

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



November 3rd, 2024 | Thirty-first 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

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Monday to Saturday 9:00am | First Fridays - 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

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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

November 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

For the whole month of November, we have no specific Mass intentions. All the Masses will be offered for our faithful relatives and friends who died since the past year.

Parishioners are welcome to write down the names of their dearly beloved dead in the "All Souls" folder or envelopes by the altar. They may also make an offering in the "All Souls" box by the left corner of the sanctuary.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

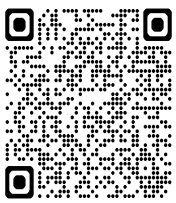
From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Happy New month everyone! November is the month dedicated to prayers for the dead. Our parish will have a Requiem Mass on Thursday, 21 November at 7pm for all those that have passed since last November. Their names will be read out while candles are brought forward by their families or friends. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace. Amen. Here are the readings of this Sunday: Deuteronomy 6.2-6 (First Reading); Psalm 18; Hebrews 7.23-28 (Second Reading) and Mark 12.28-34 (Gospel). What is really the key to a happy life? "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength... You shall love your neighbor as yourself". Happy Sunday everyone! Amen.

Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection—October 27, 2024
\$4,864.80

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 or check out what we do on our Instagram page at [@sta.youthministry!](https://www.instagram.com/sta.youthministry/) Register now and scan here ->



REQUIEM MASS

Our Parish will be celebrating a Requiem Mass for all the faithful departed who had their funeral Mass at our parish during the past 12 months. This Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM**. We cordially invite all the families of our parish, especially all those whose relatives passed away during the course of this year to join us for this special Mass.

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!

Archbishop Francis Leo visits STA Parish!

As we already know, our Archbishop Francis Leo, the Cardinal Elect, will be visiting our parish on Sunday, 1st December for 12pm trilingual Mass, followed by refreshment in the parish hall. In lieu of food donations, we ask for your financial support through designated envelopes. Tax receipts will be made available. The income will go toward the reception and gifts for the Archbishop. Let us join hands in welcoming our new chief Shepherd and Cardinal Elect, Archbishop Francis Leo.

The Founder and Moderator General of the CCE visits STA Parish!

Fr. John Egbulefu CCE is the Nigerian priest who founded the Congregation of Christ the Emmanuel (CCE), the religious order to which Fr. Patrick, Fr. Peter and Fr. Charles belong. Fr. John spent three decades in Rome teaching Systematic Theology of the Sacraments. Now retired, he directs the affairs of the young missionary religious institute which is spreading gradually across Canada and the world. Let us keep Fr. John and the Emmanuelite priests in our prayers.

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

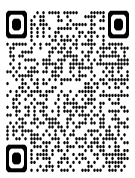
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Feliz mes nuevo a todos! Noviembre es el mes dedicado a la oración por los difuntos. Nuestra parroquia celebrará una misa de Réquiem el jueves 21 de noviembre a las 19 horas por todos los que han fallecido desde el pasado mes de noviembre. Sus nombres se leerán en voz alta mientras sus familiares o amigos acercan velas. Concédeles, Señor, el descanso eterno y haz que brille para ellos tu luz perpetua. Que sus almas descansen en paz. Amén. He aquí las lecturas de este domingo: Deuteronomio 6.2-6 (Primera lectura); Salmo 18; Hebreos 7.23-28 (Segunda lectura) y Marcos 12.28-34 (Evangelio). ¿Cuál es realmente la clave de una vida feliz? «Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente y con todas tus fuerzas... Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo». ¡Feliz domingo a todos! Amén.

Gracias por su generosidad

Colecta regular — 27 de octubre de 2024
\$4,864.80

¡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!

¡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 o echa un vistazo a lo que hacemos en nuestra página de Instagram en [@sta.youthministry!](https://www.instagram.com/sta.youthministry/) gístrese ahora y escanear aquí ->



MISA DE REQUIEM

Nuestra Parroquia celebrará una Misa de Réquiem por todos los fieles difuntos que tuvieron su misa funeral en nuestra parroquia durante los últimos 12 meses. Esta Misa de Réquiem tendrá lugar el jueves 21 de noviembre de 2023 a las 7:00 PM. Invitamos cordialmente a todas las familias de nuestra parroquia, especialmente a todas aquellas cuyos familiares fallecieron en el transcurso de este año, a que nos acompañen en esta Misa especial.

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.

¡El Arzobispo Francis Leo visita la Parroquia de STA!

Como ya sabemos, nuestro arzobispo Francis Leo, cardenal electo, visitará nuestra parroquia el domingo 1 de diciembre para la misa trilingüe de las 12h, seguida de un refrigerio en el salón parroquial. En lugar de donaciones de alimentos, pedimos su apoyo financiero a través de sobres designados. Se facilitarán recibos de impuestos. Los ingresos se destinarán a la recepción y regalos para el Arzobispo. Unamos nuestras manos para dar la bienvenida a nuestro nuevo Pastor Principal y Cardenal Electo, el Arzobispo Francis Leo.

¡El Fundador y Moderador General de la CCE visita la Parroquia STA!

El P. John Egbulefu CCE es el sacerdote nigeriano que fundó la Congregación de Cristo Emmanuel (CCE), la orden religiosa a la que pertenecen el P. Patrick, el P. Peter y el P. Charles. El P. John pasó tres décadas en Roma enseñando Teología Sistemática de los Sacramentos. Ahora, jubilado, dirige los asuntos del joven instituto religioso misionero que se extiende poco a poco por Canadá y el mundo. Mantengamos al P. John y a los sacerdotes Emmanuelitas en nuestras oraciones.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

November 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica—Feast



In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, also called Saint John Lateran, or the Lateran Basilica for short. Of the four major basilicas, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran, the dedication of which is remembered today. Though the pope now lives next to Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome. That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world. As we honor the mother church of the whole world, ponder the importance of a church building. A church is sacred because it is exclusively dedicated to the worship of God. Saint John Lateran is an exclusive-purpose church. It is the pope's cathedral from which the entire Church is governed and the central place of worship for the world. As we honor the dedication of that church in 324, pray for the Church today. Pray for your local parish, religious institutions, religious orders, dioceses, national conferences, and the Universal Church headed in Rome. Our churches and sacred places exist to be places where we come to encounter God. Pray for the pope in a particular way today, that Saint John Lateran will always be a place where he, and every pope after him, will encounter God in a profound way.

Christ our Savior, through the intercessions of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, I pray for the Church today. I pray for your abundant mercy upon every sinner whom you are calling into your Church for reconciliation. I pray for my local parish, diocese, country, and the Universal Church headed in Rome. I especially pray for the Holy Father, the pastor of the Lateran Basilica and shepherd of the whole Church. Draw him close to You, make him holy, and use him to draw many people to Yourself. Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, pray for us. Jesus I trust in You. — My Catholic Life

Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat
Friday, November 15, 2024 06:30 PM -
Sunday, November 17, 2024 02:00 PM
St. Augustine's Seminary



The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, Nov. 15, (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 17, (2 p.m.) to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives.

[Find Out More](#)

A saint to help you get souls from Purgatory to Heaven



In this month of November, which is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, we are reminded of the Church's call for us to pray for the Holy Souls. One of the saints of November, St. Gertrude the Great, is famous for her shining example in assisting the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Much of what we learn through St. Gertrude the Great can help us to have refreshed zeal for November's liturgical theme.

It is said that Jesus promised St. Gertrude that every time the prayer is prayed devoutly, He would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory. That very thought should give us a good idea of what a plethora of souls are in Purgatory! And yet, as a holy priest I recently heard reminded in a homily, we too seldom hear about our duty to our departed loved ones: to pray them home!

We must remember that the Church teaches (even if its pastors don't always remind) that those in Purgatory are dependent on our aid. They are eager to pray for those who pray for them. Each soul you free from Purgatory with your prayers is one more friend and advocate waiting for you in heaven!

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3 Minute Retreat

Waters of Life

Matthew 28:19

Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy Spirit.

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Solemnity of All Saints



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Pour Out Adoration Night

Friday, November 08, 2024 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
Merciful Redeemer Parish, 2775 Erin Centre Blvd.



All of us are called to be saints. No matter your past or your present, God has a plan for you; one that calls you to greatness. All Saints Day having passed, this Pour Out night we will reflect on the lives of the saints. We will ponder how God pours out His graces unto us and how we must respond! This will be an evening of praise and worship, adoration, prayer ministry and confession inspired by Ephesians 1:3-23. There will also be a talk by the new director of OCY, Fr. Paul Magyar and our seminarian intern, Michael, will be sharing his testimony.

[Register Here](#)

Saints Who Lived Poverty in Various Capacities



What is Spiritual Poverty?

Put simply, spiritual poverty is an emptying of self, especially self-reliance, so that God can fill us with His grace. Saint Augustine said:

“Thou must be emptied of that wherewith thou art full, that thou mayest be filled with that whereof thou art empty.”

But in a culture that applauds self-sufficiency, we can easily forget that apart from God we can do nothing (see John 15:5). And so we strive in various capacities of life, thinking we have to rely on our own strength to accomplish this or that. When in reality, we need to remember that we are dependent on God for everything, including our life and our very next breath.

[Read More](#)

What is Purgatory?



We all want to be saints, but the struggle against sin and selfishness can feel overwhelming. There may be days where we might feel satisfied simply making it to purgatory rather than entering the pearly gates. But is this lukewarm path the only way to make it to heaven? Fr. Mike delves into the reality that in this life, we are given every opportunity to prepare our souls for God's presence. Embracing the sufferings of this moment purifies us the way the refining fire of purgatory would. In this way, we can prepare ourselves in this temporary world to live alongside our Lord in the everlasting world.

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“If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death.”
- St. Paul of the Cross

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