

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



May 5th, 2024 | Sixth 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.

*As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;
abide in my love.*

John 15:9

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

May 4th to 11th 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 4th

9:00 am +Harriet Capalla/ +Jeny Nava/ +Fr. Juan Triviño/
+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Thanksgiving for the
Legion of Mary

5:00 pm +Francesco Gullone & all souls in purgatory/
+Hyacinth Echavia

SUNDAY, May 5th

9:00 am +Lucio Rego & +Joao Paracho & all souls in
purgatory/ In Honour and Thanksgiving to Blessed
Trinity, Holy Family, All Saints, Holy Angels, & Blesseds &
Birthday Blessing for Kleio

10:30 am (available for intentions)

12:00 pm +Manuel & +Adelaida Acebedo

2:00 pm +Alejandrina Nuñez/ Sanacion de Joshep & Toty Calle

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, May 6th

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

TUESDAY, May 7th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Vincent
Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Birthday blessings upon Fryda
Tatiana de Mejia, Rosalba Campos & Micaela Manzano

WEDNESDAY, May 8th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Carmen
Hushion & all souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, May 9th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Deceased
members of the Stephens family & +Shane Wilkinson/ Han
Ycaza & Martha Maria Ramirez & Fr. Anish

FRIDAY, May 10th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Filomena
Pacheco/ Birthday blessings upon Ariana Belen Tejada &
Rosita Pacheco

SATURDAY, May 11th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

11:00 am Sacrament of Confirmation

5:00 pm +Maria Ligia Alzate



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Are you still moved by the fact that the greatest news of Christianity is that God is love and that to abide in Christ's love is to live life to the full? The Gospel reading (John 15.9-17) unveils something quite rare in all Sacred Scripture. That is, there is a dynamic love relationship between God and us, between us and others and between God and humanity. Yet, at the end of the day, it is the self-sacrificing love of fraternal love of other people which ultimately shows that we have been begotten by God and truly know Him. This week, "go and bear fruit, fruit that will last". Amen.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ShareLife: Live the Gospel by supporting our vulnerable brothers and sisters

Through your love, Catholic agencies bring the hands of Christ to the most vulnerable members of our community. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection—April 28, 2024
\$5662.05

Sharelife Collection —April 28, 2024
\$3769.50

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, May 10, 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!

Confirmands' Confession & Rehearsal

On Thursday, 9th May 2024, at 6pm, there will be sacrament of reconciliation & liturgy rehearsals for all the students who will be receiving their Confirmation the following Saturday (11th May). Be sure to be there on time!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to congratulate all the First Communicants who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion this past weekend. May the good Lord bless and keep you always!

MAY - Marian Month!

During this month of devotion to Mother Mary, our Archbishop Francis Leo has strongly encouraged us as parish community, Christian homes and schools, "to get to know Our Lady in a deeper, personal way". As your pastor, I join my voice to warmly invite you to consider making time to pray the Rosary as a family. During this month, you could also come to Church 30 minutes earlier so that you can join the parish communal prayer of the holy Rosary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God!

Catholic Education Week May 5th -10th

The Catholic Community throughout Ontario celebrates the Catholic Education Week from May 5-10. The topic is "We are called to love". Our Archbishop Francis Leo explains that "Called to love entails looking to Jesus who showed us how to love and whom to love". We thank God for the gift of faith-filled teachers who model the Christian faith to our precious youth, God's children.

Fr. Patrick away for Archdiocesan Priests' Retreat

Our pastor, Fr. Patrick will be away from Monday, 6th May to Thursday 9th May for the annual priests' retreat in Nottawasaga. Please keep him in your prayers as seeks recreation in soul and spirit. Thank you.



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 hermanos y hermanas en Cristo ¿Seguís conmovidos por el hecho de que la gran noticia del cristianismo es que Dios es amor y que permanecer en el amor de Cristo es vivir la vida en plenitud? La lectura del Evangelio (Jn 15,9-17) desvela algo bastante raro en toda la Sagrada Escritura. Es decir, existe una relación dinámica de amor entre Dios y nosotros, entre nosotros y los demás y entre Dios y la humanidad. Sin embargo, a fin de cuentas, es el amor abnegado y fraterno a los demás lo que demuestra, en última instancia, que hemos sido engendrados por Dios y que lo conocemos de verdad. Esta semana, "id y dad fruto, fruto que dure". Amén.

Sexto domingo de Pascua

ShareLife: Viva el Evangelio apoyando a nuestros hermanos y hermanas vulnerables

A través de su amor, las agencias católicas llevan las manos de Cristo a los miembros más vulnerables de nuestra comunidad. 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 Regular-Abril 28, 2024

\$5662.05

Colecta Sharelife -Abril 28, 2024

\$3769.50

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Ministerio de la Juventud para el viernes 10 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!

Confesión y ensayo de los confirmandos

El jueves 9 de mayo de 2024, a las 18:00, habrá ensayos del sacramento de la reconciliación y de la liturgia para todos los alumnos que recibirán la Confirmación el sábado siguiente (11 de mayo). ¡Asegúrate de llegar a tiempo!

FELICITACIONES

Nos gustaría felicitar a todos los niños de Primera Comunión que recibieron el Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión este pasado fin de semana. ¡Que el buen Dios os bendiga y os guarde siempre!

MAYO - ¡Mes mariano!

Durante este mes de devoción a la Madre María, nuestro Arzobispo Francis Leo nos ha animado fuertemente como comunidad parroquial, hogares cristianos y escuelas, "a conocer a Nuestra Señora de una manera más profunda y personal". Como vuestro párroco, uno mi voz para invitaros cordialmente a que consideréis la posibilidad de dedicar un tiempo a rezar el Rosario en familia. Durante este mes, también podéis venir a la Iglesia 30 minutos antes para uniros al rezo comunitario del Santo Rosario en la parroquia. Ruega por nosotros, Santa Madre de Dios.

Semana de la Educación Católica del 5 al 10 de mayo

La comunidad católica de Ontario celebra la Semana de la Educación Católica del 5 al 10 de mayo. El tema es "Estamos llamados a amar". Nuestro Arzobispo Francis Leo explica que "Llamados a amar implica mirar a Jesús que nos mostró cómo amar y a quién amar". Damos gracias a Dios por el don de los profesores llenos de fe que modelan la fe cristiana a nuestros preciosos jóvenes, los hijos de Dios.

El P. Patrick asistirá al retiro sacerdotal arquidiocesano

Nuestro párroco, el P. Patrick, se ausentará del lunes 6 de mayo al jueves 9 de mayo para asistir al retiro anual de sacerdotes en Nottawasaga. Por favor, manténganlo en sus oraciones mientras busca recrearse en alma y espíritu. Muchas gracias.



**STA Barbacon 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

The Ascension of the Lord



The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem, and that spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension, which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended. The event of the Ascension is found in the Gospels and Acts (Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:6–12). It is also alluded to in various other passages (John 6:62; Ephesians 4:7–10; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 3:21–22). Only Jesus and His Blessed Mother have entered into the glories of Heaven, body and soul. Jesus' Ascension implies that He did so by His own authority and power. The Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption implies that she entered Heaven, body and soul, by God's power, and not her own. Though every aspect of Christ's life is shrouded in mysteries which will only be fully understood by the faithful when they stand before Him and behold the Beatific Vision, today we especially ponder this beautiful and profound mystery of our faith. As we celebrate the Ascension, try to prayerfully meditate upon the perfect unity of Jesus' human and divine natures.

Prayer: My Ascended Lord, forty days after You rose from the dead You ascended to the right hand of the Father in Heaven, taking up Your throne from which You pour forth both judgment and mercy. As we honor this great mystery of Your divine and human life, I beg for mercy upon me and upon the whole world. Free us from all sin, and open the floodgates of Your mercy so that all people will share one day, body and soul, in the glory of Your Beatific Vision. Jesus, I trust in You. — My Catholic Life

A Grief Retreat and Presentation of Support Fundamentals

Saturday, May 11, 2024 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Blessed Trinity Parish, 3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto



Blessed Trinity Parish invites you to A Grief Retreat and Presentation of Support Fundamentals Presented by Side-by-Side Grief Support Ministry.

[Check Out Event](#)

The Days You're Living: A Letter from God



Read: Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Listen:

"My child, Let Me show you the meaning of your life.

Not just the purpose I had at your beginning or the good plans I have for your future, but the meaning of these days you're living. On the days that you forget Me, I'll remind you. On the days that you think of Me all day long, I'll rejoice.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat The Value of One

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.

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media – Grace and Love



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Let this saint guide you to greater hope this May



May is the month of expectation ... St. Rita teaches us to hope for miracles. "May is the month of expectation ... the month of hope," said the great writer Emily Bronte. Indeed, the month of May is famous for its florid beauty, a month of hopefulness and fresh, new beginnings. And so, it is a good time to seek the intercession of St. Rita of Cascia, one of May's most inspiring saints who can guide us to greater hope in God.

This "patroness of impossible causes," as she is known, could be called the female counterpart to St. Jude, who is known to be a patron saint of hopeless cases. St. Rita teaches us to hope for miracles.

[Read More](#)

Full of Grace – Music & Poetry Devoted to The Virgin Mary



Friday, May 10, 2024 07:30 PM

In honour of Mother's Day, we invite you to join us on May 10th, at 7:30 p.m., as St. Paul's Basilica hosts the Together In Worship Canada Choir, artistic director Mark Wood-Salomon, and accompanist David Simon for an evening of music and poetry devoted to The Virgin Mary and Motherhood. This carefully curated concert will feature selections from The Confession Stone by Robert Fleming, sung by Anika Venkatesh and John Ireland's Mother And Child, sung by Claire Latosinsky. The choir will perform works by Sir John Tavener, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Robert Pearsall and Monsignor Thomas Barrett Armstrong.

[Register Here](#)

Can I Be Busy AND Pray



You know that you should pray. You have every intention to stop and spend time with the Lord, but before you know it, the day is over. Is it truly possible to balance a busy life with prayer? Today Nell O'Leary, wife and mother, shares some practical insights from her own life on how to make space for prayer in a hectic schedule. You don't need a course, a book, or a program—you just need the simple habit of placing and keeping your heart before God all day, continually and constantly.

[Watch Video](#)

"Love God above all things. His goodness being infinite and His beauty without comparison, you should keep always before your minds the great love He has for you as Father, Spouse, and Master."

— St. Rita of Cascia

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