

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



August 11th, 2024 | Nineteenth 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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CATECHISM & RCIA

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.

Amen, amen,
I say to you,
whoever believes
has eternal life.

JOHN 6:47

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PASTOR Fr. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday
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Holy Rosary: 8:30am on Wednesdays
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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!*

August 10th to 17th 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 10th

9:00 am Michael Breggar/ In Thanksgiving to St Anne, St George, all Saints, Holy Angels and Blesseds/ Birthday Blessings for Thalia/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Anapaula Lopes & +Jose Lopes/
10:00 am Baptism of Erik Olloni
2:30 pm Baptisms of Thiago Figueroa & Orion Villanueva
5:00 pm +Niti Serrano, +Maria San Juan, +Honorio "Norie" Andrade/+Joao Da Silva/+Rogelio Serrano & +Eduardo Serrano

SUNDAY, August 11th

9:00 am +Antonio De Ciantis
10:30 am +Pasquale, +Teresa e +Mario Nudo/ +Pietro e +Maria Toter/ +Americo Cretaro
12:00 pm +Maria Clotilde Barros & +Adelino Mouta Reis Gomes/ +Hilaria Magno/ Thanksgiving of Emerson Segismundo
2:00 pm (available for intentions)
6:00 pm +Alberto Abreu & +Maria Lopes/ Thanksgiving for the Marquez family

MONDAY, August 12th

9:00 am +Elisa, +Domenico e +Grazia Domenico/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Nguyen and Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ +Marko Ivanovic/ Nadia Waleska Noguera

TUESDAY, August 13th

9:00 am +Luigi Ferrante/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong and +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Maria Paula Rodriguez/ Sheobbie Marie Climacosa/ Rebeca Gonzalez de Gallardo/ Healing for Lucia Cedillos Rodas

WEDNESDAY, August 14th — St. Maximilian Kolbe

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Harry Ycaza/ Natalia Lucia Anaya

THURSDAY, August 15th — Our Lady of the Assumption

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother
7:00 pm Mass in Honour of Our Lady of the Assumption

FRIDAY, August 16th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh
11:00 am Baptism of Kya and Myra Laplante

SATURDAY, August 17th

8:30 am Hispanic Pilgrimage to Martyr's Shrine in Midland
9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Mary Wahba, Tatiana Carolina Noguera
5:00 pm Aida Cayas/ +Linda Klein/ +Emilia Colucci & +Liberato Guglietti/ +Rose, +Frank & Robert Iannuzi & all deceased members of family



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,
I hope you have been keeping cool during this very humid summer. The Gospel reading of this 19th Sunday (John 6.41-51) continues with the same topic of "food". Here is a beautiful verse you can nourish yourself on: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6.51). 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, "A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John?" Response: "Glory to you, Lord!" Did you answer correctly? Well done! But if not, please ask someone as you exit the Church so that next Sunday, you will proudly join in responding!

Thank you for your generosity!
Regular Collection—August 4, 2024
\$ 4,525.90



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!

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.

First meeting with all pilgrims to Our Lady of Guadalupe & Marian Shrines in Mexico

On Saturday, 24th August at 9:30am, we shall have our first informative meeting with all those who registered for our parish Marian pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Marian shrines in Mexico this September 21-27. We shall gather in the Church right after the morning Mass for coffee and chat. See you there!

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.

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 feligreses de la Parroquia STA,
Espero que os hayáis mantenido frescos durante este verano tan húmedo. La lectura del Evangelio de este 19º domingo (Juan 6.41-51) continúa con el mismo tema del "alimento". He aquí un hermoso versículo con el que podéis alimentaros: "Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo. Y el pan que yo daré para la vida del mundo es mi carne" (Jn 6,51). Feliz domingo y disfruta 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: "Lectura del Santo Evangelio según San Juan"? Respuesta: "¡Gloria a ti, Señor!" ¿Has respondido correctamente? Muy bien. Pero si no es así, ¡pregúntale a alguien al salir de la Iglesia para que el próximo domingo te unas con orgullo a la respuesta!

Gracias por su generosidad
Colecta regular— 4 de agosto de 2024
\$ 4,525.90



¡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.

Primera reunión con todos los peregrinos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y Santuarios Marianos en México

El sábado 24 de agosto a las 9:30 de la mañana, tendremos nuestra primera reunión informativa con todos los que se inscribieron a nuestra peregrinación mariana parroquial a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y los santuarios marianos en México del 21 al 27 de septiembre. Nos reuniremos en la Iglesia justo después de la Misa de la mañana para tomar un café y charlar. ¡Nos vemos allí!

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).

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

ALL ABOUT FAITH

August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Solemnity



Reflection: Within the history of the Church, one fascinating and inspiring phenomenon is the incorruptibility of some saints' bodies. Over the course of history, the bodies of certain holy men and women have been exhumed from their tombs. On occasion, these bodies have been found to be incorrupt, meaning they have not decayed. Among the most notable saints are Bernadette Soubirous, Catherine Labouré, John Vianney, Padre Pio, Vincent de Paul, Clare of Assisi, and Teresa of Avila. However, the body of today's saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is unique. It is not just incorrupt but is also alive, resurrected, transformed, and sharing in eternal glory. Other than her Divine Son, the Mother of God is the only one to have been granted this privilege. Traditionally, today's Solemnity has been referred to variably as the Blessed Virgin Mary's rest, birth into Heaven, entombment, and falling asleep. The earliest written references to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary date back to the third and fourth centuries. In the seventh century, Saint John Damascene wrote beautifully about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in three sermons. He also narrates a story about the Roman Emperor Marcian (c. 392–457) who approached the bishops at the Council of Chalcedon in 451, requesting information about the location of the body of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Dearest Mother, assumed into Heaven, you are the Immaculate Conception, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we honor your glorious Assumption into Heaven, please pray for me and for all your children. In Heaven, you are honored by your Son and your prayers are most effective. I believe this with all my heart and entrust myself, my family, our Church, and the entire world to your motherly care and intercession. Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for me. 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](#)

This is what conversion really looks like



Often Christians talk about being "converted" to the Christian faith. Unfortunately, there is much confusion about what conversion truly looks like, and it often ends us being something that only touches the surface of a person's soul. In reality, Jesus challenged his disciples to be converted in a way that was meant to radically change their lives.

Jesus used the Greek word *metanoia* when speaking about conversion, and his word choice was deliberate. Pope St. Paul VI, in his Apostolic Constitution *Paenitemini*, explains the gravity of Jesus' choice of words. The kingdom of God announced by Christ can be entered only by a "change of heart" ("*metanoia*"), that is to say through that intimate and total change and renewal of the entire man—of all his opinions, judgments and decisions—which takes place in him in the light of the sanctity and charity of God, the sanctity and charity which were manifested to us in the Son and communicated fully.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat Hearts Open to the Spirit

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

What do we do when we are stuck?



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 the August Saints Proclaim about the August Queen



There is no formula for holiness. It is meant to be uniquely carried out by each of us as God individually calls us to live in union with Him. Yet, when we look at the Saints arrayed in glory, there are commonalities within their spiritual lives. One such aspect is their reliance upon Mary, our Blessed Mother.

Devotion to Our Lady

Every Saint had a devotion to our Lady. August is a special month to honor her as it is traditionally dedicated to her Immaculate Heart, and during this month we also celebrate her Assumption and Coronation.

[Read More](#)

How the Blessed Mother Can Help You Grow in Patience (feat. Br. Lawrence)



Mary is a model for us because she is a model of Jesus." Fr. Mark-Mary is joined by Br. Lawrence to discuss the two great virtues of the Blessed Mother and how to imitate them in your own spiritual life.

[Watch Video](#)

"The Immaculate will conquer, through us, the whole world and every single soul."

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

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