

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 12, 2025 | Baptism of Our Lord

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

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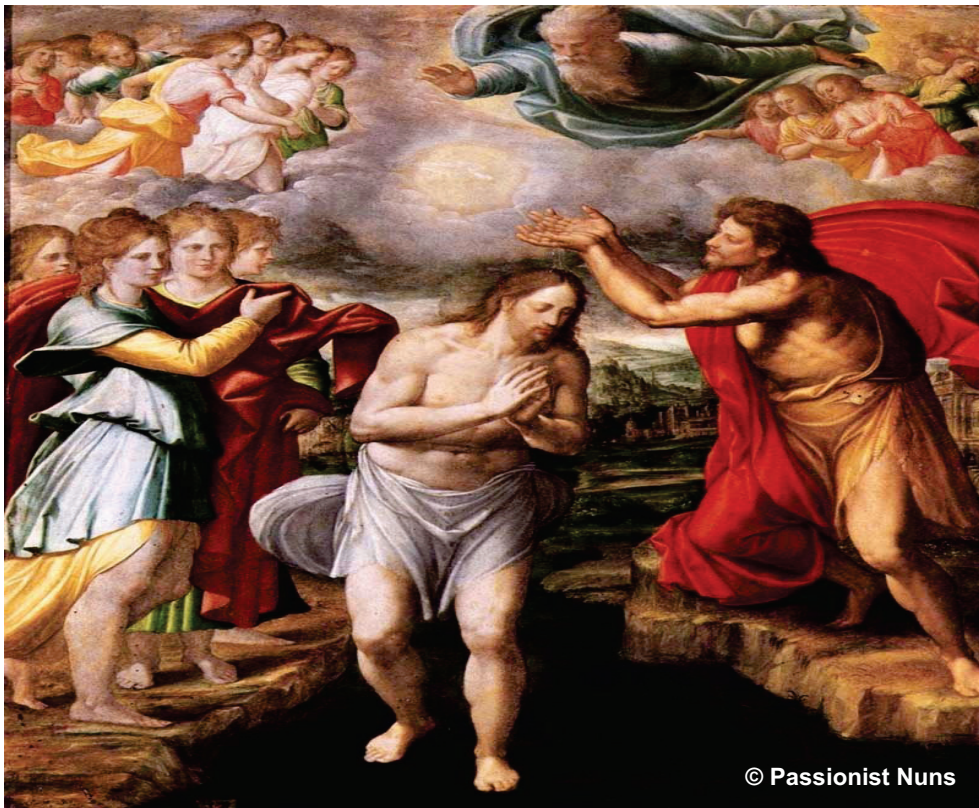
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OFFICE HOURS

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9:30 am - 12:00pm |
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm



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Holy Rosary: 8:30am on Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 11am 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: 12PM

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

Merry Christmas! With today's solemn feast of the Baptism of our Lord the Christmas season liturgically comes to an end and the Ordinary Time begins. The celebration of Jesus' baptism should always remind us that we have been baptized. To baptize is to be immersed or soaked in the name of Trinity. We become children of God and co-heirs with Christ, the only begotten Son of God. After baptism, what next? We should gradually "renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2.12-13). What is more awesome? Christian, enjoy your freedom this week and by God's grace, always!

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA,

¡Feliz Navidad! Con la solemne fiesta de hoy del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor termina litúrgicamente el tiempo de Navidad y comienza el Tiempo Ordinario. La celebración del Bautismo de Jesús debe recordarnos siempre que hemos sido bautizados. Bautizar es ser sumergido o empapado en el nombre de la Trinidad. Nos convertimos en hijos de Dios y coherederos con Cristo, el Hijo unigénito de Dios. Después del bautismo, ¿qué sigue? Poco a poco debemos «renunciar a la impiedad y a las pasiones mundanas, y en el presente siglo llevar una vida sobria, recta y piadosa, mientras aguardamos la esperanza bienaventurada y la manifestación de la gloria de nuestro gran Dios y Salvador Jesucristo» (Tito 2.12-13). ¿Qué hay más impresionante? Cristiano, disfruta de tu libertad esta semana y, por la gracia de Dios, ¡siempre!

2025 Envelopes

2025 Envelopes are now available in the room next to the sacristy behind the sanctuary. The envelopes are labelled and arranged in alphabetical order and you will see your name under the envelope number. Please note that you will be keeping your designated envelope number for 2024. We kindly ask that you use these envelopes for the new year. **Please do not use envelopes from previous years.** If you need to make changes with your personal information, please fill out the first three envelopes of 2025. We appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you very much!

Sobres 2025

2025 Sobres están ahora disponibles en la sala junto a la sacristía detrás del santuario. Los sobres están etiquetados y ordenados alfabéticamente y verá su nombre bajo el número de sobre. Tenga en cuenta que conservará su número de sobre designado para 2024. Le rogamos que utilice estos sobres para el nuevo año. **Por favor, no utilice sobres de años anteriores.** Si necesita hacer cambios con su información personal, por favor llene los tres primeros sobres de 2025. Agradecemos su generosidad y apoyo. Muchas gracias.

Thank you for your generosity!
New Year Collection—January 1, 2025
\$5,327.28
Regular Collection — January 5, 2025
\$ 11,679.25

Pre-Authorized Giving

If you wish your Weekly Offertory donation to be withdrawn automatically from your bank account, you may contact the office or fill out the reverse of yellow envelope in your new offertory envelopes box, enclose a blank voided cheque and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

Donación preautorizada

Si desea que su donación del ofertorio semanal se retire automáticamente de su cuenta bancaria, puede ponerse en contacto con la oficina o rellenar el reverso del sobre amarillo en su nueva caja de sobres de ofertorio, adjuntar un cheque en blanco anulado y dejarlo en la cesta de la colecta o en la oficina parroquial. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

2024-2025 Sunday Missals (Year C) are available at the parish office. Cost is \$10.

Misal 2025 Ciclo C esta disponible en la oficina parroquial. Cuesta \$10.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

January 11th to 18th 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 11th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

5:00 pm Birthday blessings upon Robert Myers/
+Vincenzino Tuzi

SUNDAY, January 12th — Baptism of our Lord

9:00 am +Dionesio, +Celso & +Lucas Macuto/ +Antonio,
+Saturnina & +Socrates Tolibas

10:30 am +Gemma Del Ben

12:00 pm +Joan Coral & +Derrick Hines

2:00 pm +Sonia Salgado +Salvador Gomez Lopez/
Dennis Pinargote

6:00 pm Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

MONDAY, January 13th — St. Hilary

9:00 am Arianna Isabel Bastidas Astaiza/Ana Mirian
Fuentes/ Veronica Botenes/ +Peter Andersen & +Vincent
Tuong/ +Giuse Vu & all souls in purgatory/ +Concepcion
de Ramos & +Alicia Sandino/

7:00 pm Santo Niño Novena

TUESDAY, January 14th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Sr. Maria
Madalena & Maria Phien/ +Victor Alfredo Leon/
Leon-Martinez Family

TUESDAY, January 14th

7:00 pm Santo Niño Novena

WEDNESDAY, January 15th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Titika

Babaoutsos/ +Lisandro Peña/ Ronald Noguera

7:00 pm Santo Niño Novena

THURSDAY, January 16th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Manuel de Jesus
Lopez/ +Rev. Fr. Thomas John Stokes, CSB/ Sebastian Aguirre

7:00 pm Santo Niño Novena

FRIDAY, January 17th — St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00 am +Gaston Wong/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/
Eduardo Gallardo

7:00 pm Santo Niño Novena

SATURDAY, January 18th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Lolita Montero/
Rev Fr. Javier Valdez/ Wedding Anniversary of Florecita &
Rodrigo Montero

5:00 pm (available for intentions)

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT PORTRAITS

We are pleased to share that portraits from the Archbishop's recent visit to our parish are now available for viewing. If you would like to receive a link to these pictures, please email us at stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org. We will be happy to share the link with you upon request. **A Friendly Reminder:** While we hope you enjoy the photos and share the memories, please be mindful of others' privacy when using or sharing the images. Let's all respect each other's preferences! Thanks so much, and enjoy the memories!

RETRATOS DE LA VISITA DEL ARZOBISPO

Nos complace comunicarles que ya están disponibles los retratos de la reciente visita del Arzobispo a nuestra parroquia. Si desea recibir un enlace a estas fotos, por favor envíenos un correo electrónico a stthomasaquinasto@archtoronto.org. Estaremos encantados de compartir el enlace con usted a petición. **Un amable recordatorio:** Aunque esperamos que disfrute de las fotos y comparta los recuerdos, le rogamos que tenga en cuenta la privacidad de los demás cuando utilice o comparta las imágenes. Respetemos las preferencias de los demás. Muchas gracias y disfruten de los recuerdos.

Santo Niño Novena!

You are most welcome to join our parish Santo Niño Novena every day (Monday to Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 6pm) until Sunday, 19 January. Dinner will be provided in the parish hall afterward.

Novena del Santo Niño

Te invitamos a unirse a nuestra Novena del Santo Niño todos los días (de lunes a viernes a las 7:00PM, los sábados a las 5:00PM y los domingos a las 6:00PM) hasta el domingo 19 de enero. La cena se servirá en el salón parroquial.

Youth Ministry Resumes!

This Friday, 17 January from 7pm to 8:30pm, the parish youth ministry will officially resume. Children ages 11 to 18 are invited to join their friends and colleagues in learning, socializing and growing as children of God.

Se reanuda la pastoral juvenil

Este viernes 17 de enero, de 19:00 a 20:30, se reanuda oficialmente la pastoral juvenil de la parroquia. Los niños de 11 a 18 años están invitados a unirse a sus amigos y compañeros para aprender, socializar y crecer como hijos de Dios.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

Baptism of the Lord



Reflection: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. We see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry. Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that? Simply put, Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him. As we commemorate Jesus' baptism liturgically, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of this new unity with the Holy Trinity. But we also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins.

Prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You came to me in my baptism and united me in my fallenness with You in Your divinity. I pray that I will continuously be aware of all that divides us and will never grow weary of repenting of my sin. I do repent once again, dear Lord. I beg for Your mercy and forgiveness and open myself more fully to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I trust in You.
—My Catholic Life

Did the Magi follow a star or an angel to the Child Jesus?



When I work with young children I like to remind them that they possess a special superpower: their memory! Although children are notorious for "forgetting" to unload the dishwasher or tidy their rooms, the truth is that God has blessed them with an amazing capacity to learn things by heart. Much like their body, the mind of a child is flexible and resilient, just waiting to be filled with facts, dates, prayers, poems, and psalms.

Kids are quick to commit things to memory, and the things they internalize often stay with them for a lifetime. This means there is immense value in helping our children to cultivate what the journalist Peter Hitchens describes as "a mind furnished with beauty."

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3 Minute Retreat Come, Holy Spirit

Acts of the Apostles 2:3-4

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media - Baptism of Our Lord



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Friday, January 17, 2025 - Sunday, January 19, 2025

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5 Ways to incorporate hope into your daily life



"A Word of Hope": Start Your Day with Encouragement

Words hold immense power, and beginning each day with words of hope can set a positive tone for the hours ahead. For Catholics, this could be a Scripture verse, a line from a favorite prayer, or even an inspiring quote from a saint. For instance, St. Augustine reminds us: "Hope has two beautiful daughters: anger and courage. Anger at the way things are, and courage to change them." Reflect on such words during your morning coffee or prayer time, letting them seep into your heart as a reminder that each new day is filled with potential and grace.

[Read More](#)

How to Start Somewhere (Because You Have to Start Somewhere)



If you've tried and tried but you keep falling down and you're tired of starting over... this video is for you. Fr. Mike lays out a plan to start again and keep going, no matter the struggle, and shares the secret that makes it possible.

[Watch Video](#)

"In all the events of life, you must recognize the Divine will. Adore and bless it, especially in the things which are the hardest for you." — Saint Padre Pio

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