

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



August 18th, 2024 | Twentieth 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.

WEDDINGS—BODAS

Please contact the office **one year** in advance.
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**

SICK CALLS

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



PASTOR Fr. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E.

RESIDENT PRIEST 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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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 17th to 24th 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 17th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh & +Vincent Tuong/
Healing of Mary Wahba/ Birthday blessings upon Tatiana
Carolina Noguera
5:00 pm Birthday blessings upon Aida Cayas/ +Linda Klein/
+Rose Frank & +Robert Ianuzzi and all their deceased family
members/+Emilia Colucci & +Liberato Guglietti/+Jericho
Antonio Lauron

SUNDAY, August 18th

9:00 am +Frank Perri/Gloria Lavadia
10:30 am +Niso Daneluzzi / +Suor Isolina Andreatta
12:00 pm (available for intentions)
2:00 pm +Betty Elisa Guerrero de Perez/ Bendiciones en el
cumpleaños de Gabriel Jose Perez
6:00 pm In Honour of St Anne, St Joachim, Blessed Trinity, Holy
Family, All Saints, Holy Angels and Blesseds

MONDAY, August 19th — St. John Eudes

9:00 am In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ +Gloria/
+Peter Andersen & +Vincent Nguyen

TUESDAY, August 20th — St. Bernard

9:00 am In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ +Vincent
Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

WEDNESDAY, August 21st — St. Pius X

9:00 am In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ +Manuel
Amorim/ Birthday blessings upon Haydee Sosa & Jose Adelio
Chevez

THURSDAY, August 22nd — Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ Healing of
Carmen Lezcano/ Martha Lucia Hernandez

FRIDAY, August 23rd

9:00 am In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ Luis Hernan
Ortiz/ +Roberto Lorenzo/ Birthday blessings upon Irena Misko &
Sylvia Lorenzo

SATURDAY, August 24th — St. Bartholomew

9:00 am In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ +Vincent
Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

5:00 pm +Anecito Varona/ +Samuel Greeley



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Hopefully you have been enjoying the outdoors! The Gospel reading of this 20th Sunday (John 6.51-58) continues with the same topic of "food". Here is a beautiful verse you can nourish yourself on this week: "Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me" (John 6.57). 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: "Lift up your hearts"? Response/ We lift...! Then, the priest again says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God" and, you say: It is...! Did you get it? Well done! If you didn't, then ask someone as exit the Church so that next Sunday, you will proudly join in responding!

Thank you for your generosity!
Regular Collection—August 11, 2024
\$ 5,148.80



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!

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Registration is on!

Please send us an email at: 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.

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!

Youth Group

Our youth group is still meeting during the summer on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the STA school yard, followed by fellowship in the church parking lot. Children ages 11 to 18 are welcome. We also accept any donations for food and drinks! Thank you.

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,
Espero que hayáis disfrutado del aire libre. La lectura del Evangelio de este domingo 20 (Juan 6.51-58) continúa con el mismo tema del "alimento". He aquí un hermoso versículo con el que podéis alimentaros esta semana: "Como me envió el Padre viviente, y yo vivo por el Padre, así también el que me coma vivirá por mí" (Jn 6,57). 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— 11 de agosto de 2024
\$ 5,148.80



¡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!

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

Por favor, envíenos un correo electrónico a: stthomasaquinasto@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.

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!

Grupo de jóvenes

Nuestro grupo de jóvenes se sigue reuniendo durante el verano los viernes a las 7:00 pm en el patio de la escuela STA, seguido de compañerismo en el estacionamiento de la iglesia. Los niños de 11 a 18 años son bienvenidos. También aceptamos donaciones para comida y bebidas. Gracias a todos.

Mantente al día de las actividades de la Pastoral Juvenil y sigue nuestra cuenta de Instagram [@sta.youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/sta.youthministry)

ALL ABOUT FAITH

August 22: Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary—Memorial



Reflection: The twentieth century saw a great resurgence in devotion to the Mother of God. Several decades prior to that century, on December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Four years later, the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a fourteen-year-old peasant girl, in Lourdes, France. In this apparition, when Bernadette asked who the Heavenly Lady was, she responded, "I am the Immaculate Conception." This mystical confirmation of the papal dogma sparked great devotion to the Mother of God, and Lourdes became a frequent pilgrim site where many miracles have taken place.

We not only have a mother in Heaven, we also have a Queen Mother. As Mary is the Queen Mother of God, we must turn to her with childlike faith and simplicity. As a young child runs to a loving mother in time of need, never questioning her love, protection, and care, so we must run to her. She is our protectress, our refuge, our hope, and our sweet delight. Her affection is perfect and her motherly love unmatched. As we honor the Queen of Heaven today, ponder the Church's ever-deepening understanding of her role. Turn to her, seek her prayers, rely upon her intercession, and honor her as your mother and your queen.

Prayer: Mother and Queen of Heaven, this day I run to you as a child with confidence and trust. You are the glorious Queen Mother, reigning over all of your children with love and mercy. Please pray for me, and bestow upon me all that I need. I open my heart to the grace of your Son, which you are entrusted to dispense. Make me holy and free from sin, so you can present me spotless and pure to your beloved Son, the King of the Universe. Queen of 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](#)

Year of Prayer with Benedict XVI: Talk to God as to a friend



Prayer stems from friendship with God

First, Moses lived a very close relationship with God. At the beginning of his audience, Benedict XVI reminds us of the verse from the book of Exodus: "The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend" (Ex 33:11).

This familiarity with the Lord gave him the impetus to speak to him, pray to him, and entrust to him the desires of the people under his care. This verse is very instructive for us, because it illustrates an important truth: Praying to God requires cultivating an ongoing and increasingly close relationship with Him.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat Sharing God's Life

John 14:23

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed Guided prayer and meditation for kids



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Summertime and the Praying is Easy. - Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men and Women

Friday, September 20, 2024 07:00 PM -

Sunday, September 22, 2024 01:30 PM

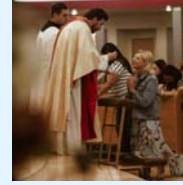
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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. As we go camping, hiking, fishing, surfing—we can always encounter God. Prayer and Pleasure are complementary not competitive. It is not a question of When, How and Where—but as a sales slogan says, “Just do it.” Directed by Fr. Michael Coutts, SJ. Retreat begins Friday evening, arrival 7 p.m. and runs until Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$260.00/person

[Check Event Here](#)

Why We Believe the Eucharist is Jesus



At the heart of our belief in the Eucharist lies a profound truth: Jesus said so. As Catholics, we believe in Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist is grounded in the words of Christ himself.

One might wonder why such a claim holds weight. The answer is found in the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus validates His authority and, consequently, His words regarding the Eucharist. If Jesus can conquer death, He can certainly transform bread and wine into His Body and Blood.

[Read More](#)

You DO NOT KNOW How Much God Loves You! w/ Fr. Vincent Lampert



Fr. Lampert and Matt Fradd discuss the Love of God. Father points out that God chose to unite himself with us and not the Angels as evidence for God's love.

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“My longing for truth was a single prayer.”
— St. Edith Stein

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