

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



April 14th, 2024 | Third Week of Easter

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.



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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 13th to 20th 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 13th

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

5:00 pm +John A. Grant

SUNDAY, April 14th

9:00 am +Frank Perri/ +Saturnina Tolibas/ Bernardo Edradan / Thanksgiving for Rayo-Lunar family

10:30 am +Pasquale e +Teresa Nudo/ +Pietro & +Maria Toteria/ Good health for Doreen Fedrigo

12:00 pm +Maria Clotilde Barros & +Adelino Mouta Reis Gomes

2:00 pm +Fausto Mauricio Plaza/ +Maria Elena, +Jose Denis, +Alejandra & +Jose Antonio Elias/ Birthday Blessings upon Ana Celia Elias de Chacon/ Sanacion de la bebida Luz Fernanda Padron

MONDAY, April 15th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ +Domenico Rutigliano

TUESDAY, April 16th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Domenico, +Elisa, +Francesco, +Vincenzo, +Giuseppe/ +Mercedes Villagra Ayala/ Birthday blessings upon Maria Lidia Alvarado & Christina Katsoulis

WEDNESDAY, April 17th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Antonio & Filomena Albanese & +Luigi Lombardo/ +Olimpia & Vicente Rodriguez/ Birthday blesings upon Luis Doradea

THURSDAY, April 18th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Ada & +Alfonso Mendicino/ +Stanislawa Misko

FRIDAY, April 19th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Herve Wirtz/ Birthday blessings upon Anastasia Zachos

SATURDAY, April 20th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

2:00 pm Baptism of Cielle Sonza

5:00 pm Thanksgiving for all the blessings & graces received by Anje Alvarez



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

In the beautiful Gospel of this third Sunday of Easter (Luke 24.35-48), St. Luke narrates the story of how Jesus appeared to his eleven apostles and the two disciples who met him earlier on their journey to Emmaus. The "fear-factor" sticks out pretty much! The evangelist shares that they were "startled", "terrified", and "frightened". Of course, to see in flesh and blood someone whose death and funeral you witnessed would most probably elicit the same feeling in us. But I also think that their reaction was due partly to the fact that they, out of fear, deserted their suffering and dying Master. May the mercy and love of Jesus enable us to be courageous witnesses of Christ to all those we meet this week. Amen.

Third Sunday of Easter

Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community.

Thus far we have raised \$13,109.35 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 living the Gospel through ShareLife!

Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection—April 7, 2024
\$4643.15

Maintenance Collection—April 7, 2024
\$3526.00

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, April 19, 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!

Thank you

Appreciation for Maintenance Collection

Last weekend, April 6/7, we collected the amount of \$3,526 toward our parish maintenance projects. We heartily thank you for your generous contribution. May God bless you! If you are yet to make your voice heard, please do so. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET

First Confessions for FHC Students

Our FHC children will be doing their First Confessions on Thursday, 25 April at 6:00pm. Let us remember to pray for them.



First Holy Communion

On the weekend of April 27/28, all the kids who completed their FHC classes will be receiving Jesus for the first time during the Mass that they usually attend, accompanied by their family and friends. Please keep the children in your prayers. Thank you.

REMINDER

ShareLife Second Collection

On the weekend of 27/28 April, we shall be taking up our second ShareLife Second Collection for the charitable works of our Archdiocese. Please give generously. May the Lord reward you abundantly!

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA

En el hermoso Evangelio de este tercer Domingo de Pascua (Lucas 24.35-48), San Lucas narra la historia de cómo Jesús se apareció a sus once apóstoles y a los dos discípulos que se habían encontrado antes en su viaje a Emaús. El "factor miedo" salta a la vista. El evangelista cuenta que estaban "sobresaltados", "aterrorizados" y "asustados". Por supuesto, ver en carne y hueso a alguien de cuya muerte y funeral has sido testigo probablemente provocaría el mismo sentimiento en nosotros. Pero también pienso que su reacción se debió en parte al hecho de que, por miedo, abandonaron a su Maestro sufriente y moribundo. Que la misericordia y el amor de Jesús nos permitan ser testigos valientes de Cristo ante todos los que encontremos esta semana. Amén.

Tercer domingo de Pascua

A través de ShareLife, usted ayuda a que los refugiados encuentren seguridad y libertad.

Su generosa donación a ShareLife es crucial para los inmigrantes y refugiados para establecerse en una nueva vida en Canadá. Su amor y apoyo no solo les han brindado seguridad y libertad, sino que también les han brindado la oportunidad de crear un futuro mejor en nuestra comunidad. 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 ¡Gracias por vivir el Evangelio a través de ShareLife!

Grazie per la vostra generosità!

Raccolta ordinaria - 7 aprile 2024

\$4643.15

Raccolta di mantenimento - 7 aprile 2024

\$3526.00

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 19 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!

muchas Gracias

Agradecimiento por la colecta de mantenimiento

El pasado fin de semana, 6/7 de abril, recogimos la cantidad de \$3,526 para nuestros proyectos de mantenimiento de la parroquia. Les agradecemos de corazón su Generosa contribución. ¡Que Dios les bendiga! Si aún no ha

NO SE OLVIDE

Primeras confesiones para los alumnos de FHC

Nuestros niños de FHC harán sus Primeras Confesiones el jueves 25 de abril a las 6:00pm. Acordémonos de rezar por ellos.



Primera Comunión

El fin de semana del 27/28 de abril, todos los niños que terminaron sus clases de FHC recibirán a Jesús por primera vez durante la misa a la que asisten habitualmente, acompañados de sus familiares y amigos. Por favor, tengan a los niños en sus oraciones. Gracias.

RECUERDA

Segunda colecta ShareLife

El fin de semana del 27/28 de abril haremos nuestra segunda colecta ShareLife para las obras de caridad de nuestra archidiócesis. Por favor, dad generosamente. Que el Señor les recompense abundantemente.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

Spiritual Knowledge From Within

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord's appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior. In the first reading of today's Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, "God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

My revealing Lord, You showed Yourself to Your disciples not only physically but spiritually, revealing Your very essence to them interiorly. Please bestow this gift upon me, dear Lord. May I come to know You and believe in You with all my heart. As I do, please use me as an instrument of Your mercy to others. Jesus, I trust in You. — My Catholic Life

The Source

Thursday, April 25, 2024 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
840 Bathurst Street, Toronto



You are invited to The Source Holy Hour with music by the Sisters of Life at St. Peter's Church in Toronto (Bathurst and Bloor)

[Check Out Event](#)

Eclipse brings Americans together, provokes thought on higher subjects



Light and darkness unite people from coast to coast

"That was just so neat. It just felt like God gave us that little bit of a wink when he parted the clouds enough for us to be able to see the full eclipse, and the kids even said they were so glad that we were able to come and experience it," she said.

Just about 10 days earlier, during the Easter Triduum, the family had been talking about the possibility that there had been an eclipse during the crucifixion. "And so we talked about that, since we're just a week out from Easter," Hillger said, adding that her children – ages 13, 12 and 10 – "thought it was really cool to be able to experience maybe what it would have been like in Jerusalem during that time."

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat No Longer Slaves

Exodus 2:10

When the child grew, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her son and called him Moses; for she said, "I drew him out of the water."

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media – God’s Plan



Animated Story

[Children’s Video](#)

Life Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

Friday, April 26, 2024 07:00 PM -

Sunday, April 28, 2024 03:30 PM

St. Augustine’s Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd.



This healing retreat is offered for adult children of separated and divorced parents. The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents’ relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God’s beloved, capable of great love. Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), which includes meals, lodging, and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2024>. For more information, please email lgwtoronto@proton.me.

[Register Here](#)

New Vatican document lists ‘grave violations’ of human dignity



Fundamental Principles

The first three parts of the Declaration recall fundamental principles.

"In the light of Revelation, the Church resolutely reiterates and confirms" the "ontological dignity of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God and redeemed in Jesus Christ" (1). This is an "inalienable dignity", corresponding to "human nature apart from all cultural change"(6). It is a "gift" and therefore present in "an unborn child, an unconscious person, or an older person in distress (9). "dignity of the body and soul" (19), and, in His rising, revealed to us that man's dignity man rests "above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God" (20).

[Read More](#)

Saying Yes to a Life You Did Not Plan



Who is orchestrating your life? If it's God—and not you—what will you say to him? Fr. Mike suggests trying "yes." Whether life circumstances bring the best out of you or the worst out of you, you need Jesus more than you think you do. And that is a very good thing. Here's why.

[Watch Video](#)

“On Easter day the Church tells us that Jesus Christ made that journey to the ends of the universe for our sake.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

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