

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



September 1st, 2024 | Twenty Second 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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**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 31<sup>st</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, August 31<sup>st</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ + Giuseppe Di Giuseppe, +Maria Magdalena Regalado, +Herbert Escobar  
**5:00 pm** +Jericho Antonio Lauron/ +Frank Angelo & Anna Petraglia and all deceased members of the family

### SUNDAY, September 1<sup>st</sup>

**9:00 am** +Irene Ibeas/ +Enniel Galanza Somes/ +Jose Migullas  
**10:30 am** In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Visora  
**12:00 pm** In thanksgiving for Students & Teachers Back To School  
**2:00 pm** +Ana Orsini, +Claudio Marco LaRosa e +Rina LaRosa & todas las almas del purgatorio/ +Cesar Saavedra/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Carmencita Doradea  
**6:00 pm** Thanksgiving for the anniversary ordination Rev. Priest Peter Turrone, Healing of Karla & Mauricio Rodas, Irene

### MONDAY, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Maria Serafina & +Juan Cedillos, Birthday blessings upon Jose Eduardo Gallardo

### TUESDAY, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00 am** +Anacleto Tuala & +Ceriaco Tubog/ Birthday blessings for Angela Gayle Gundayao/ Birthday blessings upon Victoria Martinez, Marla Monge

### WEDNESDAY, September 4<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am**

### THURSDAY, September 5<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Julia Tejada Choto, Birthday blessings upon Iris Anabell Tejada

### FRIDAY, September 6<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am**

### 7:00 pm First Friday Mass

### SATURDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary & all souls in purgatory/ Birthday blessings upon Dinora Cedillos

**5:00 pm** +Ernest Pittard, +Sean Sullivan & all souls in purgatory



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

**Sunday, 1 September 2024:**

## From the Pastor's Desk!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Happy New month to everyone! I hope you enjoyed the warmer side of the summer break. Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. We are all encouraged to cater for our common home! Besides, September sets everything back on track, namely school, work, regular Mass attendance, caring, nurturing, giving and receiving. The Gospel reading of this 22nd Sunday (Mark 7) draws our attention to the human heart. Our heart is the fountain of our actions, both good and bad. Let us decide today, the first day of this new cycle, to feed our hearts with ONLY good things. 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 25, 2024*  
**\$ 4,914.00**



**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!

## Back to School?

### Yes... and, cherish the opportunity!

As our children return to school this week, we give them a special thumbs up. Let us love to learn so that we can effectively learn to love!

## 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.

## Shout out to all Workers!

On this Labour Day weekend, we recognize and appreciate all those who contribute or have already contributed as workers to the welfare of our Canadian society and their families as well. May God reward your efforts. Do keep up the good work!

## 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.

## Youth Group

Events continue Fridays, 7-8:30pm for children 11-18. Meet in the parking lot! Food/drink donations are always welcome. Stay updated with our Instagram account: [@sta.youthministry!](https://www.instagram.com/sta.youthministry/)

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

**Domingo, 1 de septiembre de 2024:**

**Desde el Escritorio del Pastor**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo ¡Feliz mes nuevo a todos! Espero que hayáis disfrutado del lado más cálido de las vacaciones de verano. Hoy es la Jornada Mundial de Oración por el Cuidado de la Creación. ¡Nos anima a todos a cuidar nuestra casa común! Además, en septiembre todo vuelve a su cauce, es decir, la escuela, el trabajo, la asistencia regular a misa, el cuidado, la crianza, el dar y el recibir. La lectura del Evangelio de este 22º domingo (Marcos 7) llama nuestra atención sobre el corazón humano. Nuestro corazón es la fuente de nuestras acciones, tanto buenas como malas. Decidámonos hoy, primer día de este nuevo ciclo, a alimentar nuestro corazón SÓLO con cosas buenas. ¡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— 25 de agosto de 2024*  
**\$ 4,914.00**



¡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!

## **¿Vuelta al cole? Sí...**

y, ¡aprovechen la oportunidad! Con la vuelta al cole de nuestros hijos esta semana, les damos un espaldarazo especial. ¡Amemos aprender para aprender efectivamente a amar!

## **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.

## **Saludo a todos los trabajadores**

En este fin de semana del Día del Trabajo, reconocemos y apreciamos a todos aquellos que contribuyen o han contribuido como trabajadores al bienestar de nuestra sociedad canadiense y también a sus familias. Que Dios recompense vuestros esfuerzos. ¡No cejéis en vuestro empeño!

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

Por favor, envíenos un correo electrónico a: [stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org](mailto: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.

## **Grupo de jóvenes**

Las actividades continúan los viernes, de 19 - 20.30h, para niños de 11 a 18 años. Nos vemos en el aparcamiento. Las donaciones de comida/bebida son siempre bienvenidas. ¡IG: [@sta.youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/sta.youthministry)

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## September 5: Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta—Memorial



Reflection: Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta was born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu in Skopje, present-day North Macedonia. At the time of her birth, Anjezë's hometown was part of the vast, predominantly Muslim Ottoman Empire, which spanned three continents. Today, Skopje is considered the political, cultural, economic, and academic center of North Macedonia, with a rich and ancient history dating back to Roman times. Anjezë was the youngest of five children, two of whom died in infancy. Her parents were devout Catholics who raised her in the faith. Her baptismal name was Gonxhe, meaning "rosebud" or "little flower" in Albanian, and it was by this endearing name that she was often called as a child.

Prayer: *Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Thirst of Christ so permeated your soul that you experienced His longing within the depths of your being. This Thirst drove you to charity, endlessly searching for every way possible to bring satiation to our Lord in the distressing disguise of the poor and suffering. Please pray for me, that I will be freed of every selfish motivation in life so that I can give myself to others, freely and wholeheartedly, as an instrument of the Most Merciful Heart of Jesus. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 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](#)

Pope: 'Once we've encountered Christ, we can't keep Him to ourselves'

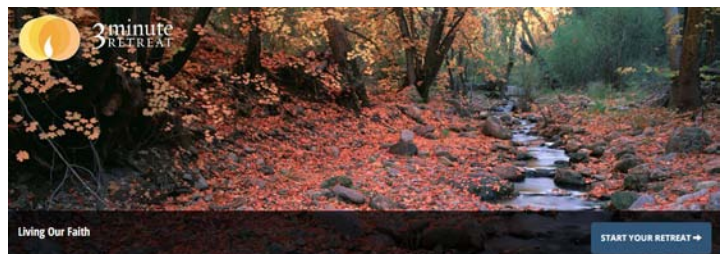


Pope Francis invites the faithful to rediscover our love of spending time with Christ and to be missionaries of His love to others, in a message sent to Madagascar's National Eucharistic Congress taking place this week.

Embrace act of adoration

In the letter addressed to Bishop Marie Fabien Raharilamboniain, the President of the Episcopal Conference of Madagascar, the Pope said approaching Christ in the Eucharist "contributes to the growth of each one of you as Christians, as you are called to become more and more."

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat Living Our Faith

*Acts of the Apostles 2:42  
They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to breaking of the bread and to the prayers.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Catholic Kids Media - Rules?!



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](#)

### Short and effective recipes for holiness from great saints



Christians have a goal in life. It has nothing to do with economic or social success, but with spiritual success. To achieve it, we must learn to renounce certain things, avoiding temptations and perhaps even certain people who lead us to sin. This goal is holiness, and millions of Christians of all ages and times have dedicated their lives to it. Aren't the saints in the best position to tell us about the path to holiness?

[Read More](#)

### Do You Have a Vocation?



Fr. Ambrose shares his advice on discerning the priesthood and religious life.

0:00 The Church Decides

1:20 Misconceptions about Vocations

4:10 What is a Vocation Then?

4:55 Discerning a Vocation

7:27 When Discernment Really Begins

8:52 Concrete Steps Forward

10:30 The Best Advice

[Watch Video](#)

*“Do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today.  
You may not have a tomorrow”.*

*— St. John Bosco*

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