

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 19, 2025 | Second 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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12:30 pm - 4:00 pm



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DEVOTIONS—DEVOCIONES

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Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 11am on
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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The readings of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time are Isaiah 62.1-5 (1st R), Psalm 96, 1 Corinthians 12.4-11 (2nd R) and John 2.1-12 (Gospel). Make sure to read and pray along! The first reading fills our heart with heavenly delights; the second reading urges us to examine our hearts to discover what special gifts we have received from the Spirit; and last not least, the Gospel gives us an insight into the intercessory power of Mother Mary. I can say that what the three have in common is love. For God is love. Besides, the reason why we should love God above all things is simply that we belong to Him and He is in love with us. Moreover, love is the greatest of all gifts and Mother Mary is the perfect Disciple of Love. She did what the Lord asked of her and so she is able to obtain whatever she asks of the Lord. This week, try to listen to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. May God bless you!

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo

Las lecturas de este segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario son Isaías 62,1-5 (I R), Salmo 96, 1 Corintios 12,4-11 (II R) y Juan 2,1-12 (Evangelio). No dejes de leer y rezar. La primera lectura nos llena el corazón de delicias celestiales; la segunda nos insta a examinar nuestro corazón para descubrir qué dones especiales hemos recibido del Espíritu; y por último, el Evangelio nos da una idea del poder intercesor de la Madre María. Puedo decir que lo que los tres tienen en común es el amor. Porque Dios es amor. Además, la razón por la que debemos amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas es sencillamente que le pertenecemos y Él está enamorado de nosotros. Además, el amor es el mayor de los dones y la Madre María es la perfecta Discípula del Amor. Ella hizo lo que el Señor le pidió y por eso es capaz de obtener todo lo que le pida al Señor. Esta semana, trata de escuchar a nuestra Madre, la Santísima Virgen María. ¡Que Dios te bendiga!

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!
Regular Collection — January 12, 2025
\$ 5,418.00

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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 18th to 25th 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 18th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Lolita Montero/ Birthday blessings upon Rev Fr. Javier Valdez/ Florecita & Rodrigo Montero

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

SUNDAY, January 19th — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (available for intentions)

10:30 am +Pietro & +Maria Toterá/+Pasquale e +Teresa Nudo

12:00 pm +Denzil, Merlyn & Eugene Stephens & the Stephens family

2:00 pm +Eduardo, +Arturo & +Flor de Maria de Gonzalez

6:00 pm +Felix Tubog/+Flora E. Fernandez

MONDAY, January 20th — St. Fabian

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/+Giuse Vu & all souls in purgatory

TUESDAY, January 21st — St. Agnes

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Rev. Phero Tam & Rev. Mario Chappa/+Rev Fr. Franco Ierardi/+Rev. Fr. Pier Giorgio Di Cicco/Sarah Miklas & Marco Gomez, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, January 22nd — St. Vincent

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/+Myriam Faluotico, +Vincenzo Giralico, & +Maria Cristina Duran

THURSDAY, January 23rd — St. Marianne Cope

9:00 am +Santoninho P.C. Menezes/+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Heidi Park/+Luis Ortiz Gamboa/Randy Todd

FRIDAY, January 24th — St. Francis de Sales

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

SATURDAY, January 25th — Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Michela Bellassai/+Chizo Eucharía Ezeudu/Sophía Rocha & Matthew Orellana

5:00 pm (available for intentions)

St Thomas Aquinas Fellowship Sunday!

On Sunday, 26 January from 10am to 3:30pm, there will be light refreshment in the parish hall in honor of our Patron Saint. You are most welcome to join us.

Domingo de confraternidad en Santo Tomás de Aquino

El domingo 26 de enero, de 10am a 3:30pm, habrá un refrigerio ligero en el salón parroquial en honor de nuestro Santo Patrón. Le invitamos a participar.

STA Novena & Feast Day!

The Novena to St. Thomas Aquinas will begin on Sunday, 19 January until Friday, 27 January. Note: It will be only in the mornings! The Feast Day of our Patron Saint will be on Tuesday, 28 January. There will be a solemn Mass at 7pm, followed by procession inside the Church.

Novena y fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino

La Novena a Santo Tomás de Aquino comenzará el domingo 19 de enero hasta el viernes 27 de enero. Nota: ¡Será sólo por las mañanas! La fiesta de nuestro Santo Patrón será el martes 28 de enero. Habrá una misa solemne a las 19h, seguida de una procesión por el interior de la iglesia.

CWL Day of Reflection!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada (Central Region) will hold their annual Day of Reflection on Saturday, 25 January from 10am to 2pm. Activities include Mass, Reflection, Adoration, Confession and lunch. All interested Catholic women are invited to join.

Jornada de reflexión de la CWL

La Liga de Mujeres Católicas de Canadá (Región Central) celebrará su Jornada de Reflexión anual el sábado 25 de enero, de 10.00 a 14.00 horas. Las actividades incluyen misa, reflexión, adoración, confesión y almuerzo. Todas las mujeres católicas interesadas están invitadas a participar.

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

7pm to 8:30 pm in the parish hall; refreshments will be provided after. If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night. Thank you in advance!

Se reanuda la pastoral juvenil

Este viernes 17 de enero, de 19:00 a 20:30, se reanudará 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

January 21: Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr— Memorial



Reflection: According to one tradition, the daughter of Emperor Constantine the Great—the first emperor to convert to Christianity and legalize its practice—contracted leprosy. Her name was Constantina. Seeking a cure, she approached the tomb of today’s young virgin-martyr and tearfully beseeched her intercession. The tradition further states that Constantina was indeed healed, and, in gratitude, her father commissioned the building of a church over Saint Agnes’ grave. To this day, a church adorns that same spot. To this day, it is named in honor of Saint Agnes. And to this day, the faithful beseech Agnes’ intercession in the same fashion as Constantina in days of old. Very little is known about Saint Agnes, except for Saint Ambrose’s brief words written many decades after her death. We do know for certain that she was martyred at the age of twelve or thirteen. Later traditions have supplied what history cannot, including what follows. Agnes was born into a noble Christian family in Rome. She was said to have been quite beautiful, which, together with her wealth and holiness, caused many young noblemen to seek her as their bride. But Agnes’ eyes beheld One Who was the most beautiful of all—her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After taking in His beauty, she could look upon no one else. She dedicated herself to a life of virginity.

Saint Agnes, at a tender age you gave your life to Christ, choosing Him alone as your Spouse. Your fidelity to Christ was unwavering, showing you preferred death over betrayal. Please pray for me, that I may also choose Christ as the Spouse of my soul and be faithful to Him even until death. Saint Agnes, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.
—My Catholic Life

How to Pray a Morning Offering from St. Francis de Sales



In addition to this full and complete mental prayer, along with the additional vocal prayers that you ought to say once every day, there are five other shorter kinds of prayers which are, as it were, the little offshoots of your principal prayer. The first is the morning offering, which is general preparation for all the works of the day. It may be offered in the following manner:

1. Adore God with profound zeal and give him thanks for having graciously preserved you through the past night. And if during the course of the night’s hours you happened to commit any sin, implore his pardon.

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3 Minute Retreat God’s Lavish Gifts

Mark 6:41

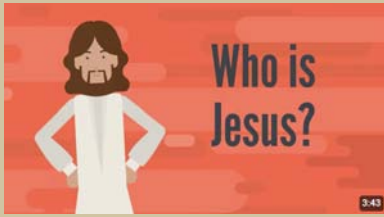
Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to [his] disciples to set before the people; he also divided the two fish among them all.

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media - Who is Jesus



Animated Story

[**Children's Video**](#)

Two Helpful Tips for Praying the Rosary With Greater Devotion



I knelt before the statue of our Lady, my body exhausted but my heart rejoicing, as I gazed into the face of my newborn baby boy. Chrism oil dripped down his forehead, and I began to pray. The worn beads from my grandmother's Rosary, gifted to me many years ago, ran through my fingers. "I give him to you, dearest Mother. He is yours. Lead him to Christ and help me to do the same." This is a prayer that has flowed from my lips many times for all my children. It is a prayer that I have sung softly as they slept, a prayer that I have quietly wept through when they have suffered, a prayer that has burst jubilantly from my heart when they have triumphed.

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The Source - Holy Hour - January 2025
Thursday, January 23, 2025 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!

Holy hour with music: 7 p.m.
Confessions available
Social: 8-9 p.m.

[**Register Here**](#)

Aren't Good Intentions Good Enough?



Let's look at how we're trying to do good things... but in a bad way (and so we get a bad result). Fr. Mark-Mary takes a dive into what it means to have good desires and good intentions, but to pursue them and realize them in ways that are sinful and disordered. Once we understand the good that we truly desire, we can plot a course to those goods on righteous paths.

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“Consider that the present day is given you so that during its course you may gain the future day of eternity.”
— St. Francis de Sales

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