

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



October 20th, 2024 | Twenty Ninth 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

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**RESIDENT PRIEST** Fr. Peter Paul C.C.E.

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

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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**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!*

## October 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, October 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Thanksgiving for Chloe Do/ Birthday of Alicia Ubaque

**5:00 pm** +Giovanni Tramontin

### SUNDAY, October 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Frank Perri/ +Francia Gallego/ +Irene Paglinawan Sr./ +Elpidio Lasado Sr./ +Eliseo Divinagracia/ +Marcelino Erive

**10:30 am** +Antonio Pitaro/ +Francesco Spina/ +Francesco Fabiano

**12:00 pm** +Antonio Cardoso/ Thanksgiving for Christina C. Brown

**2:00 pm** +Marina Galdo, +Maria Rosa Dalsass, +Filomena Calitri/ Cristabel & Guillermo Turcios, Jr.

**6:00 pm** +Florian Markun

### MONDAY, October 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00 am** +Myrna Jose/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Leonard Gregor/ Francesca Mendoza/ Healing upon Lucia Cedillos de Rodas

### TUESDAY, October 22<sup>nd</sup> — St. John Paul II

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Carmen Flores/ Rev. Fr. Ismael Naranjo/ Rene Orlando Meza

### WEDNESDAY, October 23<sup>rd</sup> — St. John of Capistrano

**9:00 am** +Merlyn, Denzil, Eugene Stephenes & Loraine Singh/ +Rohena Das

### THURSDAY, October 24<sup>th</sup> — St. Anthony Mary Claret

**9:00 am** +Eteban Sandino/ +Maria del Transito Claros/ +Doris Jose Delgadillo

### FRIDAY, October 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00** Norma Isabel Garcia/ +Gino Antonel/ +Lilia & Escolastico Palomo & +Edwin Palomo +Carlos Menjivar/ +Eliseo Murillo

**7:00 pm** Memorial Mass for Armando Arianna

### SATURDAY, October 26<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

**5:00** (available for intentions)



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope you are having a great Sunday. The readings of this weekend: Isaiah 53.10-11 (First Reading); Psalm 33; Hebrews 4.14-16 (Second Reading) and Mark 10.35-45 (Gospel). Hopefully, you have your Missal or Bible. Just a brief reflection: The three readings of today speak of pain, suffering and service. Jesus reprimands the two brothers, James and John for wanting to take the highest positions. He thereby teaches his disciples the Christian manner of leadership and governance: humble service! "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". What a lesson for us today! Happy Sunday everyone and have a great start to the week!

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity helped make a big difference for families in our community. May God bless you continuously for your kindness!

### Thank you for your generosity!

*Regular Collection—October 13, 2024*  
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**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!

## STA Youth Days!

The STA Youth Group is pleased to announce STA Youth Days, an afterschool program for ages 11-18! Starting this October, we invite youth to fun, food and faith from Tuesdays to Fridays, 3-7pm, for only \$15/month! For more info, email [BAmino@archtoronto.org](mailto:BAmino@archtoronto.org) or check out what we do on our Instagram page at [@sta.youthministry!](https://www.instagram.com/sta.youthministry/) Register now and scan here ->



## Parish Bazaar/Flee Market

On Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am-3pm, STA will have a Bazaar Flee Market to fundraise for ongoing parish renovations. If interested in donating new or gently used items (clothing, beddings, toys, games, bags, utensils, pots, musical instruments, etc.) please bring them to the sacristy or parish office on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, at the latest. Please note: we do NOT accept furniture! Our parish KofC will be selling BBQ meats, hot dogs, and similar things. Thank you very much and may God bless you.

## Parish Annual Headcount

Our parish annual Headcount will take place for two weekends, October 19/20 and October 26/27. The purpose of the count is for the Archdiocese of Toronto to keep an accurate annual record of Mass attendance or receive holy communion at home or in the hospitals across its vast territory. The parish ushers will take care of it at some point during the Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

## GREAT NEWS! ARCHBISHOP LEO BECOMES FRANCIS CARDINAL LEO

Pope Francis has announced that the Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev. Francis Leo will be elevated to the College of Cardinals alongside 20 others. The consistory will take place in Rome on Sunday, December 8. Let us thank God for his boundless grace to our beloved Archbishop Francis Leo. Please keep him and our Archdiocese in your prayers. Ad altiores!

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

## Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Espero que estén teniendo un gran domingo. Las lecturas de este fin de semana: Isaías 53.10-11 (Primera Lectura); Salmo 33; Hebreos 4.14-16 (Segunda Lectura) y Marcos 10.35-45 (Evangelio). Espero que tengan su Misal o Biblia. Sólo una breve reflexión: Las tres lecturas de hoy hablan de dolor, sufrimiento y servicio. Jesús reprende a los dos hermanos, Santiago y Juan, por querer ocupar los puestos más altos. Así enseña a sus discípulos la manera cristiana de dirigir y gobernar: ¡el servicio humilde! «Porque el Hijo del Hombre no ha venido para ser servido, sino para servir y dar su vida en rescate por muchos». ¡Qué lección para nosotros hoy! Feliz domingo a todos y buen comienzo de semana.

**Colecta de Alimentos de Acción de Gracias**  
Gracias a todos los que participaron en nuestra colecta de alimentos de Acción de Gracias. Su generosidad ayudó a hacer una gran diferencia para las familias de nuestra comunidad. ¡Que Dios los bendiga continuamente por su bondad!

**Gracias por su generosidad**  
Colecta regular — 13 de octubre de 2024  
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¡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

## ¡Días de la Juventud STA!

El Grupo de Jóvenes STA se complace en anunciar ¡Días de la Juventud STA, un programa extraescolar para las edades 11-18! A partir de este mes de octubre, invitamos a los jóvenes a la diversión, la comida y la fe de martes a viernes, 3-7pm, por sólo \$15/mes. ¡Para obtener más información, correo electrónico [BAmino@archtoronto.org](mailto:BAmino@archtoronto.org) o echa un vistazo a lo que hacemos en nuestra página de Instagram en [@sta.youthministry!](https://www.instagram.com/sta.youthministry/) Regístrese ahora y escanear aquí ->



## Bazar/Mercado Parroquial

El sábado, 19 de octubre, de 9:30am a 3:00pm, STA tendrá un Bazar-Mercado para recaudar fondos para las renovaciones en curso de la parroquia. Si está interesado en donar artículos nuevos o poco usados (ropa, ropa de cama, juguetes, juegos, bolsas, utensilios, ollas instrumentos musicales, etc.) por favor tráigalos a la sacristía o a la oficina parroquial el viernes 11 de octubre a más tardar. Atención: ¡NO aceptamos muebles! Nuestro KofC parroquial venderá carne a la barbacoa, perritos calientes y cosas similares. Muchas gracias y que Dios os bendiga.

## Recuento Anual Parroquial

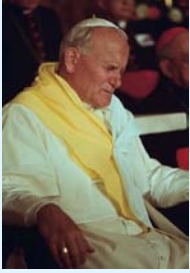
El recuento anual de nuestra parroquia tendrá lugar durante dos fines de semana, el 19/20 de octubre y el 26/27 de octubre. El propósito del recuento es que la Archidiócesis de Toronto mantenga un registro anual exacto de la asistencia a misa o recibir la sagrada comunión en casa o en los hospitales a través de su vasto territorio. Los ujieres de la parroquia se encargarán de ello en algún momento de la misa. Gracias por su colaboración.

## UNA GRAN NOTICIA EL ARZOBISPO LEO SE CONVIERTE EN EL CARDENAL FRANCISCO LEO

El Papa Francisco ha anunciado que el Arzobispo Metropolitano de Toronto, Mons. Francis Leo, será elevado al Colegio Cardenalicio junto a otras 20 personas. El consistorio tendrá lugar en Roma el domingo 8 de diciembre. Demos gracias a Dios por su gracia sin límites a nuestro querido Arzobispo Francis Leo. Por favor, ténganle a él y a nuestra Archidiócesis en sus oraciones. ¡Ad altiores!

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## October 22: St. John Paul II—Memorial



**Reflection:** Karol Józef Wojtyła, the future Saint John Paul II, was born in the Polish town of Wadowice, the youngest of three children, just two years after Poland regained its independence after 123 years of partitions and foreign rule by the Russian, Austrian, and Prussian empires. As a youth, he was known to his friends as Lolek, an affectionate form of his name Karol (Charles). Though Poland was free as he grew up, Karol suffered many hardships. He never knew his older sister who died just hours after she was born. When Karol was eight, his mother died, and when he was twelve, his older brother died, leaving only Karol and his father, Karol, Sr.. Despite these tragedies, Karol's father had a profound impact upon his life. He would later say that "his example for me was in some way the first seminary, a sort of domestic seminary." Karol Sr. taught his son to pray, trust in God, be devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and love his Polish culture. Karol Jr. often saw his father on his knees in their small home, praying his rosary. Saint John Paul II was one of the most visible figures in the history of the world. He navigated the Church through a tumultuous period, becoming the third longest-reigning pope in history. As we honor him today, ponder the effect that this saint had upon your own life. There is no doubt that Saint John Paul II has affected you in ways that you will only comprehend in Heaven. Give thanks to God for the gift of his life, and seek his prayers this day.

*Prayer: Saint John Paul II, your life began with the loss of your earthly family, but you were later entrusted with the entire world as your children. Please pray for me, that I will never allow hardships in this life to deter me from the service of God's will, so that I can remain hopeful and fearless as I seek to serve our glorious God. Saint John Paul II, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life*

**40 Days for Life Toronto**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2024 07:00 AM -**  
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## 3 Streams that flow from Jesus' Sacred Heart



### 1. Mercy for Sinners

"The first is the stream of mercy for sinners; it pours into their hearts sentiments of contrition and repentance."

### 2. Charity

"The second is the stream of charity, which helps all in need and especially aids those seeking perfection to find the means of surmounting their difficulties."

### 3. Love and Light

"From the third stream flow love and light for the benefit of his friends who have attained perfection; these he wishes to unite to himself so that they may share his knowledge and commandments and, in their individual ways, devote themselves wholly to advancing his glory."

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat The Power Words

*Psalm 33:6*

*By the LORD's word the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Power and Honor?



### Ordinary Time 29B

[Children's Video](#)

### The Source Holy Hour - October 2024

Thursday, October 24, 2024 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM  
St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street, Toronto



Join the Sisters of Life and the Office of Catholic Youth for an evening of prayer. Spend some time with Our Lord amidst your busy schedule with the source and summit of our faith – Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be some time for fellowship and refreshments after the Holy Hour. Special guest: Liveloud. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors!

[Check Event Here](#)

### Padre Pio: When Prayer Works



Another thing we can learn from Padre Pio (and ask his intercession for) is increasing our trust in the Lord. How can we get to the point of trusting the Father so much that worry becomes a thing of the past? It sounds great, doesn't it? To live a worry-free life. But how many of us actually believe that it is possible? We are naturally tempted to want to control and plan our lives, thinking that we know best and can remedy just about anything. Saint Pio modeled this for us and reminded us over and over that we need not worry. Let us turn to the Gospel of Matthew to be reminded of what true dependence on God looks like. Here, Jesus tells us more than once to not worry (see Matthew 5:25-34). This is what prayer is: having a relationship with and abiding in the Lord. In doing so, we increase our faith and increase our trust. Then we are able to live as people of hope, with no fear of the future.

[Read More](#)

### The Secret to Finding Lasting Peace



Every day, our peace is under attack. You can likely think of something today that disrupted your sense of calm. But what if there was a way to discover lasting peace in your life? Annie Powell invites us to explore the 'Four Harmonies' as a path to achieving and sustaining peace in a world filled with turmoil and suffering.

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*"Love fulfills every wish of God."  
– St. Hildegard of Bingen*

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