

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



May 19th, 2024 | Pentecost 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

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on Fridays and 7:30 pm on First Fridays

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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 18th to 25th 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 18th

9:00 am +Paul, +Jana, +Phillip & +Joseph Maingot/
+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

1:30 pm Baptism of Sofia Yucor

5:00 pm +Teresina Altomare & +Vincenzo Barbieri/

SUNDAY, May 19th — Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am +Sabino Del Riccio/ +Nicola Di Placido/

+Giuse Uoc Vu & +Maria Hue

10:30 am +Maria Alaimo

12:00 pm +Rachel Solano

2:00 pm Lucia and Carlos Rodas Wedding Anniversary/
George & Paulina Calle

6:00 pm +Paul, +Jana, +Phillip & +Joseph Maingot

MONDAY, May 20th — Mary, Mother of the Church

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/+Paul,
+Jana, +Phillip & +Joseph Maingot/+Maria Phien & all
souls in purgatory/ +John Michael Fee/ Mary Whaba

TUESDAY, May 21st — St. Christopher Magallanes

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Vincent
Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Janette & Clarence Foulds

WEDNESDAY, May 22nd — St. Rita of Cascia

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Frank Daley, Jim
Mccallum & +Ron Edwards/ +Bernadette Cardyn/
+Florena Mallari/ +Emilia & +Agostino Chioran

THURSDAY, May 23rd

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Frank Daley, Jim
Mccallum & +Ron Edwards

FRIDAY, May 24th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Frank Daley,
Jim Mccallum & +Ron Edwards/ +Eva & Joseph Zsoka/
+Felimon Mallari/ Rodney Calle & Olivia Redil

SATURDAY, May 25th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh /+Marcelo Javier
Vasconez Naranjo/+Augusto Nicasio/ +Frank Perri
5:00 pm Melaya family/+Vincenzo & +Giuseppina Tuzi/
+Tequila Tuzi/ +Tala Nicholson



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
On this Pentecost weekend, I would like to share with you a couple of verses from a beautiful, ancient Catholic prayer to the Holy Spirit:

*"Of Consolers, wisest, best,
And our soul's most welcome Guest,
Sweet refreshment, sweet repose.
In our labor, rest most sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Consolation in our woes".
Amen.*

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Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection—May 12, 2024
\$5,159.00

STA Deposits and Withdrawals - April

Deposits: \$45,549.88

Withdrawals \$96,758.44

- \$ 7,000.00 was paid for the Diocesan Assessment.
- \$13,800.00 was disbursed to ShareLife
- \$18,500.00 was paid to the Roof/Ramp project Exploration work & schematic design
- \$ 3,300.00 was paid for the Roof/Ramp project boundary & topographic survey
- \$10,200.00 was paid for the Roof/Ramp Project Architectural fees

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!

Marian Procession on Saturday, 25th May at 6:30pm!

At the conclusion of the Marian month, we shall have a collective recitation of the holy Rosary with a beautiful procession from the Church through the parking lot into the school yard and back to the Church through Glenholme. Together let us show our love for our heavenly Mother!

Extraordinary Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, 1st June at 6:30pm!

Following our Archbishop's warm invitation, there will be all-embracing parish Eucharistic procession on the first Saturday in June. All the parish ministries, prayer groups and associations are cordially invited to come dressed up in their attire (color: white). Let us enthrone our Lord Jesus Christ as King of our lives matching forward with faith through the streets with our lively songs and acclamations. Christus vincit! Christus regnat!! Christus imperat!!!

Short Trips & Pilgrimages Coming Back Soon....

Great News for trip makers & pilgrimage lovers! By God's grace, we shall be resuming our parish short trips/pilgrimages in a few weeks. However, we do need about three capable, faith-filled and dependable individuals who are willing and available to form part of the core team (secretary, treasurer and event promoter). If you feel called to share your time and talent with our parish Community, please register your name at the back of the Church or at the parish office. Thank you.

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,
En este fin de semana de Pentecostés, quisiera compartir con vosotros un par de versículos de una hermosa y antigua oración católica al Espíritu Santo:

*"De los Consoladores, el más sabio, el mejor,
y bienvenido huésped de nuestra alma,
Dulce refrigerio, dulce reposo.
En nuestro trabajo, dulce descanso,
Agradable frescor en el calor,
Consuelo en nuestras penas".
Amén.*

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Hasta ahora, hemos recaudado \$18,316.85 hacia nuestra meta de \$32,000. 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 su generosidad
Colecta Regular— Mayo 12, 2024
\$5,159.00

Depósitos y retiradas de la parroquia STA - Abril

Depósitos: \$45,549.88

Retiros \$96,758.44

- \$7,000.00 fueron pagados para la Evaluación Diocesana.
- \$13,800.00 fueron desembolsados a ShareLife
- \$18,500.00 fueron pagados al proyecto del Techo/Rampa
- Trabajo de exploración y diseño esquemático Se pagaron \$3,300.00 para el proyecto del techo y la rampa.
- \$10,200.00 fueron pagados para el proyecto del techo/rampa Honorarios de arquitectura

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. Rueda por nosotros, Santa Madre de Dios.

¡Procesión mariana el sábado 25 de mayo a las 18:30!

Al concluir el mes mariano, tendremos un rezo colectivo del Santo Rosario con una hermosa procesión desde la Iglesia a través del estacionamiento hasta el patio de la escuela y de regreso a la Iglesia a través de Glenholme. ¡Juntos demostremos nuestro amor a nuestra Madre celestial!

¡Procesión Eucarística Extraordinaria el sábado 1 de junio a las 18:30!

Siguiendo la calurosa invitación de nuestro Arzobispo, habrá una procesión eucarística parroquial extraordinaria el primer sábado de junio. Todos los ministerios parroquiales, grupos de oración y asociaciones están cordialmente invitados a venir vestidos con sus atuendos (color: blanco). Entronicemos a nuestro Señor Jesucristo como Rey de nuestras vidas avanzando con fe por las calles con nuestros cantos y aclamaciones vivas. ¡Christus vincit! ¡Christus regnat! ¡Christus imperat!

Pronto volverán los viajes cortos y las peregrinaciones....

¡Grandes noticias para los amantes de los viajes y peregrinaciones! Por la gracia de Dios, reanudaremos nuestros viajes cortos/peregrinaciones parroquiales dentro de unas semanas. Sin embargo, necesitamos unas tres personas capaces, llenas de fe y fiables que estén dispuestas y disponibles para formar parte del equipo central (secretaria, tesorero y promotor del evento). Si usted se siente llamado a compartir su tiempo y talento con nuestra comunidad parroquial, por favor registre su nombre en la parte posterior de la Iglesia o en la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias.

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

Solemnity of Pentecost



Today, we celebrate the most glorious Solemnity of Pentecost, the promised Gift of the Father and the Son to Jesus' disciples. After rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days. During those appearances, He offered them proof of His resurrection, continued to teach them, and reminded them of all He had revealed to them about His death and Resurrection, preparing them for the next step of their mission. "While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit'" (Acts 1:4-5).

During the ten days after Jesus' Ascension, the eleven Apostles gathered together in the upper room with the mother of Jesus and many other disciples, totaling 120 in all. The gathering place was most likely the same place that the Apostles ate the Passover meal, the first Eucharist, with Jesus. As they met, the first order of business was to choose a successor to Judas. They cast lots, and Matthias was chosen to be one of the Twelve.

Prayer: *Holy Spirit, come to me and bestow upon me Your seven-fold gifts, so that I can grow closer to Christ Jesus and act more faithfully as a member of His Body. Bear good fruit in my life, and in the lives of others, so that the saving message of the Gospel will reach far and wide, drawing all people to Yourself for Your eternal praise and glory. Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit —I love You, believe in You, and trust in You. — My Catholic Life*

Fasting and Inner Healing Retreat

Saturday, June 08, 2024 09:00 AM - Sunday, June 09, 2024 06:00 PM

Divine Retreat Centre Toronto, 69 William St



The Fasting and Inner Healing Retreat will be led by Fr. Sam Samuel VC, Fr. Louis Joseph VC and the Divine team on June 8th and 9th 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.

[Check Out Event](#)

How Mary's motherhood was more than the biological



Mother of God

St. John Paul II explains the Church's teaching in *Mulieris Dignitatem* that Mary's motherhood meant that she was not simply the Mother of Jesus, but also the Mother of God:

This truth, which Christian faith has accepted from the beginning, was solemnly defined at the Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.). In opposition to the opinion of Nestorius, who held that Mary was only the mother of the man Jesus, this Council emphasized the essential meaning of the motherhood of the Virgin Mary.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat

Here I Am, Lord

Acts of the Apostles 9:10-11

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is there praying."

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media – Pentecost Sunday



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How beautiful is it to share our faith



The Pope highlighted that despite how life changing our encounter with the Lord is, and how "it is the most beautiful thing we have to tell," we still often struggle to talk about it.

"Each one of us could say so much about this; not by being a lecturer to others," he clarified, "but by sharing the unique moments in which we perceived the Lord alive and close, who kindled joy in our hearts or dried our tears, who transmitted confidence and consolation, strength and enthusiasm, or forgiveness, tenderness, peace." The Holy Father stressed how important it is to share this in the family, in the community, and with friends.

[Read More](#)

Women Ignatian Silent Retreat: The cross as an act of God's grace - in Christ, God brought hope, salvation and life to the world.

Friday, May 24, 2024 07:00 PM -
Sunday, May 26, 2024 01:00 PM

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Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman." (Gal. 4:31). In the Summa Theologiae, St. Thomas Aquinas provides important insights to understand the logic of the new law of Christ which restores the fallen condition of the human person. The new law contains teaching that disposes the sinful person to the grace of the Holy Spirit. It brings people into the mystery of the cross of Christ and frees them from the bondage of the flesh and the yoke of wealth, thereby guiding their actions and helping them to live according to the law of love. "The message of the cross is complete absurdity to those who are headed for ruin, but to us who are experiencing salvation, it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18-19).

[Register Here](#)

The 5 Powerful Effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation



Have you been confirmed? Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation yet? Does this mean you're a "grown-up" Catholic now—that you've graduated? Not quite. There's so much more to it than that. Fr. Mike breaks down the 5 effects that flow from receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." —St. Augustine

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