

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



October 27th, 2024 | Thirtieth 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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9:30 am - 12:00pm | 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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on Fridays and 7:30 pm on First Fridays

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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 26th to November 2nd, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 26th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh
5:00 Birthday blessings upon Reuven Melaya

SUNDAY, October 27th

9:00 am +Francia Gallego/ +Jose Luis Aguiar/ +Leonora Peralta, +Gloria Banaticla & +Milagros Malabaguio/
Birthday blessings upon Gilbert Pelaez
10:30 am Mario Cirillo & Luigi Lavallo/ Domenico Guido & Rosina Nudo/ Francesco, Concetta & Tiziana Micely
12:00 pm (available for intentions)
2:00 pm +Milagros & +Luis Garzon & +Carmen Flores
6:00 pm (available for intentions)

MONDAY, October 28th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Krenija Poljak/ Birthday blessings upon Juliana Isabella Gallardo Palacios

TUESDAY, October 29th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Maria Serafina & +Juan Cedillos

WEDNESDAY, October 30th

9:00 am Deceased members of the Legion of Mary/ +Luis Ortiz Gamboa/ Birthday blessings upon Marthita Ortiz

THURSDAY, October 31st

9:00 am +Lescek, +Kristof, +Helena, +Wadek, & +Wiesiek/
Birthday blessings upon Thiago Edward Monge

FRIDAY, November 1st — All Saints Day

9:00 am all souls in purgatory

7:00 pm all souls in purgatory

SATURDAY, November 2nd — All Souls Day

9:00 am all souls in purgatory

3:00 pm all souls in purgatory

5:00 pm all souls in purgatory



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk!

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

May you be blessed by the Lord! Here are the readings of this weekend: Jeremiah 31.7-10 (First Reading); Psalm 126; Hebrews 5.1-6 (Second Reading) and Mark 10.46-52 (Gospel). Hopefully, you have your Missal or Bible. Just a brief reflection. The story of Bartimaeus in the Gospel reading always strikes me with the lesson of insistent prayer. If the blind beggar had not persisted in raising his voice, he would have probably lost his chance at sight. Yet, he didn't receive the favor simply because he shouted. I think he addressed his petition to the right person and with an unwavering trust. Great quality of a good prayer! At times our deepest yearnings are shared first with family members and/or colleagues, not with God. Let us learn to whisper the good thoughts of our hearts to God first before any other person. Happy Sunday and I pray you have a great start to the week!

Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection—October 20, 2024
\$5,410.25



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!

Congrats to our Confirmandi!

We heartily congratulate all the students who were officially enrolled this weekend into the Confirmation program. Parents and guardians, remember that it is your singular privilege and responsibility to exemplify the faith to your children. Our parish community prays for you both.

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 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 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.

FHC & Confirmation Registrations

Please note that our we are no longer taking any registrations for our Sacramental preparations. Thank you for understanding!

All Saints Evening Mass at 7pm!

On Friday, 1st November at 7pm, we shall have a solemn trilingual Mass in honor of all Saints. Who is a saint? A saint is a baptized believer who, by God's grace and consistent effort, has reached a superlative level of similarity to our Lord Jesus Christ. That is why such people are the real models of Christian life. Note: There will be no first Friday adoration!

Two Masses on All Souls Day!

On Saturday, 2nd November, Day of Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, we shall have two bilingual Masses: 9am and 3pm. You are welcome to join us in remembering your loved ones and all those who have gone ahead of us. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Bring your Saints' Week!

On the occasion of All Saints Day, we encourage parishioners who wish to bring their statues of canonized saints to our parish during the week from Sunday October 27th through Thursday, October 31st. After the celebration on Friday, please collect back your saints. Our intent is to display as many saints as possible for people to see and pray in front of. Please note that we already have the Statue of Mother Mary. Thank you.

Mass Intentions in November

Please note that for the whole month of November, we have no specific Mass intentions. All the Masses will be offered for our departed loved ones who died since the past year. All souls envelopes and folders are available on the tables in front of the Church. Please write the names of your deceased and insert your offerings in the All Souls donation box. Thank you!

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA, ¡Que seáis bendecidos por el Señor! He aquí las lecturas de este fin de semana: Jeremías 31.7-10 (Primera Lectura); Salmo 126; Hebreos 5.1-6 (Segunda Lectura) y Marcos 10.46-52 (Evangelio). Espero que tengáis vuestro Misal o Biblia. Sólo una breve reflexión. La historia de Bartimeo en la lectura del Evangelio siempre me impacta con la lección de la oración insistente. Si el mendigo ciego no hubiera insistido alzando la voz, probablemente habría perdido la oportunidad de ver. Sin embargo, no recibió el favor simplemente porque gritara. Creo que dirigió su petición a la persona adecuada y con una confianza inquebrantable. ¡Gran cualidad de una buena oración! A veces, nuestros anhelos más profundos los compartimos primero con familiares y/o compañeros, no con Dios. Aprendamos a susurrar primero a Dios los buenos pensamientos de nuestro corazón antes que a cualquier otra persona. Feliz domingo y os deseo un buen comienzo de semana.

Gracias por su generosidad

Colecta regular — 20 de octubre de 2024
\$5,410.25



¡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!

¡Felicidades a nuestros Confirmandi!

Felicitamos de corazón a todos los estudiantes que se inscribieron oficialmente este fin de semana en el programa de Confirmación. Padres y tutores, recuerden que es su singular privilegio y responsabilidad ejemplificar la fe a sus hijos. Nuestra comunidad parroquial reza por ustedes.

¡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 BAmينو@archtoronto.org o echa un vistazo a lo que hacemos en nuestra página de Instagram en @sta.youthministry! gístrese ahora y escanear aquí ->



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.

Inscripciones para FHC y Confirmación

Por favor, tenga en cuenta que ya no estamos tomando ninguna inscripción para nuestra preparación Sacramental. Gracias por su comprensión.

Misa vespertina de Todos los Santos a las 7:00 PM

El viernes 1 de noviembre, a las 7:00 PM, celebraremos una solemne misa trilingüe en honor de todos los santos. ¿Quién es un santo? Un santo es un creyente bautizado que, por la gracia de Dios y un esfuerzo constante, ha alcanzado un nivel superlativo de semejanza con nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por eso, estas personas son los verdaderos modelos de vida cristiana. Nota: ¡No habrá adoración el primer viernes!

Dos misas el Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos

El sábado 2 de noviembre, Día de Conmemoración de todos los Fieles Difuntos, tendremos dos misas bilingües: a las 9AM h y a las 3PM. Os invitamos a uniros a nosotros para recordar a vuestros seres queridos y a todos aquellos que se nos han adelantado. Que descansen en paz. Amén.

Semana de Todos los Santos

Con motivo del Día de Todos los Santos, animamos a los feligreses que lo deseen a traer sus estatuas de santos canonizados a nuestra parroquia durante la semana del domingo 27 al jueves 31 de octubre. Después de la celebración del viernes, les rogamos que recojan sus santos. Nuestra intención es exponer el mayor número posible de santos para que la gente pueda verlos y rezar delante de ellos. Tenga en cuenta que ya tenemos la estatua de la Madre María. Muchas gracias.

Intenciones de Misa en noviembre

Les informamos que para todo el mes de noviembre, no tenemos intenciones específicas de Misa. Todas las Misas serán ofrecidas por nuestros seres queridos difuntos que fallecieron desde el año pasado. Los sobres y carpetas para las almas están disponibles en las mesas frente a la Iglesia. Por favor escriba los nombres de sus difuntos e introduzca sus ofrendas en la caja de donaciones de Todas las Almas. Muchas gracias.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

November 1: All Saints' Day—Solemnity



Reflection: Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a celebration honoring all men and women who have entered Heaven. While this includes every soul in Heaven, the focus is particularly on those who led extraordinarily holy lives on earth and that the Church has canonized as saints. These individuals honored God in a variety of ways: through deep prayer and mystical union, through enduring martyrdom or other forms of religious persecution, and through acts of service, such as caring for the needy or teaching the faith. Some saints were powerful preachers or miracle workers. Others were leaders, some lived in obscurity, and still others experienced exile or made significant personal sacrifices for their faith. In various ways, these saints glorified God during their lifetimes. By honoring this host of saintly witnesses, we honor and glorify God through their lives. By honoring them, we honor Him Who made them holy. This liturgical solemnity is but a foretaste of the eternal Solemnity of Heaven. Heaven will be the eternal glory of God through the lives of all His saints. In Heaven, the virtues, sacrifices, prayers, and selfless service of all the saints will radiate as beacons that eternally manifest the great mercy and goodness of God. The life of every saint in Heaven will become a continuous chorus of praise and worship of God, intertwined with the nine choirs of angelic hosts.

Prayer: All saints in Heaven, I thank you for the holy witness you each have given to the Church and rejoice in the blessings you now enjoy in Heaven. Please pray for me and for all people, that every one of us will become holy, bearing witness to Christ with our lives, and one day enter Heaven. May God pour forth an abundance of grace upon the world through the example you set and the prayers you now pray before His throne. All saints of God, 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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Pope at Audience: Faith frees us from thinking everything ends here



"Faith frees us from the horror of having to admit that everything ends here, that there is no redemption for the suffering and injustice that reign sovereign on earth."

Pope Francis gave this comforting reminder during his weekly General Audience on Wednesday morning in St. Peter's Square, as he continued his catechetical series on the Holy Spirit. This week, the Pope transitioned from discussing what has been revealed to us about the Holy Spirit in Sacred Scripture, to how He is present and at work in the life of the Church.

"The Holy Spirit is present and operates in our Christian life," the Holy Father said, stressing the Spirit "dwells in us" and "is within us."

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3 Minute Retreat Gathering for Mass

Psalm 119:89

Your word, LORD, stands forever; it is firm as the heavens.

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Jesus and Bartimaeus



Ordinary Time 30B

[Children's Video](#)

**A silent Ignatian Retreat for Men with
Fr. John Sullivan, SJ
Friday, November 01, 2024 07:00 PM -
Sunday, November 03, 2024 01:00 PM**



A Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men - "O Deus Ego Amo Te." A prayer attributed to St. Francis Xavier. We wonder how to love and serve God. These are good and necessary concerns for one to have but there is something that comes both before and is foundational, at the centre of one's heart - God has loved us first. Facilitated by Fr. John Sullivan, SJ. This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$260 per person which includes two night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

[Check Event Here](#)

What are 10 Things I Should Know About Daniel?



1) He is the last of the four major prophets. Although Jews only count Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel among the majors, Christian tradition identifies Daniel—whose name means “God is my judge”—as a fourth.

2) He was taken into exile as a young man. Daniel was one of the many hostages taken from the Jewish aristocracy during the first wave of the Babylonian Exile. Together with three of his close companions—Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (or, as they are later renamed by the Babylonians, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)—he was forced to leave his homeland of Judah. The biblical book bearing Daniel’s name begins during the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon.

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So... How Do You Feel About Rules?



This isn't a video about what the rules are, or whether or not you should follow them. This is a video about how you feel about rules and authority... and what that says about you, your wounds, and the healing God wants for your life.

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*“When it is in your power to do good,
do not hold back.”*

-St. Polycarp

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