

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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.

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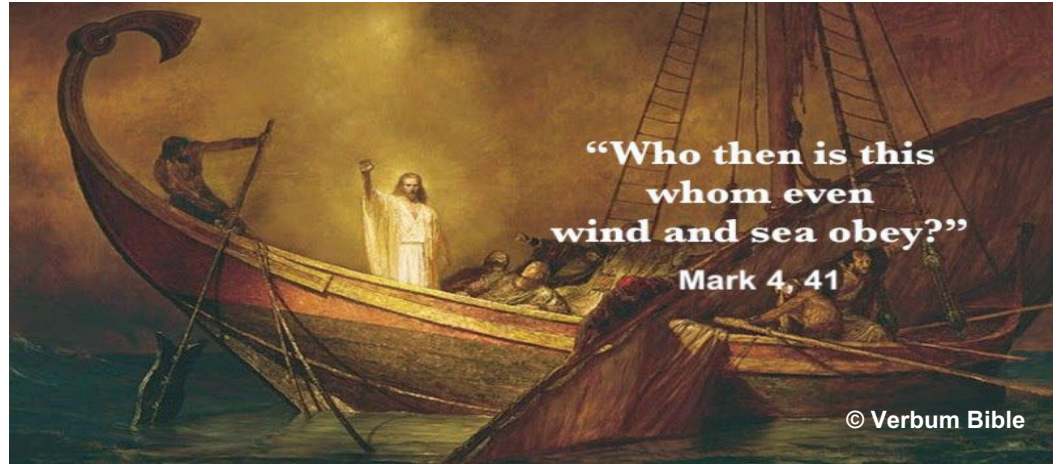
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Llamar a la oficina con **un año** de anticipación.

## CATECHISM & RCIA

For the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion/Confirmation), please contact the office and press **ext. 0**

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Please call the office for visits or Communion visitations to the sick.



**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

## June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00 am** Carlos Edgardo Alfaro/ Wedding Anniversary of Mr. Jessie & Antonette Asuncion/ Randy Baron/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Timothy Alvarez

**2:30 pm** Baptism of Mackenzie Brendan Cook & Atasha Yucor

**5:00 pm** (available for intentions)

### SUNDAY, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Teresa Dela Cruz/ In honour of Our Lady of Visora, St. John the Baptist & St. Andrew the apostle & St. Nicholas of Bari & all saints, blessed and angels

**10:30 am** +Mario Trevisan/ +Niso Daneluzzi e +Felice Lucchin

**12:00 pm** +Giovanni Tramontin

**2:00 pm** Carlos Edgardo Alfaro/ Luis Ortiz Gamboa/ +Evangelista Rivas de Chevez +Sergio Cortes & +Violeta Riveros

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

### MONDAY, June 24<sup>th</sup> — Nativity of St. John the Baptist

**9:00 am** Carlos Edgardo Alfaro/ In honour of Our Lady of Visora, St. John the Baptist & all saints, blessed and angels/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong

### TUESDAY, June 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** Carlos Edgardo Alfaro/ +Rosa, Domenico, Elisa, Vincenzo/+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / +Merlyn Stephens/ +Julia Tejada Choto, +Jorge Fuentes/

Birthday blessings upon Ana Noelle Noguera Bovadilla

### WEDNESDAY, June 26<sup>th</sup> — St. Josemaria Escriva

**9:00 am** Carlos Edgardo Alfaro/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

### THURSDAY, June 27<sup>th</sup> — St. Cyril of Alexandria

**9:00 am** Carlos Edgardo Alfaro/ Carolina Noguera & Allstair Pettigrew / +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

### FRIDAY, June 28<sup>th</sup> — St. Irenaeus

**9:00 am** Carlos Edgardo Alfaro/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Victor Manuel Carias

### SATURDAY, June 29<sup>th</sup> — Sts. Peter & Paul

**9:00 am** Carlos Edgardo Alfaro/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / Rev. Fr. Innocent Ibeh & Rev. Fr. John Gallagher

**2:30 pm** Baptism of Kiers Lukas Ines & Samantha Acosta

**5:00 pm** (available for intentions)



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,  
The Gospel (Mark 4.35-41) narrates that while the Apostles' boat was being hammered by a great windstorm, Jesus was asleep on the cushion inside! You may wonder how that is possible! Perhaps you or someone you know have experienced the "silence of God" when we need him the most. **Food for Thought:** Faith is to light as fear is to darkness! Either-or, but not both-and! Have a blessed week!! **Reminder:** Learn how to pray with us on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church!

## STA Parish Income—May 2024

Withdrawals: \$ 93,229.73

Deposits: \$128,591.05

Deposits:

- \$23,397.73 were transferred to our bank account from the Archdiocese to pay Architectural Fees
- \$50,000.00 were transferred to our bank account from the Archdiocese to aid with operational costs of the Church

Withdrawals:

- \$11,641.22 Rectory renovations for new Associate Pastor
- \$25,422.54 Architectural Fees
- \$5,000.00 Paid to Archdiocese for Diocesan Assessment.

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
*Regular Collection—June 16, 2024*  
**\$7894.75**



**Paperless Sunday Giving!** Please support your parish by easy online donation which keeps track of everything for tax receipt purposes. Thank you for your generosity!



## Reminder:

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

## 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."

## Youth Group: Summer Camp 2024

- Dates: July 8 to August 23, 2024
- Time: 9:00 to 3:00 pm
- Ages: 11-14
- Cost: Parents will have the opportunity to choose which weeks their child attend to. The initial week is \$125, with an additional \$100 per week added.

## Confirmation Photos

Confirmation Photos are available for pickup after our weekend Masses or at the parish office.

## Mission Coop Appeal 2024

Our STA Parish will be welcoming Fr. Francis Neissery, a priest of the Archdiocese of Verapoly (India) on the weekend of July 13/14. He will be sharing with us the missionary initiatives of his Archdiocese as well as seeking our financial support. Please give using the yellow "Mission Coop" envelopes available on the tables in front of the main entrance. Thank you and may the Lord reward you.

## RAFFLE WINNERS!!

Here are the five lucky Raffle Winners of last Saturday's STA Annual BBQ/Fundraising Raffle Draw:

- 1st Prize: \$1000 #1226**
- 2nd Prize: \$750 #1659**
- 3rd Prize: \$500 #0059**
- 4th Prize: \$250 #0284**
- 5th Prize: \$100 #0270**

Hearty congratulations to you all and a special thank you to all those who contributed generously toward the success of our annual STA BBQ/Fundraising Raffle Draw. May God bless you and replenish your efforts abundantly!

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA,  
El Evangelio (Marcos 4.35-41) narra que mientras la barca de los Apóstoles estaba siendo azotada por una gran tormenta de viento, ¡Jesús estaba durmiendo en el cojín de dentro! Se preguntarán cómo es posible. Quizá tú o alguien que conozcas hayáis experimentado el "silencio de Dios" cuando más lo necesitamos. **Para reflexionar:** La fe es a la luz lo que el miedo es a la oscuridad. O lo uno o lo otro, pero no las dos cosas. Que tengan una semana llena de bendiciones. **Recordatorio:** ¡Aprende a rezar con nosotros los miércoles a las 7pm en la Iglesia!

## STA Ingresos Parroquiales-Mayo 2024

Retiros: \$ 93,229.73  
Depósitos: \$128,591.05

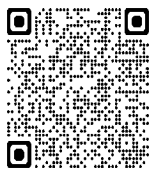
Depositos:

- \$23,397.73 fueron transferidos a nuestra cuenta bancaria desde la Arquidiócesis para pagar Honorarios Arquitectónicos
- \$50,000.00 fueron transferidos a nuestra cuenta bancaria de la Arquidiócesis para ayudar con los costos operacionales de la Iglesia.

Retiros:

- \$11,641.22 Renovación de la Rectoría para el nuevo Pastor Asociado
- \$25,422.54 Honorarios de Arquitectura \$5,000.00 Pagado a la Arquidiócesis para la Evaluación Diocesana.

**Gracias por su generosidad**  
*Colecta regular-16 de junio de 2024*  
**\$7894.75**



¡Domingo sin papel! Por favor, apoye a su parroquia por donación en línea fácil que mantiene un registro de todo para fines de recibo de impuestos. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!



## Recordatorio:

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

## 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."

## Grupo de jóvenes: Campamento de verano 2024

- Fechas: Del 8 de julio al 23 de agosto de 2024
- Horario: de 9:00 am a 3:00 pm
- Edades: 11-14
- Coste: Los padres tendrán la oportunidad de elegir a qué semanas asistirá su hijo. La semana inicial es de \$ 125, con un adicional de \$ 100 por semana añadido.

## Fotos de Confirmación

Fotos de Confirmación están disponibles para recoger después de nuestras misas de fin de semana o en la oficina parroquial.

## Misión Coop Appeal 2024

Nuestra Parroquia STA acogerá el fin de semana del 13/14 de julio al P. Francis Neissery, sacerdote de la Archidiócesis de Verapoly (India). Él compartirá con nosotros las iniciativas misioneras de su Arquidiócesis, así como la búsqueda de nuestro apoyo financiero. Por favor donen usando los sobres amarillos de "Mission Coop" disponibles en las mesas frente a la entrada principal. Gracias y que el Señor les recompense.

## ¡GANADORES DE LA RIFA!

Aquí están los cinco afortunados ganadores de la rifa de la barbacoa anual de STA del pasado sábado:

- 1er Premio: \$1000 #1226**
- 2do Premio: \$750 #1659**
- 3er Premio: \$500 #0059**
- 4º Premio: 250 \$ #0284**
- 5º Premio: 100 \$ #0270**

Felicitaciones a todos y un agradecimiento especial a todos los que contribuyeron generosamente al éxito de nuestra barbacoa anual STA / sorteo de la rifa de recaudación de fondos. ¡Que Dios los bendiga y reponga sus esfuerzos abundantemente!



# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## Birth of St. John the Baptist — June 24



As we mark the birth of Saint John the Baptist, ponder this birthday from two perspectives. First, look at it from a Heavenly and eternal perspective. The angels and saints will forever glorify God for this great event and for the significant role that John played in the history of salvation. Second, look at it from a purely human perspective. Try to ponder the wonder and awe that would have enfolded Elizabeth and Zechariah. Consider their humanity. They were real people who became real parents and were told great things about their child. Despite that, John was still their child, just as Jesus was Mary's Child. The proper perspective of every event we celebrate in salvation history is to unite the human and divine perspectives, the transcendent and the imminent, the personal and the supernatural, to more fully understand, participate in, and believe these glorious and historical events that have opened the gates of Heaven to all who have faith.

*Prayer: Saint John the Baptist, you were conceived by God's special grace and given to parents who were barren and advanced in years. Through your conception and birth, God spoke to the world that He can do anything He so chooses and bring forth His saving grace simply because He wills to do so. Please pray for me, that I will more fully understand the role you played in the history of salvation and be more open to all that God has revealed to the world through your holy life. Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. — My Catholic Life*

**"From Anxiety to Peace":**  
Christian Meditation 2024 Retreat  
Friday, July 05, 2024 - Sunday, July 07, 2024  
Online



Participate in this biennial national conference retreat to explore and experience the transformation dimension of this ancient prayer form deeply rooted in the New Testament and monastic tradition.

[Check Out Event](#)

## Why the Lord's Prayer should remind us of the Prodigal Son



If we pray the Our Father with our whole heart, mind and strength, we should recall our own wrongdoings and need for forgiveness. The Lord's Prayer has many profound phrases, though typically we are too busy to recognize them.

For example, do we pause or consider what we are saying when we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses"? The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us of this spiritual truth in its section on prayer:

With bold confidence, we began praying to our Father. In begging him that his name be hallowed, we were in fact asking him that we ourselves might be always made more holy. But though we are clothed with the baptismal garment, we do not cease to sin, to turn away from God. — CCC 2839

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat Where Two or Three Gather

*Matthew 18:20*

*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

OUR FATHER PRAYER | The Perfect Prayer Jesus Taught Us! | Let's Pray with Tomkin

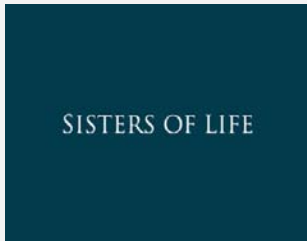


[Animated Story](#)

[Children's Video](#)

### July Day of Prayer and Healing

Saturday, July 27, 2024 09:00 AM 05:30 PM



Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. This day includes a testimony, times of prayer, lunch, the opportunity for Confession and Mass. For more details, locations and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722 or reach us by email at [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org).

[Check Event Here](#)

Praying with Authority: Reclaiming the Offensive in Our Spiritual Lives!



As we confront fear and spiritual warfare, Beth's story reminds us that we don't have to be on the defensive. We can choose to pray with power and authority, declaring victory in Jesus' name and trusting that God is on our side.

So, the next time you find yourself facing anxiety, remember that you have the ball. Stand firm in the authority you have in Christ and watch Him part the seas before you, leading you to victory.

[Read More](#)

Who Are the Saints, and How Do We Pray With Them?



Are you struggling to figure out which saint you should pray to? You feel convicted that you should have a devotion to the saints, but there are just so many to choose from. Are you unsure of where to begin? Br. Lawrence discusses with Fr. Mark-Mary what devotion to the Saints looks like for a faithful Catholic and how to identify ways to deepen your devotion to particular ones. Together, they explore intercession, communion, and imitation as fundamental elements in establishing profound relationships with saints who can offer guidance and encouragement from these "spiritual role models."

[Watch Video](#)

*"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."*  
—St. Thomas Aquinas

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