those dealing with mental health challenges.

"Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be left alone and unable to get the help they need. Each donation impacts a life for the better. Thank you."
– Elizabeth Pierce, Catholic Family Services of Durham

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

Good Friday Collection—March 29, 2024

\$3023.00

Regular Offertory—March 31, 2024

\$4,132.00

Easter Sunday Collection—March 31, 2024

\$5,068.90

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, April 13, 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!

Maintenance of the Church Second Collection

This April 6/7 weekend, we shall be taking up a second collection after holy communion to assist with our wheelchair ramp, main entrance stair, fire separation and barrier free washroom projects. Please give intentionally with your yellow "maintenance" envelopes or anyway you can. Thank you for your generous support and may God bless you.

Solar Eclipse Safety (from City of Toronto)

On Monday, April 8, 2024, there will be a solar eclipse when the Moon moves between the Sun and the Earth. In Toronto, it is expected to be a near-total solar eclipse between 2:04 p.m. and 4:31 p.m., with the peak happening at 3:19 p.m. That's when most of the Sun's light will be covered by the Moon. Since this occurs when many people are returning home from school or work, it is important to plan ahead and take precautions.

How to Protect Your Eyes During a Solar Eclipse
It is dangerous to look directly at the sun any time – and especially during an eclipse. This can harm your eyes and even cause permanent damage and loss of sight. To avoid eye damage during a solar eclipse:

- Do not look directly at the eclipse at all.
- If you want to look at the eclipse, only use safe solar eclipse viewers or filters that meet international standard ISO 12312-2. They will make the sun look comfortably bright like the full moon.
- Do not use homemade filters, sunglasses, camera lenses, smoked glass, photographic or x-ray film other things that are not specifically made for viewing eclipses. This includes devices used in combination with a binocular or telescope to view a solar eclipse.
- Do not use a viewer or filter that makes the sun looks too bright, out of focus or hazy through the device.
- Do not use the viewer or filter if you're unsure about its safety or if it is not from a reputable vendor.
- Keep a close eye on children during a solar eclipse. Their eyes let in more light to the retina than adult eyes, so they are at higher risk of harm if they look at the sun without proper eye protection.

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Divina Misericordia. De qué otra cosa trata la Pascua si no es de que Dios mostró su amor misericordioso a nosotros, que sólo merecíamos condenación. Gracias a este don de misericordia, los Apóstoles vivían juntos en paz y armonía (cf. Hch 4,32-35), sabiendo perfectamente que habían "nacido de Dios" por el don de la fe. Que la paz de Cristo, que sobrepasa todo entendimiento, mantenga siempre tu mente y tu corazón en el amor de Dios. Que tengan una semana llena de bendiciones.

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Su donación para ShareLife es un salvavidas para las familias necesitadas

Muchos individuos y familias sufren silenciosamente de depresión, ansiedad, dolor y trauma. Las agencias de Servicios Familiares Católicos apoyadas por ShareLife brindan un salvavidas a quienes enfrentan problemas de salud mental.

"Su generosidad nos permite ayudar a algunos de los miembros más vulnerables y marginados de nuestra comunidad. Sin acceso a un soporte gratuito, ellos o ellas estarían solos y no podrían obtener la ayuda que necesitan. Cada donación impacta una vida para mejor. Gracias." – Elizabeth Pierce, Servicios Familiares Católicos de Durham

Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$11,797.20 hacia nuestra meta de \$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.

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Colecta del Viernes Santo-29 de marzo de 2024

\$3023.00

Ofertorio regular-31 de marzo de 2024

\$4,132.00

Colecta del Domingo de Pascua-Marzo 31, 2024

\$5,068.90

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 13 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!

Mantenimiento de la Iglesia Segunda Colecta

Este fin de semana del 6/7 de abril, haremos una segunda colecta después de la santa comunión para ayudar con nuestros proyectos de la rampa para sillas de ruedas, la escalera de la entrada principal, la separación contra incendios y los aseos sin barreras. Por favor den intencionalmente con sus sobres amarillos de "mantenimiento" o de cualquier manera que puedan. Gracias por su generoso apoyo y que Dios les bendiga.

Seguridad en el eclipse solar (de la Ciudad de Toronto)

El lunes 8 de abril de 2024 se producirá un eclipse solar cuando la Luna se mueva entre el Sol y la Tierra. En Toronto, se espera que sea un eclipse solar casi total entre las 14:04 y las 16:31, con el punto álgido a las 15:19. Será entonces cuando la Luna cubra la mayor parte de la luz del Sol. Como esto ocurre cuando mucha gente vuelve a casa del colegio o del trabajo, es importante planificar con antelación y tomar precauciones.

Cómo protegerse los ojos durante un eclipse solar
Es peligroso mirar directamente al sol en cualquier momento, y especialmente durante un eclipse. Esto puede dañar sus ojos e incluso provocar daños permanentes y pérdida de visión. Para evitar daños oculares durante un eclipse solar:

- No mire directamente al eclipse.
- Si quiere contemplar el eclipse, utilice únicamente visores o filtros de eclipse solar seguros que cumplan la norma internacional ISO 12312-2. Harán que el sol se vea cómodamente brillante como la luna llena.
- No utilice filtros caseros, gafas de sol, lentes de cámara, cristales ahumados, películas fotográficas o de rayos X u otros objetos que no estén fabricados específicamente para ver eclipses. Esto incluye los dispositivos utilizados en combinación con un binocular o telescopio para ver un eclipse solar.
- No utilice un visor o filtro que haga que el sol se vea demasiado brillante, desenfocado o brumoso a través del dispositivo.
- No utilice el visor o el filtro si no está seguro de su seguridad o si no es de un vendedor acreditado.
- Vigile de cerca a los niños durante un eclipse solar. Sus ojos dejan pasar más luz a la retina que los ojos de los adultos, por lo que corren un mayor riesgo de sufrir daños si miran al sol sin la protección ocular adecuada.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

Solemnity of the Annunciation



Today's celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord recalls the historical event of the Angel Gabriel appearing to the Virgin Mary, as found in Luke 1:26–38. It also celebrates the Church's faith in the underlying reality that took place at that moment in time.

It celebrates the Incarnation, making this solemnity not only a Marian solemnity, but first and foremost a Christological one. Though Christmas commemorates the birth of Christ, the Annunciation commemorates the Incarnation within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Most certainly, this solemnity is also a Marian celebration. We celebrate the Virgin Mary's perfect "Yes" to the plan of the Father. We celebrate her humility, obedience, docility, and especially her motherhood of God and man. This solemnity is also a celebration of the Father in Heaven because it reveals the beginning of the pinnacle of His perfect plan of salvation. That moment in time, the moment of the Incarnation, holds significance beyond comprehension. This moment was in the mind of the Father in Heaven from all eternity and took place in a hidden way, known only to this lowly and humble virgin.

Most glorious and ever-virgin Mary, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to you to announce the coming of God within your virginal womb, you inquired with humility how this could be. The Archangel spoke further, and you assented to this divine mystery with all your heart. Please pray for me, that I may always consent to the will of God in my life so that your divine Son may also be conceived in my soul to continue His saving work of redemption. Mother Mary, pray for me. 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](#)

Pope: Joy of Resurrection is very close to us



This joy is already inside, because it was given us on the day of our Baptism. Pope gives four ways to nurture it. Like a child is eager to share his or her joy, so the women who found the empty tomb could not resist sharing their emotion, noted Pope Francis before praying the midday Regina Caeli on Easter Monday.

But the lesson for us, he continued, is that Easter joy isn't far away from us.

"It is very close, it is ours, because it was given to us on the day of our Baptism," the Pope explained. He added: "How can we nurture this joy? Like the women did: by encountering the Risen One, because He is the source of a joy that never ceases. So, let us hasten to seek Him in the Eucharist, in His forgiveness, in prayer, and in lived charity!"

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat Speaking Truth

James 3:7-9

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no human being can tame the tongue. . . . With it we bless the LORD and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God.

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media – Peace be to You



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](#)

It's Easter, Now What?



Happy Easter! He is Risen!

But also, now what? In Lent I have my list. I know we're going to do this, and this, and this, and not do that, or that, or that. It's not always fun, but I have found it to be very effective over the years, and a little more manageable from one year to the next, and—to my point today—it all really defines the season as unmistakably L-E-N-T for my family and me. But now, I need to make Easter meaningful. I don't want Easter to be just a reprieve from Lent!

[Read More](#)

He is Risen!



Fr. Mark-Mary challenges us to lean into the immense gift of this Easter season and boldly proclaim, with a sure hope, Alleluia, He is Risen!

[Watch Video](#)

"He has risen. This is the heart of our faith. Mary was a silent witness of all these events. Let us ask her to help us also to receive the fullness of this Easter message."

— St. John Paul II

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