

# St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | Thirty-third 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  
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## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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**PASTOR** Fr. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E.  
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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

## 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,

I hope you are having a great Sunday. Today is World Day of the Poor! The readings of this 33rd Sunday are Daniel 12.1-3 (First Reading); Psalm 16; Hebrews 10.11-14 (Second Reading) and Mark 13.24-32 (Gospel). Hopefully, you have your Missal or Bible. Here is a brief reflection! Did you notice that right between the two dreadful end-time readings, the Church places the priestly role of Jesus Christ. He is our one and only hope of salvation thanks to the perfect sacrifice offered once and for all for sins. Only Christ can save us from the tyranny of fear, wretchedness and eternal death. However, we do need to "be alert at all times, praying that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21.36). Happy Sunday everyone and have a great start to your week!

### Thank you for your generosity!

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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!

### Christmas Novena/Simbang Gabi 2024!

Here it comes again... a wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves for birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ through nine (9) days of prayer and fellowship with parishioners (**Dec. 15-23**). If you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor any of those days, please contact Laurence Sabay, the Coordinator or call the parish office at 416-782-8943. Thank you.

**Advent, Christmas & New Year  
Schedule! Coming soon...!**

## 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.

### Faith Growth Opportunity!

Our parish RCIA program is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in the knowledge of God, of the Church and of your unique Christian calling in this world. From this Wednesday, 20 November until Wednesday, 4 December, you can attend a faith formation interactive session with other parishioners. Venue: Padre Pio Room. Time: 7pm.

## ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, espero que estéis pasando un domingo estupendo. Hoy es la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres. Las lecturas de este 33º domingo son Daniel 12,1-3 (Primera lectura); Salmo 16; Hebreos 10,11-14 (Segunda lectura) y Marcos 13,24-32 (Evangelio). Esperamos que tengan su Misal o su Biblia. He aquí una breve reflexión. ¿Te has dado cuenta de que, justo entre las dos terribles lecturas del final de los tiempos, la Iglesia sitúa el papel sacerdotal de Jesucristo. Él es nuestra única esperanza de salvación gracias al sacrificio perfecto ofrecido de una vez por todas por los pecados. Sólo Cristo puede salvarnos de la tiranía del miedo, de la miseria y de la muerte eterna. Sin embargo, debemos «estar alerta en todo momento, orando para que podáis estar en pie ante el Hijo del Hombre» (Lucas 21.36). Feliz domingo a todos y buen comienzo de semana.

### Gracias por su generosidad

*Colecta regular — 10 de noviembre 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 generosidad!

### ¡Novena de Navidad/Simbang Gabi 2024!

Aquí viene otra vez... una maravillosa oportunidad para prepararnos para el cumpleaños de nuestro Señor Jesucristo a través de nueve (9) días de oración y compañerismo con los feligreses (**Dic. 15-23**). Si desea patrocinar o copatrocinar alguno de esos días, póngase en contacto con Laurence Sabay, la Coordinadora o llame a la oficina parroquial al 416-782-8943. Muchas gracias.

**Adviento, Navidad y Año Nuevo**  
**Calendario Próximamente...**

### 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.

### ¡Oportunidad para crecer en la fe!

Nuestro programa parroquial RCIA es una maravillosa oportunidad para que crezcas en el conocimiento de Dios, de la Iglesia y de tu singular vocación cristiana en este mundo. Desde este miércoles 20 de noviembre hasta el miércoles 4 de diciembre, puedes asistir a una sesión interactiva de formación en la fe con otros feligreses. Lugar de celebración: Sala Padre Pío. Hora: 7:00 PM

# ALL ABOUT FAITH

November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—  
Memorial



**Reflection:** There are three “gospels” which are believed to have heavily influenced today’s memorial—the Protoevangelium of James, the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, and the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary. The earliest of these writings was the Protoevangelium of James (also called the “Apocryphal Gospel of James”), which was most likely written sometime in the second century. It is not considered to be part of the inspired word of God, i.e., the canon of Scripture, because it does not appear to have actually been written by the Apostle James. Nonetheless, like many early Christian documents, this apocryphal gospel held great influence in the early Church. It is from this writing that the Church takes the traditional names of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s parents—Saints Joachim and Anne—since that is the only record of their names we have. As we ponder the early life and dedication of the Blessed Virgin Mary to God’s will today, reflect upon the fact that every child is capable of a profound faith and commitment to God’s will. For those who are entrusted with the guardianship and raising of children, allow your prayerful reflection on the holy life of Blessed Mary as a child to inspire you to help all young people imitate her profound faith and holiness.

**Prayer:** *Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary, you were conceived without sin and remained sinless throughout your life. With the perfection of every virtue and grace, you loved and served God even as a young child. Please pray for me, as I help to inspire young people in the ways of holiness, that I will never shy away from pointing them to you as a model and mediator of God’s grace. Most Holy Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. — My Catholic Life*

**The Source - Holy Hour - November 2024**  
**Thursday, November 21, 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. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors!

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**How often do you pause and let God gaze at you with love?**



When searching for solutions on how to grow closer to God, it is common to find a number of books and articles that provide a plethora of prayers and devotions. It can seem like the only way to get noticed by God is to amp up your prayer life with more Rosaries and litanies. Yet most of the saints throughout history would provide a much different picture of the spiritual life. Instead of praying formula prayers from dawn to dusk, many saints suggest simply letting God love you. This is what St. Francis de Sales suggests in his Introduction to the Devout Life:

This is a matter, dear daughter, to which I am very anxious to win your attention, for in it lies one of the surest means of spiritual progress. Strive as often as possible through the day to place yourself in God’s Presence.

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**3 Minute Retreat**  
**Savoring the Moment**

*Leviticus 26:12*

*Ever present in your midst, I will be your God,  
and you will be my people.*

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## LIVING YOUR FAITH

God's Kingdom!  
Ordinary Time 33B



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**Advent Retreat Tuesday,  
December 03, 2024 08:30 AM to 03:00 PM  
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre**



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**Pope Francis: 'Families and homes must rediscover the  
Rosary's beauty'**



Pope Francis calls for rediscovering the Rosary's ability to evangelize the Church, in his letter commemorating 150 years since the painting of Our Lady of the Rosary arrived at the Italian Shrine of Pompeii.

Pope Francis began his message noting he spiritually unites with all those who will celebrate this significant occasion and will pause in prayerful recollection at the Marian temple of Pompeii, to find comfort and hope in the sweet face of the Heavenly Mother.

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**Trusting God in Dire Straits**



Friends, our first reading is that wonderful story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath, which is a kind of hidden gem in the Old Testament. Like so many of the stories in the Bible, it is very understated, but chock full of spiritual meaning. And it has to do with how we respond—and the strange and surprising ways God might respond to us— when things are toughest.

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*“Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will.”  
– St. Bede the Venerable*

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