

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | Eighteenth 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

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Please call the office, **Three months** in advance, .  
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Do not work for food that perishes but  
for the food that endures for eternal life.

John 6:27

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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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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

*Welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, where unity embraces diversity in the one and same Catholic faith. Together, we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Come, worship with us today!*

## July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00 am** Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary/ +Jose Baptista & family/ +Hector Castaño/ Lucas Alvarez Silva  
**12:00 pm** Wedding of Emberly Palisoc & Graciella Torres  
**2:30 pm** Baptism of Rhianne Faye Arevalo  
**5:00 pm** +Harriet Capalla/ +Angelo, +Anna & +Frank Petraglia & all deceased members of their families/ All souls in purgatory/ Thanksgiving for Beverly, Vivien & David Stephens

### SUNDAY, August 4<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** Healing for Paxito and Emricito Gonzalez Moz  
**10:30 am** Madonna delle Grazie  
**12:00 pm** (available for intentions)  
**2:00 pm** Grace Conde & Pablo Gabriel Guillen  
**6:00 pm** (available for intentions)

### MONDAY, August 5<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Marie Phien & all souls in purgatory/ Ivette Moz Cedillos & Maria Arcadia de Meza

### TUESDAY, August 6<sup>th</sup> — Transfiguration of Our Lord

**9:00 am** +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Amparo & +Jorge Moreira/ Mary Moreira

### WEDNESDAY, August 7<sup>th</sup> — St. Cajetan

**9:00 am** +Denzil Stephens/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Rene Mauricio Zambrano

### THURSDAY, August 8<sup>th</sup> — St. Dominic

**9:00 am** Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh  
**10:30 am** Funeral Mass for Maria Pagnano

### FRIDAY, August 9<sup>th</sup> — St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

**9:00 am** +Gemelina Cayas/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Mila Cecilia Anaya Ycaza

### SATURDAY, August 10<sup>th</sup> — St. Lawrence

**9:00 am** Michael Breggar/ +Ana Paula & +Jose Lopes  
**2:30 pm** Baptisms of Thiago Figueroa & Orion Villanueva  
**5:00 pm** +Niti Serrano, +Maria San Juan, +Honorio "Norie" Andrabe/ +Joao Da Silva



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Happy New month to everyone! I hope you have been keeping cool during this very humid summer. The Gospel reading of this 18th Sunday (John 6.24-35) continues with the topic of "food". Here is a beautiful verse you can nourish yourself on: "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal" (John 6.27). Happy Sunday and do enjoy some sunshine! Amen.

## Mass response that non-regular Catholics often forget!

Are you willing to test your knowledge of the Catholic Mass prayers? What do we respond when the priest says, "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father"? Response: "May the Lord accept....." Did you get it 100%? Good job! But if not, then help yourself! Consult your blue Sunday Missal, page 17 or white/red Living with Christ, p. 10, or even the Google page...!

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## Evening Mass of the Assumption of Mother Mary

On Thursday, August 15th we shall be having a solemn evening Mass at 7pm in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, assumed into heavenly glory. After the Mass, there will be a brief procession inside the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## Parish Main Hall Under Maintenance!

Due to the long-announced major parish renovations, our parish main hall will be completely out of use from **Monday, July 29th until Saturday, September 21st**. The smaller hall rooms (Padre Pio and St. Anthony) are also out of bounds until further notice. The main basement washrooms on the north side are still accessible but only through the Church foyer, so too is the south/east side washroom. Thank you for your understanding and collaboration!



## PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE & THE SHRINES OF MEXICO

Marian Pilgrimage to Mexico from September 21 to 27 featuring: Mexico City - Guadalupe - Tulpetlac - Teotihuacan - Ocotlan - San Miguel del Milagros - Puebla - Cholula - Taco. Under the spiritual direction of Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE. Flyers are available at the back of the Church or call our office for more information.

## Hispanic Pilgrimage to Midland

There will be a Hispanic Pilgrimage on August 17, 2024 at the Marty's Shrine—16163 Highway 12 W, Midland, ON, L4R 4K6. The departure time will be at 7:00 AM. Please contact Isabel (647-501-0723) for more information.

## 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.

Stay updated with Youth Ministry Activities and follow our youth group Instagram account **@sta.youthministry**

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

## Del escritorio del párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,  
¡Feliz mes nuevo a todos! Espero que os hayáis mantenido frescos durante este verano tan húmedo. La lectura del Evangelio de este domingo 18 (Juan 6.24-35) continúa con el tema del "alimento". He aquí un hermoso versículo con el que pueden alimentarse: "No trabajéis por el alimento que perece, sino por el alimento que perdura para la vida eterna, que os dará el Hijo del hombre. Porque en él ha puesto su sello Dios Padre" (Juan 6,27). Feliz domingo y disfruten del sol. Amén.

## Respuesta de la misa que los católicos no habituales olvidan a menudo.

¿Estás dispuesto a poner a prueba tus conocimientos sobre las oraciones de la Misa católica? ¿Qué respondemos cuando el sacerdote dice: "Rezad, hermanos, para que mi sacrificio y el vuestro sean agradables a Dios, Padre todopoderoso"? Respuesta: "Que el Señor acepte....." ¿Lo has entendido al 100%? ¡Buen trabajo! Pero si no, ¡ayúdate! Consulta tu Misal dominical azul, página 17 o blanco/rojo Vivir con Cristo, p. 10, ¡o incluso la página de Google...!

**Gracias por su generosidad**  
**Colecta regular— 28 de julio de 2024**  
**\$ 4,801.00**



¡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!

## Misa vespertina de la Asunción de la Madre María

El jueves 15 de agosto celebraremos una solemne misa vespertina a las 19.00 horas en honor de nuestra Santísima Madre María, asunta a la gloria celestial. Después de la Misa, habrá una breve procesión dentro de la Iglesia. Todos son bienvenidos.

## Salón Parroquial en Mantenimiento

Debido a las renovaciones mayores de la parroquia largamente anunciadas, nuestra sala principal de la parroquia estará completamente fuera de uso desde **el lunes 29 de julio hasta el sábado 21 de septiembre**. Los salones más pequeños (Padre Pio y San Antonio) también estarán fuera de servicio hasta nuevo aviso. Los lavabos del sótano principal en el lado norte siguen siendo accesibles pero sólo a través del vestíbulo de la Iglesia, así como el lavabo del lado sur/este. Gracias por su comprensión y colaboración.



## PEREGRINACIÓN A GUADALUPE Y LOS SANTUARIOS DE MÉXICO

Peregrinación Mariana a México del 21 al 27 de septiembre que incluye: Ciudad de México - Guadalupe - Tulpetlac - Teotihuacan - Ocotlan - San Miguel del Milagros - Puebla - Cholula - Taco. Bajo la dirección espiritual del Rev. Patrick Ezimora, CCE. Los folletos están disponibles en la parte posterior de la Iglesia o llame a nuestra oficina para más información.

## Peregrinación hispana a Midland

Habrà una Peregrinación Hispana el 17 de agosto de 2024 en el Santuario de Marty-16163 Highway 12 W, Midland, ON, L4R 4K6. La hora de salida será a las 7:00 AM. Para más información, póngase en contacto con Isabel (647-501-0723).

## ¡La inscripción para la Primera Comuni3n y la Confirmaci3n est3 en marcha!

Por favor, envíenos un correo electrónico a: [stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org](mailto:stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org) con la siguiente informaci3n: 1) Nombre completo del alumno; 2) Edad; 3) Escuela; 4) Grado; 5) Iglesia/Parroquia ; 6) Direcci3n del domicilio; y 7) Sacramentos ya recibidos.

Mantente al día de las actividades de la Pastoral Juvenil y sigue nuestra cuenta de Instagram **@sta.youthministry**



# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## Feast of the Transfiguration — August 6



All three of the Synoptic Gospels record the event of the Lord's Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36). Just prior to the Transfiguration, all three Gospels also record Jesus' trip with His disciples to Caesarea Philippi, located about thirty miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Caesarea Philippi was a primarily pagan Greek town occupied by the Romans. The Greek god Pan was worshiped there in a cave thought to be bottomless and often referred to as the gate to the netherworld because of its association with the pagan god. It was there that Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Peter declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus then blessed Peter and announced His intent to build His Church upon Peter, declaring that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it..." (Matthew 16:16–18). After this significant exchange, Jesus began revealing to His disciples His impending fate—His journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter resisted this revelation, to which Jesus responded sternly, correcting Peter's human thinking with divine wisdom (Matthew 16:22–23). This is the context of the Feast of the Transfiguration we celebrate today. First, Jesus proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil. Second, He informed them that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death. Although the first message is encouraging, the second one is challenging to accept. According to the Gospels, Jesus allowed His disciples about a week to grapple with these teachings, a period that must have been tough for them.

*My Transfigured Lord, You promise suffering and death to all who follow You, but You also promise the hope that awaits those who endure. Grant me the grace to endure every cross in life, uniting my sufferings with Yours, so that I may one day partake in the glory of eternal life in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You. — My Catholic Life*

## Holy Smoke: S'mores and More!

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024 07:00 PM—09:00 PM**  
**St. Patrick's Garden, 180 St. Patrick St., Toronto**



Join us for a summer BBQ right in the heart of the city, and take part in the adventure of a local suburban scavenger hunt! Then, gather around the fire for make-your-own S'mores. It's a great evening of food, fun and fellowship. Invite a friend and join us for Holy Smoke: S'mores and More! Admission is free, donations welcome. This event is hosted by St. Patrick's Ignite Young Adult Ministry.

[Check Out Event](#)

## Patriarch to Holy Land Christians: You have "calling" to be here



*We receive a call as Christians to live in this land, to bring our contribution to build our future here in this land."*

That is how the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem is trying to convince Christians of the Holy Land to avoid the temptation to move away from the troubled region. In a video message issued July 22, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa told the Christians who live in the Holy Land to not give up.

"There is always hope," he said, speaking in English, with Arabic subtitles, "and first of all hope is not from the outside. First of all, from our heart. And I am sure that if we are united and together we can still give to our children reason for hope for the future."

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat Follow the Spirit

*Galatians 5:25*

*If we live in the Spirit, let us also  
follow the Spirit.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Really Yummy Bread



#### Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

### Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 07:00 PM



The Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Wednesday August 14, 2024 at 7 p.m. Masses throughout the Greater Toronto Area and Barrie will take place for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic Cemeteries.

[Check Event Here](#)

### What Lessons Can we Draw From the Parable of the Weeds?



Matthew 13:24-43 relates the famous parable of the weeds (or tares, as they used to be known). The scene falls within what is known as the parabolic discourse in chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel, which involves no less than eight different parables. One of the things that makes the parable of the weeds interesting, however, is that Jesus goes out of His way not just to deliver it (vv. 24-30) but also to explain it (vv. 36-43).

The parable itself is very simple. A man sows good seed in his field, but while he is sleeping his enemy comes along and sows weeds among the wheat. In due course, when the plants begin to bear grain, the servants of the sower come to him to explain that weeds have begun to appear.

[Read More](#)

### The 4 Fundamental Questions Every Human Must Ask



In our modern world of Instagram influencers, TikTok icons, and celebrities, feeling lonely, isolated, or discouraged can be easy. But your identity is not tied up in how many people know your name or laud you for your accomplishments. Debbie Herbeck wants to help you find your identity, purpose, and meaning by asking yourself these four fundamental questions.

[Watch Video](#)

*“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”*

*— St. Augustine of Hippo*

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