

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 | Body and Blood of Christ

## 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.

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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.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD,  
AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK."

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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

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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

## June 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, June 1<sup>st</sup>—Saint Justin

**9:00 am** +Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Krenija Poljak, +Ana Piecha/ Birthday blessings upon Luana Poljak

**1:00 pm** Baptism of Karyssa Laird

**2:30 pm** Baptism of Camile De Rose

**5:00 pm** +Maria de Jesus Dias/ all souls in purgatory/

Thanksgiving for Neena Correa/ Intentions of Vinoo

### SUNDAY, June 2<sup>nd</sup> — Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**9:00 am** (available for intentions)

**10:30 am** +Giuseppe Marotta, +Antonio Alfredo e +Caterina Spedicato

**12:00 pm** (available for intentions)

**2:00 pm** +Claudio Marco La Rosa/ Sanacion de Rosemary Murga & Gladis del Carmen Aguirre/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Romeo Rodas

**6:00 pm** (available for intentions)

### MONDAY, June 3<sup>rd</sup> — Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions

**9:00 am** +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ +Marina Carlota Moz/ Birthday blessings upon Carlos Rodas

### TUESDAY, June 4<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Ana Sylvia Argueta/ +Claudio Alejandro/ Elena Argueta de Iglesias

### WEDNESDAY, June 5<sup>th</sup> — Saint Boniface

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Roberto Lorenzo, +Giuseppe Tulipano, +Sandra Maria Blanco/ Birthday blessings upon Lina Diaz

### THURSDAY, June 6<sup>th</sup> — Saint Norbert

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Ana Luz Sanchez/ +Juan Ramon Monge/ +Gaetano Magliocchetti/ +Joseph Good

**7:00 pm** Memorial Mass for Maria Bellino

### FRIDAY, June 7<sup>th</sup> — Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Hyacinth Amizola Echavia

### SATURDAY, June 8<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** (available for intentions)

**5:00 pm** +Carmina & +Antonio Amara Raposo & all souls in purgatory



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
June is the month of the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are reminded of the beating Heart of the Son of God who sacrificed his own life for love of us (Cfr. Mark 14.22-25). This Sunday is the Feast of Corpus et Sanguis Christi, i.e. the Body and Blood of Christ. Our own patron, St. Thomas Aquinas, composed back in the 13th century, the Sequence of today's celebration. Here is a verse of the song:

*"This the truth each Christian learns:  
bread into his own flesh Christ turns,  
to his precious Blood the wine.  
Sight must fail, no thought conceives,  
But a steadfast faith believes,  
Resting on a power divine". Amen.*

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Your love and compassion led thousands on the path to healing

Through your kind support, you eased the struggles of 13,000 people by providing access to mental health care. Your compassion provides families access to counselling sessions from our Catholic family agencies. Thus far we have raised \$18,536.85 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](https://sharelife.org/donate).

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
*Regular Collection—May 26, 2024*  
\$5,222.15

## Appreciation & Farewell to Fr. Peter C. Paul.

On the weekend of September 22/23rd we shall have a singular opportunity to thank our Associate priest, Fr. Peter and bid him Godspeed as he begins his new ministry this June as Vice-Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs of the Archdiocese of Toronto. After every Mass, he will be waiting in the main hall of the Church. There will be sweets, coffee and other light refreshments. Please join us to express gratitude! Thank you.

## All Fridays in June

Mass & Devotion Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 7pm to 8:30pm. We invite everyone to join us during the month of June for a weekly evening votive Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We shall join the whole Church to offer prayers, abstinence, and good deeds in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Come one, come all!

## All Wednesdays in June:

School of Christian Prayer from 7pm to 8:30pm inside the Church (Spanish downstairs in the parish hall). Please bring along your CCC (available at the parish office) and purchase or download a copy of the Pope's document "Teach us to Pray."

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

Follow this QR link: [grco.de/WebJune08](https://grco.de/WebJune08)



## 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!



## Reminder:

Marian Pilgrimage to Mexico from September 21 to 27. Flyers are available at the back of the Church!

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,  
Junio es el mes del Sagrado Corazón de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Se nos recuerda el Corazón palpitante del Hijo de Dios, que sacrificó su propia vida por amor a nosotros (cf. Mc 14,22-25). Este domingo es la fiesta del Corpus et Sanguis Christi, es decir, el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Nuestro propio patrono, Santo Tomás de Aquino, compuso, allá por el siglo XIII, la Secuencia de la celebración de hoy. He aquí un verso de la canción:

"Esta es la verdad que cada cristiano aprende:  
el pan en su propia carne Cristo convierte,  
a su preciosa Sangre el vino.  
La vista debe fallar, ningún pensamiento concibe,  
Pero una fe firme cree,  
descansando en un poder divino". Amén.

## Su amor y compasión llevaron a miles de personas al camino de la curación.

Gracias a su amable apoyo, usted ayudó en las luchas de 13.000 personas al brindarles acceso a atención de salud mental. Su ayuda provee a las familias el acceso a sesiones de asesoramiento por parte de nuestras agencias católicas. Hasta ahora, hemos recaudado \$18,536.85 total \$32,000. 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](https://sharelife.org/donate).

**Gracias por su generosidad**  
Colecta Regular— Mayo 26, 2024  
\$5,222.15

## Agradecimiento y despedida al P. Peter C. Paul

El fin de semana del 22/23 de septiembre tendremos una oportunidad única para dar las gracias a nuestro sacerdote asociado, el P. Peter, y desearle buena suerte al comenzar su nuevo ministerio este mes de junio como Vicecanciller de Asuntos Espirituales de la Archidiócesis de Toronto. Después de cada misa, estará esperando en el vestíbulo principal de la Iglesia. Habrá dulces, café y otros refrescos ligeros. Por favor, únense a nosotros para expresar su gratitud. Gracias.

## Todos los viernes de junio

Misa y Oración de Devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús de 7pm - 8:30pm. Invitamos a todos a unirse a nosotros durante el mes de junio para una Misa votiva vespertina semanal en honor del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. Nos uniremos a toda la Iglesia para ofrecer oraciones, abstinencia y buenas obras en expiación por nuestros pecados y los del mundo entero. Venid todos.

## Todos los miércoles de junio:

Escuela de Oración Cristiana de 7pm - 8:30pm dentro de la Iglesia (español abajo en el salón parroquial). Por favor traiga su CIC (disponible en la oficina parroquial) y compre o descargue una copia del documento del Papa "Enseñanos a Orar."

## SEMINARIO WEB GRATUITO SOBRE PLANIFICACIÓN PATRIMONIAL CATÓLICA

Sábado, 8 de junio de 2024, a las 9:00 a.m.

Aprenda:

- Cómo evitar problemas: en su testamento, en los poderes y a través de una selección adecuada del fideicomisario de la herencia
- Cómo crear su propio legado
- Sobre nuestras tradiciones católicas en torno a la cremación, entierros y funerales

Siga este enlace QR: [qrco.de/WebJune08](https://qrco.de/WebJune08)



**STA Barbacon de Verano y  
¡¡¡Rifa para recaudar fondos!!!**

**Sábado, 15 de junio de 11 AM—5 PM**

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!



## Reminder:

Peregrinación Mariana a México del 21 al 27 de septiembre. ¡Los folletos están disponibles en la parte posterior de la Iglesia!

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



**Reflection:** Of the greatest and most valuable treasures one could obtain in this world, nothing is more precious, more sacred, and more valuable than the Most Holy Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Eucharistic Lord. Millions, billions, or even hundreds of trillions of dollars do not come close to the infinite value and transforming power of the Body and Blood of Christ. No amount of earthly wealth can buy happiness, but the Eucharist bestows it freely. No amount of money can purchase Heaven, but the Eucharist transforms you into a member of the Body of Christ Whom you consume, leading you to Heaven. At the end of our lives, when we stand before the Just Judge, we will realize the transforming power of this Gift. Those who adored Him and received Him faithfully in Communion will be forever grateful they did.

**Prayer:** *My Eucharistic Lord, please instill in me a profound love for You Who are truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. May I always adore You, believe in You, hope in You, and love You. I pray that my faith and devotion to You in this Most Holy Sacrament will more fully unite my soul to Yours and that my love and devotion will be a source of reparation for the indifference with which You are so often treated. Jesus, present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, I 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](#)

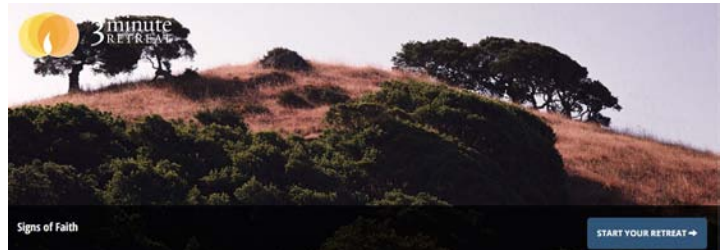
## The miraculous vision behind the feast of Corpus Christi



The celebration of Corpus Christi can be traced to a vision that a 13th-century Belgian nun named Juliana had of the liturgical year. The Roman Rite of the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of the Lord) each year after Trinity Sunday.

**St. Juliana's vision:** Juliana was deeply devoted to the Holy Eucharist from an early age and according to Aleteia writer Joanne McPortland, "entered religious life at the age of 13, serving in a hospice for lepers run by her community." It was during this time that she began to have a peculiar vision. As early as her sixteenth year Juliana had a remarkable vision while she was at prayer. She saw the full moon shining brightly, but upon it was a dark spot as if a piece of it were broken out. At first she could not understand the vision. The oftener she looked at this strange sight, the more her wonder grew.

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat Signs of Faith

*John 20:29*

*Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Catholic Kids Media- What is the Eucharist? Corpus Christi



[Animated Story](#)

[Children's Video](#)

### Where Does the Bible Teach That the Holy Spirit is God?



In the fourth century, the Catholic Church struggled mightily against a heresy known as Macedonianism. Made popular by a former bishop of Constantinople called Macedonius, the Macedonian heresy denied the full divinity of the Holy Spirit, arguing instead that the Spirit was a created being who held an inferior role to the Father and the Son. The Church is very clear, therefore, in defending the divinity of the Holy Spirit. But where does this belief appear in Sacred Scripture? Does the Bible offer us any insights on the question? As a matter of fact, yes, it does! Not only does the Bible explicitly use the phrase “Holy Spirit” (Greek, pneuma to hagion) in John 14:26, it also affirms on multiple occasions that this Spirit is indeed God.

[Read More](#)

### Martyrs' Shrine Gala Wednesday, June 12, 2024 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane St., Vaughan, Ont.



The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs is delighted to invite you to our inaugural Spring Gala. The Shrine has been serving millions of pilgrims for the past hundred years, and this Gala is the launch of its centennial anniversary, and will start the campaign for the revitalization of the shrine church and grounds, to ensure that it lasts for another hundred years. Special keynote address from His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo and musical performance from St. Michael's Choir School.

[Register Here](#)

### A Theology of Your Body



Pope John Paul II said that what modern man needs—and is missing—is an "adequate anthropology", or, a full understanding of what it looks like to be human. Over the course of his pontificate, he gave it his best shot using the entirety of scripture, 2,000 years of church teaching, and the latest scientific understandings of the human person.

[Watch Video](#)

*"Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature. By His Word to Flesh He turns;  
Wine into His Blood He changes: What though sense no change discerns.  
Only be the heart in earnest, Faith her lesson quickly learns."*

*—St. Thomas Aquinas*

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