

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



September 15th, 2024 | Twenty Fourth 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.



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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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DEVOTIONS—DEVOCIONES

Holy Rosary: 8:30am on Wednesdays
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 10am
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!*

September 14th to 21st 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 14th — Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

5:00 pm +Joao Da Silva/ +Severino Drusian & family/
+Angelo Nicholson

SUNDAY, September 15th

9:00 am +Frank Perri. +Luisa Marchione

10:30 am +Mario Trevisan +Rosario Ferragina, +Armando
Carpino & +Ida Giordano

12:00 pm +Erlinda Quiazon Montana & +Fortunato
Montana/ +Juan Templonuevo Jr./ Thanksgiving for the
Birthday of Anthonia Agbame

2:00 pm +Carlyle & +Ameeze Gyan/ Bendiciones en el
cumpleaños de Sandra Gyan

6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, September 16th — Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Vilma,
+Allcia & +Esteban Sandino

TUESDAY, September 17th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Betty Elisa
Guerrero de Perez, +Diego Mendoza/ Birthday
blessings for Francisca Ramirez

WEDNESDAY, September 18th

9:00 am (available for intentions)

THURSDAY, September 19th — St. Januarius

9:00 am (available for intentions)

FRIDAY, September 20th — St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn

9:00 am +Rogelia Rocero/ +Osvaldo Enrique

SATURDAY, September 21st — St. Matthew

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Harold,
+Yvonne & +John Way

5:00 pm (available for intentions)



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We often think that we have better ideas of how things should work in our families, community, parish, city and even in the world. Unfortunately (or fortunately), reality is often not exactly what we imagined! St. Peter tried to persuade our Lord to choose a different, less arduous, more convenient path. No doubt, he meant well. But here comes the shocking reply from the Master: "Get behind me, Satan! For you are thinking not as God does, but as humans do." Oops.. Someone got it all wrong! "Whoever wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me". Happy Sunday everyone and have a great start to the week!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help our Parish show gratitude by supporting our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We're collecting nonperishable items like pasta, tuna, beans, spaghetti, and canned soup until Thanksgiving weekend. Your generosity makes a big difference. Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection—September 8, 2024
\$ 5,135.00



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!

Stewardship Sunday Homily!

Our Archbishop Francis Leo will be delivering a pre-prepared homily to all our parishioners on the weekend of Stewardship Sunday, that is September 21/22.

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!**

BIG NEWS! ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS STA PARISH!

Our new Archbishop, His Grace Francis Leo will be visiting our parish on Sunday, **1st December 2024**. He will preside over the solemn trilingual Mass at 12pm, followed by reception in the parish hall. We warmly welcome our chief Pastor as he seeks to get to know this fragment of his flock. More information will follow!

Novena to St. Michael the Archangel.

Our Archbishop Francis Leo invites our parishioners to participate in this year's Novena to the patron Saint of our Archdiocese. It will begin on Friday, 20th and conclude on Saturday, 28th September. If you can, please join us every day at the end of the Mass. If you cannot be physically present, you may access the prayers from the website of the Archdiocese. Let us pray together for the powerful protection of St. Michael the Archangel.

Prayer Request from Parish Pilgrims to Mexico:

From next Saturday, 21st to Friday, 27th representatives of our parish will be visiting our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. Please keep them and Fr. Patrick in your prayers. Thank you.

Confirmation Prep. Welcome Mass & Placement.

Our Confirmation students will officially begin their sacramental preparations with the welcome Mass on Thursday, 19th September at 6:30pm. The following Saturday, 21st September there will be full registration and class placement.

RCIA Information Session

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming Catholic, we shall be having a Seeking-to-Know Session on Wednesday, 18th September at 7pm in the parish office.

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo

A menudo pensamos que tenemos mejores ideas de cómo deberían funcionar las cosas en nuestras familias, comunidad, parroquia, ciudad e incluso en el mundo. Desgraciadamente (o afortunadamente), ¡la realidad no suele ser exactamente como la imaginamos! San Pedro intentó persuadir a nuestro Señor para que eligiera un camino diferente, menos arduo y más conveniente. Sin duda, sus intenciones eran buenas. Pero aquí viene la sorprendente respuesta del Maestro: «¡Apártate de mí, Satanás! Porque no piensas como Dios, sino como los humanos». Uy... ¡Alguien lo entendió todo mal! «El que quiera seguirme, que se niegue a sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y me siga». Feliz domingo a todos y buen comienzo de semana.

Colecta de Alimentos de Acción de Gracias

Ayude a nuestra Parroquia a mostrar gratitud apoyando nuestra Colecta de Comida de Acción de Gracias! Estamos recolectando artículos no perecederos como pasta, atún, frijoles, espaguetis y sopa enlatada hasta el fin de semana de Acción de Gracias. Su generosidad hace una gran diferencia. ¡Gracias a todos!

Gracias por su generosidad

Colecta regular — 8 de septiembre de 2024
\$5,135.00



¡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!

Homilía del Domingo de la Corresponsabilidad

Nuestro Arzobispo Francis Leo pronunciará una homilía preparada de antemano a todos nuestros feligreses el fin de semana del Domingo de la Corresponsabilidad, es decir, los días 21 y 22 de septiembre.

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

¡GRANDES NOTICIAS! EL ARZOBISPO LEO VISITA LA PARROQUIA DE STA

Nuestro nuevo Arzobispo, Su Gracia Francis Leo visitará nuestra parroquia el domingo 1 de diciembre de 2024. Presidirá la misa solemne trilingüe a las 12pm, seguida de una recepción en el salón parroquial. Damos una calurosa bienvenida a nuestro Pastor principal, que desea conocer este fragmento de su rebaño. Más información próximamente.

Novena a San Miguel Arcángel.

Nuestro Arzobispo Francis Leo invita a nuestros feligreses a participar en la Novena de este año al Santo patrón de nuestra Archidiócesis. Comenzará el viernes 20 y concluirá el sábado 28 de septiembre. Si puedes, acompáñanos todos los días al final de la Misa. Si no puedes estar físicamente presente, puedes acceder a las oraciones desde la página web de la Archidiócesis. Recemos juntos por la poderosa protección de San Miguel Arcángel.

Petición de Oración de los Peregrinos de la Parroquia a México:

Del próximo sábado 21 al viernes 27 representantes de nuestra parroquia estarán visitando a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en México. Por favor manténgalos a ellos y al Padre Patrick en sus oraciones. Gracias.

Confirmación Prep.

Misa de Bienvenida & Colocación.

Nuestros alumnos de Confirmación comenzarán oficialmente su preparación sacramental con la Misa de bienvenida el jueves 19 de septiembre a las 18:30 horas. El sábado siguiente, 21 de septiembre habrá inscripción completa y colocación en las clases.

Sesión informativa sobre RCIA

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce podría estar interesado en convertirse en católico, vamos a tener una sesión de búsqueda de saber el miércoles, 18 de septiembre a las 19:00 en la oficina parroquial.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

September 21: St. Matthew the Apostle—Feast



Reflection: Saint Matthew was most likely born as Levi, the son of Alphaeus. Though nothing is known about his childhood, Levi became a tax collector for the Roman authorities. The name “Levi” implies that he was from the Tribe of Levi, the tribe responsible for Jewish liturgical worship. Though

scholars cannot arrive at a definitive conclusion about the details of his life, it is almost universally accepted that the Levi mentioned in Mark 2:14 and Luke 5:27 is the same person mentioned in Matthew 9:9 by the name Matthew. Levi might have been his original name, and Matthew may have been the name given to him by Jesus upon his conversion. The name Matthew means “Gift of Yahweh.” As we honor Saint Matthew, we also celebrate the Gospel itself. Matthew was but a human instrument; the content of his Gospel is the Living Word of God. Ponder the inestimable value of this Gospel that God has used to transform countless lives. By his simple obedience to the will of God, Saint Matthew’s efforts have been exponentially fruitful and will continue to be so until the end of the age.

Prayer: *Saint Matthew, God called you and you responded immediately. The emptiness you felt within your soul could not be filled with money. When you encountered Christ, you left all behind to follow Him. Please pray for me, that I will never hesitate in saying “Yes” to God’s call in my life, so that God can transform my life and use me as He wills. Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

—My Catholic Life

40 Days for Life Toronto

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 07:00 AM -

Sunday, November 03, 2024 07:00 PM

811 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto



Our mission is to organize a peaceful campaign of fasting and prayer for 40 consecutive days at 50 meters from an abortion facility where we will become a visible sign to protect life.

The intercessory prayer of those 40 day's vigils has resulted in 24,834 lives saved worldwide since 2007. Join us to protect LIFE!

[Check Out Event](#)

What Are Some Psalms Worth Memorizing For Different Occasions?

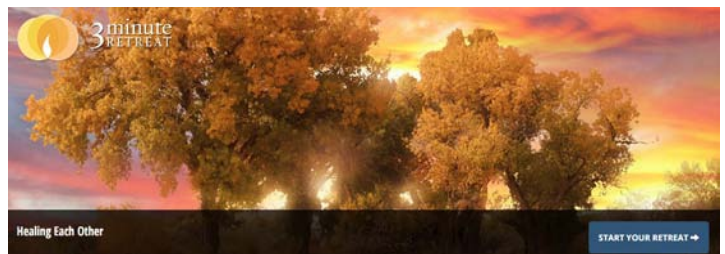


The psalms are the prayer book of the Church. For this reason, we do well not only to pray them regularly, but also to commit to memorizing them by heart so that “His praise will always be on my lips” (Ps 34:1). What follows is a small sampling of psalms worth learning for different occasions, following the numbering system employed by the NAB and RSV translations.

For staying close to Christ: Psalms 1 and 19 speak movingly of devotion to God’s law and the precious fruits that this brings.

For loving God in times of grief: Psalm 34 is a gritty, heartfelt prayer of one who has suffered much, yet continues to praise the Lord and find peace in Him

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat Healing Each Other

Mark 1:29-31

On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Faith or Works?



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Eucharist is way to “rebel” against evil: Pope to International Eucharistic Congress



“The lessons we can take in from the Holy Eucharist always surprise us,” Pope Francis said in a video message to the participants of the International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, which got underway on September 8 and will run through next Sunday. In his speech, he explained how the Eucharist can teach us to come together as brothers and sisters and allow us to grow united as one body in the Church. “Already the early Church Fathers told us that the sign of bread kindles in the People of God the desire for brotherhood, for just as bread cannot be kneaded from a single grain, so too must we walk together, for 'though we are many, we are one body, one bread,'” the Pope said.

[Read More](#)

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](#)

How Can I Know That It's Actually God's Voice?



How can you discern if the voice you're hearing is genuinely God's? How can you be sure it isn't just your own thoughts or even something deceptive? Fr. Mike offers insight into recognizing God's guidance by asking key questions: Does the voice contradict Scripture or the teachings of the Church? Who does the voice sound like, and what are the characteristics of God's voice?

[Watch Video](#)

*“Let us do all things with the conviction that
God dwells in us.”
– St. Ignatius of Antioch*

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