

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



August 25th, 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

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Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

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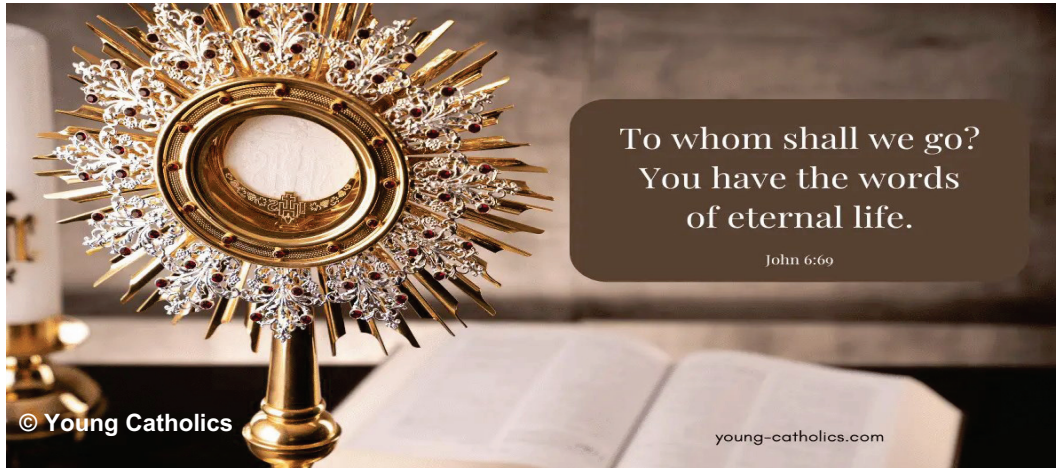
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For the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion/Confirmation), please contact the office and press **ext. 0**

SICK CALLS

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



To whom shall we go?
You have the words
of eternal life.

John 6:69

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday
9:30 am - 12:00pm | 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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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 24th to 31st 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 24th

9:00 am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora/ +Carlota Moz, Birthday blessings upon Emritzto Gonzalez Moz/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/
1:30 pm Baptism of Jacob & Isaac Gould
2:30 pm Baptism Cleoine Mariano
5:00 pm In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ +Samuel Greely/ +Gorgonia Munoz/ +Anecito Varona/ +Verna Jessicamay Isles Toy & +Maurice Classen Toy

SUNDAY, August 25th

9:00 am In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ +Jay R Lavadia/ +Vincenzo Pinelli/ + Rosel Desarno
10:30 am In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ +Natale, +Laura & +Antonio & +Pina Menin/
12:00 pm +Antonio Cardoso & +Francisco Amaral/ In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora
2:00 pm In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora/ Ayuda de San Jose para Linh Do/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Rey Arslan Ycaza/ +Mara Idaly Burbano
6:00 pm In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora

MONDAY, August 26th

9:00 am In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora, St Anne St Joachim, Blessed Trinity, Holy Family, all Saints, Holy Angels and Blesseds/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Rosa Judith Jaramillo
7:00 pm Memorial Mass for Alfredo Bonanno
TUESDAY, August 27th — St. Monica
9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +John Joseph Way, +Max Vinogradov
WEDNESDAY, August 28th — St. Augustine
9:00 am (available for intentions)
THURSDAY, August 29th — Passion of St. John the Baptist
9:00 am +Elizabeth Majoros/ Birthday blessings upon Michael Miliias
FRIDAY, August 30th
9:00 am (available for intentions)
SATURDAY, August 31st
9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ + Giuseppe Di Giuseppe, +Maria Magdalena Regalado, +Herbert Escobar
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,
I hope you have been keeping cool during this very humid summer. The Gospel reading of this 21st Sunday (John 6.53, 60-69) continues with the same topic of "food". Here is a beautiful verse you can nourish yourself on: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6.68-69). 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 18, 2024
\$ 4,149.00



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 feligreses de la Parroquia STA

Espero que os hayáis mantenido frescos durante este verano tan húmedo. La lectura del Evangelio de este 21º domingo (Juan 6.53, 60-69) continúa con el mismo tema del «alimento». He aquí un hermoso versículo con el que podéis alimentaros: «Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Hemos llegado a creer y a saber que tú eres el Santo de Dios» (Jn 6,68-69). 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: "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— 18 de agosto de 2024
\$ 4,149.00



¡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!

¡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 29: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist



John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was born approximately six months before the Savior of the World. He was likely born in the small, rural Jewish town of Ein Karem, located in the hill country about five miles west of Jerusalem. The surrounding land would have been utilized for agriculture and herding, centered around a town hub and water well. Uniquely, John was blessed with the presence of both the Son of God and the Mother of God at his birth. Many Catholic theologians, including the Angelic Doctor of the Church, Saint Thomas Aquinas, believe that while John was conceived in Original Sin, he was sanctified in the womb immediately after the Blessed Virgin Mary greeted his mother Elizabeth, several months prior to John's birth. "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb..." (Luke 1:41). This leap in the womb has been interpreted as John's sanctification by grace before he was born. Jesus would later say of John, "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11).

Prayer: Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for me, that I will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost. Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. — *My Catholic Life*

Bible & Beer: "A Common Sense Miracle, and the Miracle of Common Sense"

Tuesday, September 03, 2024 07:00 PM — 09:00 PM
St. Patrick's Garden, 180 St. Patrick St., Toronto



Join us for this an informal "bible study." We will reflect on the words of scripture as they relate the liturgical season of the year to the experience of our lives and journey of faith. We will gather for one hour of input and reflection and continue the conversation across the street at the pub in a friendly social atmosphere.

[Check Out Event](#)

What Advice Does the Bible Offer to Young Men About Overcoming Habitual Vice?



Among the many challenges young men face today, a common one is the struggle with habitual vice, often-times in connection with sexual sin. In the face of near-overpowering societal pressures to live a lifestyle of vice and spiritual slavery, what encouragement can today's aspiring "man of God" (1 Tim 6:11) find in the Scriptures? Before all else, the Bible reminds young men of their desperate need for divine grace. Like St. Mary Magdalene and St. Augustine of Hippo, they must learn that until they abandon themselves completely to Christ, spiritual victory will evade them. Young men must come to the firm conviction that they can't do this on their own. As St. John Paul II liked to point out, the great saints of history became saints not by conquering the world, but by allowing Christ to conquer them.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat God Provides *Genesis 1:29*

God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food."

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

What is "Real Presence" ?



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

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering



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](#)

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross + Her Message to Women



Names have meaning. When my fellow Sisters and I were discerning our religious names, our founder encouraged us to look at the meaning of the names we were choosing, not just the Saint's life and virtue. He encouraged us to live the meaning of our name. Edith means "riches" or "blessed." So she did not stray too far from her birth name by adding Benedicta, which also means blessed. Instead of being blessed by riches, she embraces and accepts being blessed by the Cross.

[Read More](#)

Does God Hear My Prayers If I'm Stuck in Sin?



"Do you ever feel like you're too bad to pray? Like the sins in your life discount you from reaching God's ears? Is intimacy with God possible amid sin and wrong decisions? Fr. Mark-Mary, CFR, and Fr. Jonah Teller, O.P. share why you can never be too far from God to reach out to him in prayer and to rebuild your relationship with him.

[Watch Video](#)

*"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to
God is to help convert souls."*

St. Rose of Lima

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