

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | Fifth 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

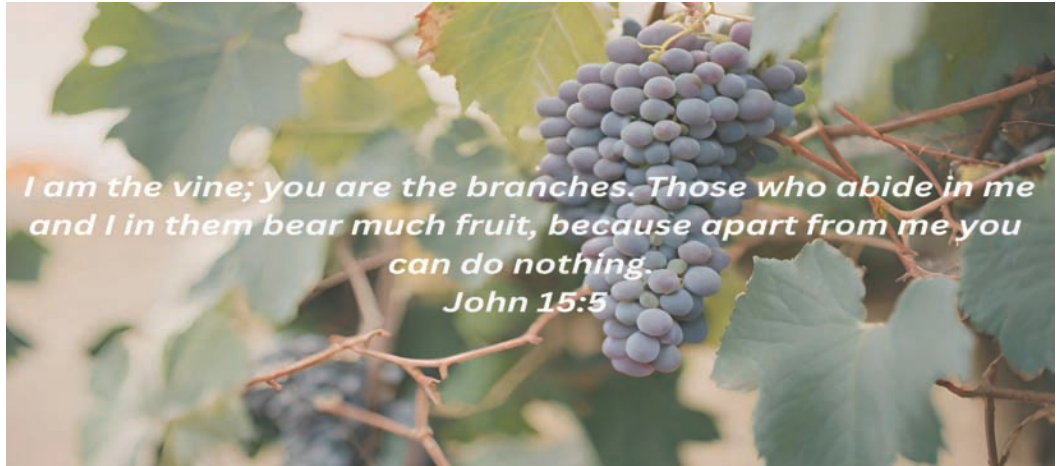
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## CATECHISM & RCIA

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.



*I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.*  
*John 15:5*

**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 27<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, April 27<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Rudy Peralta/+Clarence & Janette Foulds

**2:30 pm** Baptism of Amara Sibley Rankin

**5:00 pm** +Michael Bell/ +Jose Eduardo Furtado & all souls  
in purgatory/ +Teresina Altomare

### SUNDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Giuseppe & +Pasqualina Maffa/ +Antonio  
Tolibas & +Porferia Tokong/+Saturnina Tolibas & +Eulalio  
Mendoza/ +Joven Su

**10:30 am** +Nicola & +Rocchia Mastrangelo/ +Rosario &  
+Francesco Ferragina & +Adelina Volpentesta

**12:00 pm** +Dalmacio & +Sulpicia Petilla

**2:00 pm** +Catalina Herrera Valles +Osvaldo Arevalo,  
+Rafael Marroquin, +Rafael Cuellar/ William Martinez

**6:00 pm** +Clarence & +Janette Foulds/ Robbie & Breanna  
Archibald, & Dave & Bonnie Weir

### MONDAY, April 29<sup>th</sup> — St. Catherine of Siena

**9:00 am** +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ +Jim  
Mccallum & +Ron Edwards/ +Hipolita Medrano

### TUESDAY, April 30<sup>th</sup> — St. Pius Pope

**9:00 am** +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Jim  
Mccallum & +Ron Edwards/ +Maria Franchi, +Ana Maria &  
+Palmino Alfano/ Monsignor Robert Nusca

### WEDNESDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Frank Daley &  
+Margot Briarley

### THURSDAY, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Frank Daley &  
+Margot Briarley/ +Fr. James Reposkey

### FRIDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Eduardo,  
+Arturo, & +Flor Gonzalez/ Julio Gonzalez Jr.

**7:00 pm** Deceased members of STA community

### SATURDAY, May 4<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Fr. Juan Triviño/ Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary

**5:00 pm** +Francesco Gullone/ All souls in purgatory



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

Our Lord Jesus Christ uses the symbol of a plant (the vine and branches) to illustrate the the relationship that we share with him: "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches" (John 15.4-5). The Lord goes on to say that it is only by sticking to and remaining in him that we can be fruitful in our spiritual life. May we spend more time in prayer and meditation during this week. Amen.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Share the love with our beloved seniors through ShareLife

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you offered quality care and companionship to over 2,800 vulnerable seniors.

"The largest thank you to all ShareLife donors for your continued generosity! With your support, our centre is able to provide assistance to seniors in need through our community programs." – Jaymie Daunt, LA Centre for Active Seniors

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 2. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel!

### Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection—April 21, 2024

\$5194.55

Maintenance—April 21, 2024

\$2922.00

## Youth Group: Friday Evenings

### Youth Ministry for Friday, May 3, 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!



## First Friday Evening Mass & Adoration

Just a reminder that this **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May**, we have Mass at 7pm, followed by a youth-animated praise and worship adoration. You are most welcome to join in and pray with us! God bless you.



## First Saturday Trilingual Rosary

Please note that the Legion of Mary will be leading a multilingual prayer of the holy Rosary next **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May** immediately after the morning Mass. Please join us to honor Mama Mary and you may bring along some flowers too. Thank you.

## Basic Latin Knowledge for Young Adults

Next Saturday, 4th May at 6:15pm, our parish young adults will be meeting up in the Church to begin an introductory course in Latin. The goal is twofold: understand and translate! "*Deus bonus semper est. Alleluia*"



## STA Summer BBQ & Raffle Fundraiser!!!

### Saturday, June 15th from 11am to 5pm

We accept intercontinental food donations and also award money, material and other prizes.. Please grab your raffle tickets ASAP from the parish office. For food donation and related infos in English, please contact Carmine (416-899-7913) or Isabel (647-501-0723) in Spanish. Everyone is welcome to participate!

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA,

Nuestro Señor Jesucristo utiliza el símbolo de una planta (la vid y los sarmientos) para ilustrar la relación que compartimos con Él: "Permaneced en mí, como yo permanezco en vosotros. Como el sarmiento no puede dar fruto por sí mismo si no permanece en la vid, así tampoco vosotros si no permanecéis en mí. Yo soy la vid, vosotros los sarmientos" (Jn 15,4-5). El Señor continúa diciendo que sólo permaneciendo en Él podremos ser fructíferos en nuestra vida espiritual. Que durante esta semana dediquemos más tiempo a la oración y a la meditación. Amén.

## Quinto domingo de Pascua

### Comparta su amor con nuestros queridos adultos mayores a través de ShareLife

El año pasado, los partidarios de ShareLife como usted ofrecieron atención de calidad y compañía a más de 2800 personas mayores vulnerables.

"¡Muchísimas gracias a todos los donantes de ShareLife por su continua generosidad! Con su apoyo, nuestro centro puede brindar asistencia a las personas mayores necesitadas a través de nuestros programas comunitarios". – Jaymie Daunt, Centro de Los Ángeles para personas mayores activas

Este 2 de junio es el tercer domingo de ShareLife. Le pedimos que comparta sus bendiciones a través de la parroquia o en [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

¡Gracias por vivir el Evangelio!

*Gracias por su generosidad  
Colecta regular-21 de abril de 2024  
\$5194.55  
Mantenimiento-21 de abril de 2024  
\$2922.00*

## Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

**Ministerio de la Juventud para el viernes 3 de mayo 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!



## Misa vespertina y adoración del primer viernes

Os recordamos que este viernes, 3 de mayo, tenemos misa a las 19:00, seguida de una adoración animada por jóvenes. Os invitamos a participar y a rezar con nosotros. Que Dios os bendiga.



## Primer sábado Rosario trilingüe

Les informamos de que la Legión de María dirigirá un rezo multilingüe del Santo Rosario el próximo sábado, 4 de mayo, inmediatamente después de la misa de la mañana. Por favor, únense a nosotros para honrar a Mamá María y también pueden traer algunas flores. Gracias.

## Conocimientos básicos de latín para jóvenes adultos

El próximo sábado 4 de mayo a las 18:15, los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia se reunirán en la Iglesia para comenzar un curso de iniciación al latín. El objetivo es doble: ¡comprender y traducir! "Deus bonus semper est. Aleluya"



## STA Barbacoa de Verano y ¡¡¡Rifa para recaudar fondos!!!

### Sábado, 15 de junio de 11h a 17h

Aceptamos donaciones de alimentos intercontinentales y también premios en dinero, material y otros.. Por favor, coge tus boletos para la rifa lo antes posible en el despacho parroquial. Para donaciones de comida e información relacionada en inglés, por favor contacta con Carmine (416-899-7913) o Isabel (647-501-0723) en español. ¡Todos son bienvenidos a participar!



# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## April 29: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church—Memorial



Reflection: Caterina di Jacopo di Benincasa (Catherine) was the twenty-third or twenty-fourth child born to loving parents in the thriving city of Siena, Italy. As a child, Catherine stood out. She was given the nickname “Euphrosyne,” which means “joy,” because of her joyful disposition and deep devotion to God from an early age. At the age of five, she would climb the stairs in her home on her knees as she prayed the Hail Mary on each step. At the age of six, while she was out walking with her brother, she had the first of many visions. She saw Jesus, sitting on a throne, crowned as King, surrounded by Saints Peter, Paul, and John.

Saint Catherine was one of the greatest and most influential saints in the history of the Church. In her lifetime she had a powerful impact upon those she encountered, including the pope. In her death, she continues to have a profound impact upon the Church as a Doctor of the Church. None of that would have been possible had she not engaged in fervent prayer and penance throughout her life. Ponder your own prayer life as we honor Saint Catherine, and strive to imitate her burning love for her Lord, her Divine Spouse. That love, fueled by a unquenchable desire for God, is beautifully seen in the following prayer that she herself wrote:

*Eternal God, eternal Trinity, You have made the Blood of Christ so precious through His sharing in Your Divine nature. You are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find, the more I search for You. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more. When You fill my soul, I have an ever greater hunger, and I grow more famished for Your light. I desire above all to see You, the true Light, as You really are. Amen — My Catholic Life*

### Blue Mass 2024

Saturday, May 04, 2024 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto



With our Most Reverend Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB and priests, we are celebrating a Blue Mass to thank our Emergency Personnel and First Responders. We are inviting our Police, Fire and Paramedic Services and their families to our Blue Mass.

[Check Out Event](#)

## Did you know that Jesus prays for you to the Father?



It's easy to forget that Jesus prays for us and interceded for us in the ultimate gift of his life on the cross. While we may remember that the saints intercede for us in Heaven, we may forget that Jesus is our primary intercessor before God the Father.

It's interesting to linger on that fact: Jesus prays for us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms this teaching and expands on it in its section on prayer:

Jesus also prays for us — in our place and on our behalf. All our petitions were gathered up, once for all, in his cry on the Cross and, in his Resurrection, heard by the Father. This is why he never ceases to intercede for us with the Father. CCC 2741

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat Fulfillment of the Law

*Matthew 5:17*

*Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have not come to abolish but to fulfill.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Catholic Kids Media – Jesus’s Vine



**Animated Story**

**[Children’s Video](#)**

**NETWORK! Workshop: Through God’s Eyes & Heart:  
Towards a Spirituality & Mission of Compassion and  
Inclusion with and for Young People**  
Thursday, May 02, 2024 07:00 PM to 09:00 PM  
Online Workshop



NETWORK!: A virtual series for leaders and volunteers in Youth, Young Adult and Family & Children Ministries.

Youth people are in the centre of the mission of Jesus. St. Alphonsus was convinced that they are already in the very heart of God’s concern for the "World." St. Alphonsus offers us a rich spirituality of personal relationship with Jesus so that we come to "see with God’s eyes" all those who experience abandonment, hurt, exclusion as our brothers and sisters – embraced in the "heart of God." This helps us to respond with compassion and can sustain us over the long haul as we reach out to young people and others

**[Register Here](#)**

### Italy has another St. Gianna, Chiara Corbella



The story of St. Gianna Beretta is well known, and the saint is much loved around the world. Her daughter, little Gianna, was born healthy thanks to the sacrificial decision of St. Gianna when a tumor was found on her uterus.

See here for more details about Gianna’s life, as told by her son. A similar story is that of Chiara Corbella. She lost her first two children shortly after their births. During her third pregnancy, she was diagnosed with cancer, but refused certain treatments in order to protect the life of her third child. Her son Francesco was born in perfect health in May 2011. Chiara began chemotherapy, but the disease persisted and was never cured. She died in 2012, at the age of 28, leaving behind her a testimony of love story very similar to that of Gianna and Chiara.

**[Read More](#)**

### God Wants You to Rest



When was the last time you took a real break? Because of the world’s rapid pace, we can easily think of rest as a waste of time or a luxury for those who can afford it. Sr. Mary Grace reminds us that God didn’t create us to do something but to simply be. She explains that true rest is returning to the reality of who you are. God wants you to enjoy the gift of life. Taking a break might be the bravest thing you do today.

**[Watch Video](#)**

*“The resurrection of Jesus adorns us with a  
new life of glory.”*

*— St. Francis De Sales*

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