

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | Thirteenth 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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Please contact the office **one year** in advance.  
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**PASTOR** Fr. Patrick Ezimora 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 29<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

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

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

### SUNDAY, June 30<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Salvatore Adelina/ +Carmene D'Ambrosio/ +Gianni Romanyszyn/ +Mario Guagiardi/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Nicholas, Olimpia, Paulino and Salud Gimena

**10:30 am** (available for intentions)

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

**2:00 pm** +Marcelino Naranjo/ +Martha Lilian Sandoval

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

### MONDAY, July 1<sup>st</sup> — Canada Day

**9:00 am** Thanksgiving for Dolly Gemora / +Severina Aranzado Ygrubay/ +Mariana Silva de Naranjo/ +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory

### TUESDAY, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Saula Magno/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong

### WEDNESDAY, July 3<sup>rd</sup> — St. Thomas the Apostle

**9:00 am** Thanksgiving for the Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Joel Okojie/ Birthday blessings upon Cristina Valeria Gomez/ +Guillermo Turcios/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

### THURSDAY, July 4<sup>th</sup> — St. Elizabeth of Portugal

**9:00 am** +Saul Edgardo Zuniga Manzano/+Guillermo Turcios/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / Birthday blessings upon Luciana Ayala Moron

### FRIDAY, July 5<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Guillermo Turcios/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

### SATURDAY, July 6<sup>th</sup> — St. Maria Goretti

**9:00 am** Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary/ +Pat Cimino, +Ada & +Alfonso Mendicino

**2:30 pm** Baptism of Ayla Topkaya

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



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Every now and then we hear stories or testimonies of people who experienced a miraculous divine intervention, and most often than not we usually respond with a sort of "good for them" attitude. The Gospel tells the story of a desperate patient who decides to make a final leap of faith in a Doctor that she had never met before (Cfr. Mark 5.25-34). And guess what? She was instantly and completely healed! Food for Thought: Do you still pray for that situation? Have a blessed week!

## 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.

## First Holy Communion & Confirmation Registration is on!

Please send us an email at: [stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org](mailto:stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org) with the following information: 1) Full name of student; 2) Age; 3) School; 4) Grade; 5) Church/Parish ; 6) Home Address; and 7) Sacraments already received.

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
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\$ 4741.00  
*Maintenance—June 23, 2024*  
\$2112.00



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## Reminder:

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

## GRATITUDE! GRATITUDE!! GRATITUDE!!!

Sequel to the Word of God in the Gospel of Matthew 11:25: "At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father Lord of Heaven and earth ..." and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 which states: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus", I wish to express my deep-seated sentiments of gratitude to God for His blessings upon us, to our Blessed Mother Mary, to the Archdiocese of Toronto that gave me the opportunity to serve, to our beloved pastor, Fr Patrick, to the hardworking staff and to you my beloved and highly esteemed parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas for your prayers, friendship, kindness, love, support and generosity you lavished on me in the course of my stay as your associate pastor. I am exceedingly grateful to you all. May the good Lord continue to reward you abundantly. Finally, following the Words of Blessing from God to Moses for His people, I pray that "The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace Amen. Oremus pro invicem.  
—Fr. Peter C. Paul CCE.

## 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.

## Appreciation for Parish BBQ/Fundraising Support

Fr. Patrick extends a heartfelt gratitude to everyone (parishioners, sponsors and friends) who contributed to the tremendous success of our annual parish BBQ/Fundraising Event. May the Lord reward you abundantly. Amen.

## 60th Wedding Anniversary!!!

Congratulations, congratulations, congratulations to Armida & Remo Pasqualotto who achieved a remarkable milestone of marriage. May the Lord keep your love always fresh and joyful!

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

## Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, De vez en cuando oímos historias o testimonios de personas que han experimentado una intervención divina milagrosa, y la mayoría de las veces solemos responder con una especie de actitud de "bien por ellos". El Evangelio cuenta la historia de una paciente desesperada que decide dar un último salto de fe en un Médico que no conocía (Cfr. Marcos 5.25-34). ¿Y adivina qué? Se curó al instante y por completo. Para reflexionar: ¿Sigues rezando por esa situación? ¡Que tengas una semana llena de bendiciones!

## 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.

## ¡La inscripción para la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación está en marcha!

Por favor, envíenos un correo electrónico a: [stthomasquinasto@archtoronto.org](mailto:stthomasquinasto@archtoronto.org) con la siguiente información: 1) Nombre completo del alumno; 2) Edad; 3) Escuela; 4) Grado; 5) Iglesia/Parroquia ; 6) Dirección del domicilio; y 7) Sacramentos ya recibidos.

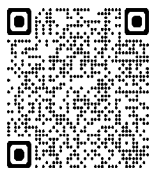
### Gracias por su generosidad

Colecta regular-23 de junio de 2024

\$ 4741.00

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¡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!

## ¡GRATITUD! ¡¡GRATITUD!! ¡¡¡GRATITUD!!!

Secuela de la Palabra de Dios en el Evangelio de Mateo 11:25: "En aquel tiempo Jesús declaró: "Te doy gracias, Padre Señor del cielo y de la tierra..." y 1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-17 que dice: "Alegraos siempre. Orad sin cesar. En toda circunstancia dad gracias, porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para con vosotros en Cristo Jesús", deseo expresar mis profundos sentimientos de gratitud a Dios por sus bendiciones sobre nosotros, a nuestra Santísima Madre María, a la Archidiócesis de Toronto que me dio la oportunidad de servir, a nuestro querido párroco, el Padre Patrick, al trabajador personal y a ustedes, mis queridos y apreciados feligreses de Santo Tomás de Aquino, por sus oraciones, amistad, amabilidad, amor, apoyo y generosidad que me prodigaron durante mi estancia como párroco asociado. Les estoy sumamente agradecido. Que el buen Dios os siga recompensando abundantemente. Por último, siguiendo las palabras de bendición de Dios a Moisés para su pueblo, ruego que "El Señor os bendiga y os guarde: El Señor haga resplandecer su rostro sobre ti, y tenga de ti misericordia: El Señor alce sobre vosotros su rostro y os dé la paz Amén". Oremus pro invicem. —Fr. Peter C. Paul CCE.

## 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.

## Agradecimiento por el apoyo de la Parroquia a la barbacoa/recaudación de fondos

El P. Patrick extiende una sincera gratitud a todos (feligreses, patrocinadores y amigos) que contribuyeron al tremendo éxito de nuestra barbacoa parroquial anual / evento de recaudación de fondos. Que el Señor los recompense abundantemente. Amén.

## ¡¡¡60 Aniversario de Boda!!!

Felicitaciones, felicitaciones, felicitaciones a Armida & Remo Pasqualotto que alcanzaron un hito notable de matrimonio. ¡Que el Señor mantenga su amor siempre fresco y alegre!

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle — July 3



**Reflection:** Saint Thomas the Apostle is best known for doubting the Resurrection of Jesus, when he said, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe” (John 20:25). Prior to this, the Gospels refer to Thomas several times. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke list him among the Apostles but do not provide details about his call. One of the few personal details given about Thomas is found in John’s Gospel, which refers to him as “Didymus,” meaning, “Twin.” It is reasonable, then, to presume that he had a twin. The first detailed mention of Saint Thomas comes just prior to the seventh and final “sign” performed by Jesus in John’s Gospel. Jesus’ signs were his miracles, performed so that people “may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief, you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The disciples knew this, understanding that if Jesus performed more miracles, the Sanhedrin would react. The disciples challenged Jesus out of fear of persecution, saying, “Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?” (John 11:8). Thomas then courageously said to the other disciples, “Let us also go to die with him” (John 11:16).

**Prayer:** *Saint Thomas the Apostle, you became a faithful follower of Jesus. Though you struggled with an occasion of doubt, that struggle transformed you into a new man. Please pray for me, that every struggle and weakness I have will be eliminated and transformed so that God can use me to fulfill His holy and perfect will. Saint Thomas the Apostle, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*  
— *My Catholic Life*

FAMILY HEALING RETREAT  
Saturday, July 13, 2024 09:00 AM -  
Sunday, July 14, 2024 06:00 PM

Divine Retreat Centre Toronto, 69 William St.



The Family Healing Retreat will be led by Fr. Sam Samuel VC, Fr. Louis Joseph VC and the Divine team on July 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Spiritual talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided and attendance on both days is mandatory. Prior registration is required with a fee of \$20 (plus service fees) and registration can be done through our website

[Check Out Event](#)

## If Catholics are Right about Mary, Why is She Talked About so Little in the Bible?



For many Protestants, devotion to Our Lady is the single biggest obstacle to their becoming Catholic. Even many Catholics admit that they struggle with relating to Mary, or fail to understand why the Church seems so obsessed with her. Underlying this confusion might be a simple question which lurks behind all the others: If Catholics are right about Mary, then why on earth does the New Testament hardly ever mention her?

This question can present a considerable intellectual roadblock for Catholics and Protestants alike. Sure, there might be (according to Catholics, at least) some clever exegetical arguments that show the reasonableness of the Immaculate Conception or the Perpetual Virginity. But it feels as if that approach still sidesteps the much bigger challenge, namely, Mary’s near-total absence in Scripture. Again, if she’s so important, then why is she mentioned so little?

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat Doing God’s Will

*Matthew 12:50*

*For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

[English](#)

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# LIVING YOUR FAITH

## Miracles! Ordinary Time

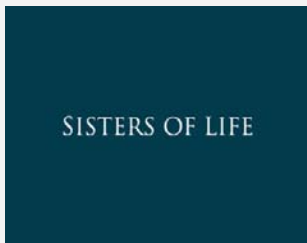


### Animated Story

[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](#)

## Pope: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will "be a saint soon"



"Pier Giorgio was from a wealthy family, upper class, [his father Alfredo Frassati, was a politician and the director of the Italian daily La Stampa, Ed.], but he did not grow up 'in cotton wool'," Pope Francis said. "He did not lose himself in the 'good life,' because in him was the sap of the Holy Spirit, there was love for Jesus and for his brothers and sisters." Straying from his prepared speech the Pontiff added spontaneously that Frassati "will be a saint soon."

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## How to Offer it Up



Momma always said, "Son, you don't like something? Well, offer it up!" Fr. Mike explores the traditional understanding of offering up your pain, embracing your suffering, and making sacrifices in the spiritual life.

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*"When you are totally consumed by the Eucharistic fire, then you will be able more consciously to thank God, who has called you to become part of His family."*

*—Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*

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