

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 26, 2025 | 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

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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ANOINTING - UNCIÓN

Every first Saturday of the month at 9:00AM. El primer sábado de cada mes a las 9.00 am.

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Llamar a la oficina con **un año** de anticipación.

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Monday to Friday
9:30 am - 12:00pm |
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm



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Come, worship with us today!*

PASTOR Fr. Patrick Ezimora CCE
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Benedict Nwamuo, CCE
RESIDENT PRIEST: Fr. Peter Paul CCE

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.

DEVOTIONS—DEVOCIONES

Holy Rosary: 8:30am on Wednesdays
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 11am on Fridays and 7:30 pm on First Fridays

FOOD BANK

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

The readings of this third Sunday of Ordinary Time are Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (1st R), Psalm 96, 1 Corinthians 12.12-30 (2nd R) and Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21 (Gospel). Make sure to read and pray along! The three readings remind us of the importance of worshipping God together as his one people, the Mystical Body of Christ, in the Church. Does it not fascinate you to realize that believers have always prayed through gestures such as standing, bowing, raising the hands, listening and praying along? Even Jesus performed the same sacred acts in the synagogue every Sabbat. Great liturgical tradition! Each time the veil of heaven is opened for us. Let us try to be more aware of what we do and say during the Mass. God bless you!

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA,

Las lecturas de este tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario son Nehemías 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (1ª R), Salmo 96, 1 Corintios 12.12-30 (2ª R) y Lucas 1.1-4; 4.14-21 (Evangelio). Asegúrate de leer y rezar con nosotros. Las tres lecturas nos recuerdan la importancia de adorar a Dios juntos como su único pueblo, el Cuerpo Místico de Cristo, en la Iglesia. ¿No te fascina darte cuenta de que los creyentes siempre han orado mediante gestos como ponerse de pie, inclinarse, levantar las manos, escuchar y rezar juntos? Incluso Jesús realizaba los mismos actos sagrados en la sinagoga cada Sabbat. ¡Gran tradición litúrgica! Cada vez se nos abre el velo del cielo. Intentemos ser más conscientes de lo que hacemos y decimos durante la Misa. ¡Que Dios os 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 19, 2025
\$ 4,705.75

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!

Reminder! Parish Hall Available for Rent!

Just a soft reminder that our newly renovated parish main is available for rent at a discounted rate for all parishioners. Please contact our parish office for details. Thank you.

¡Recordatorio! ¡Salón Parroquial Disponible para Alquiler!

Sólo un recordatorio suave que nuestra parroquia recién renovado principal está disponible para alquilar a un precio de descuento para todos los feligreses. Por favor, póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina parroquial para más detalles. Gracias.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

January 25th to February 1st, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

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

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Michela Bellassai/ +Chizo Eucharía Ezeudu/ Birthday blessings upon Sophia Rocha & Matthew Orellana

5:00 pm Healing for Claire Chavez *all souls in purgatory*/ Cora Verttor & family

SUNDAY, January 26th — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am +Frank Perri

10:30 am +Pietro & +Maria Durante e famiglia/ +Ignazio e Grazia Calabró / +Melchiorre e Angela Alaimo

12:00 pm +Benjamin S. Dela Cruz

2:00 pm +Ercio & Idel Alvarez, +German Rios/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Julian Rocha

6:00 pm +Antonina Tubog

MONDAY, January 27th — St. Angela Merici

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Giuse Vu & *all souls in purgatory*/ +Benjamin S. Dela Cruz

TUESDAY, January 28th — St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Br. Anthony & Br. John the Cross/ +Evangelina Quesada/ Birthday blessings upon Stella Todd

7:00 pm Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

WEDNESDAY, January 29th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Maria del Transito & +Nelson Claros/ Birthday blessings upon Nilsa Claros & Edward Monge

THURSDAY, January 30th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Francisca Graciela Gutierrez/ +Gloria & Vincent Correa/ Birthday blessings upon Martha Varela

FRIDAY, January 31st — St. John Bosco

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh

SATURDAY, February 1st

9:00 am *All souls in purgatory*/ Thanksgiving for Legion of Mary
5:00 pm (available for intentions)

St Thomas Aquinas Fellowship Sunday!

On Sunday, 26 January from 10am to 3:30pm, and from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm 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.

Second Collection for Parish Maintenance

On the weekend of February 1/2, after Communion, we shall be taking up a second collection for the ongoing renovations of our parish. We are raising fund to fix the bad leakage from the northwest corner of the main roof, then we shall construct a table/chair cabinet at the northwest and northeast corners of the main hall and finally protect our new beautiful epoxy floor from damage by covering all the chairs and tables legs with rubber furniture feet. In the next few weeks, we shall share financial details of our past year's incomes and expenses. Please give generously. Thank you.

Segunda colecta para el mantenimiento de la parroquia

El fin de semana del 1/2 de febrero, después de la Comunión, haremos una segunda colecta para las renovaciones en curso de nuestra parroquia. Estamos recaudando fondos para arreglar la mala gotera de la esquina noroeste del tejado principal, luego construiremos un mueble para mesas y sillas en las esquinas noroeste y noreste del salón principal y, por último, protegeremos nuestro nuevo y bonito suelo de epoxi de posibles daños cubriendo todas las patas de las sillas y mesas con pies de goma para muebles. En las próximas semanas compartiremos los detalles financieros de nuestros ingresos y gastos del año pasado. Les rogamos que contribuyan generosamente. Muchas gracias.

2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy!

If you are considering joining our parish Jubilee visit to Rome and other pilgrimage sites in Italy, please pick up a flyer at the back of the Church or just call the parish office during the office hours.

¡2025 Peregrinación Jubilar a Italia!

Si usted está considerando unirse a nuestra parroquia Jubileo visita a Roma y otros lugares de peregrinación en Italia, por favor recoja un folleto en la parte posterior de la Iglesia o simplemente llame a la oficina parroquial durante las horas de oficina.

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!

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

7pm a 8:30 pm en el salón parroquial; después se ofrecerán refrescos. Si usted está interesado, por favor regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche juvenil. ¡Gracias de antemano!

ALL ABOUT FAITH

January 28:

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor—Memorial



Reflection: Among the greatest intellectuals in the history of the Church, Saint Thomas rises far above the rest. He is not only a Doctor of the Church but is given the titles Angelic Doctor, Common Doctor, and Universal Doctor. It is difficult to understate the impact that Saint Thomas has had on the Church's doctrine and intellectual understanding of the faith. Among his many works, Saint Thomas is best known for the Summa Theologica, or "Summary of Theology," which he never completed. One tradition states that when he was celebrating Mass in 1273, he had a vision. He later told his scribe, Brother Reginald, that he could no longer write. When Brother Reginald asked him why, he responded, "Reginald, I cannot, because all that I have written seems like straw to me." Brother Thomas died the next year after a series of illnesses. Saint Thomas was not only brilliant, he was also a man of deep faith, who loved God, never stopped contemplating the truths of faith, and courageously introduced new methods by which God became better known and understood.

Thomas' humility and sincerity come through in a story told by one early biographer who relates that as Brother Thomas was praying one morning before the crucifix, he anxiously implored the Lord as to whether or not his writings were correct. Jesus spoke to him saying, "You have written well of Me, Thomas, what shall be your reward?" Thomas replied, "Nothing but You, Lord." Though you might not be called to a life of intellectual brilliance, know that God wants to speak to your mind, reveal many hidden truths, and help you apply those truths to your daily life.

Prayer: *Saint Thomas, God revealed Himself to you through your interior life of prayer from an early age. You listened to His voice, pondered all that He revealed, and used your natural gifts to share these truths with the Church. Please pray for me, that I may also open my mind to the many truths that God wants to speak to me so that the Truth Himself will become the center of my mission in life. Jesus, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life*

How to Connect Daily with Your Guardian Angel



Besides God and His Mother, there is another force gifted to us by God which has been with each of us since our very beginning. These individuals will accompany us through the whole of our life until the end. They will even stand beside us as our friend and witness on judgment day. They are, of course, our guardian angels.

Entrusted with the task of guiding us on our way to eternity, our angels constantly watch over us and light the way to greater union with God. With the new year underway and goals being set, developing a deeper relationship with your guardian angel is sure to be monumental in your spiritual life and beyond!

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**3 Minute Retreat
Jesus Forgives Us**

Luke 1:77

... to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Kids Media - Who was the prophet Ezra?



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Day of Reflection - "How Does God Love Us"

Monday, February 24, 2025 09:00 AM — 03:30 PM
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering



In the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius described two spiritual truths about God's unconditional love for us. This day of reflection will focus on these two spiritual truths as understood by Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ. Since the ultimate description of God is "Love," the day will enable us to know and experience the way the Trinity's Love is present in each one of us personally, in all of creation, and in the evolving universe. Facilitated by Fr. Bernie Carroll, SJ. The suggested offering is \$65 per person which includes lunch, coffee/tea break and talks.

[Register Here](#)

How our patience is tested when friends mistreat us



We expect to be mistreated by our enemies, so it is typically easier to be patient with them. The real test is when our family or friends harm us. Patience is one of the more difficult virtues to practice, as it means we have to restrain ourselves from acting out on our impulses.

When someone insults us, our initial reaction is to fight back with an even greater insult. Yet, when practicing patience, we hold back the insult and try to "turn the other cheek" as much as we can.

One particularly difficult test of our patience is when we have to be patient with our family and friends.

[Read More](#)

What True Humility Really Looks Like



What does true humility really look like? Some may believe that a humble person must diminish themselves, becoming small or insignificant. But is that truly the essence of humility? Fr. Mike Schmitz offers a deeper perspective on what it means to be truly humble. He explains that humility actually requires both confidence and honesty. When we speak the truth and live authentically in that truth, we embody the heart of true humility.

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*"The things that we love tell us what we are."
— St. Thomas Aquinas*

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