

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



February 9th, 2025 | Fifth 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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Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

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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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Welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, where unity embraces diversity in the one and same Catholic faith. Together, we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Come, worship with us today!

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

DEVOTIONS—DEVOCIONES

Holy Rosary: 8:30am on Wednesdays
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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.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

The readings of this fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time are Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8 (1st R), Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 (2nd R) and Luke 5.1-11 (Gospel). Make sure to read and pray along!

Did you notice any similarity between the attitude of the prophet Isaiah and the Apostle Paul? They both felt and even expressed their sinfulness before God's holiness. However, the Lord did not hold back or choose someone more deserving or nicer. Rather, he cleansed them and then entrusted them with a huge mission.

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people". This week, how are you going to respond to God's urgent invitation? Have a blessed week!

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA

Las lecturas de este quinto domingo del tiempo ordinario son Isaías 6.1-2a, 3-8 (1ª R), Salmo 138, 1 Corintios 15.1-11 (2ª R) y Lucas 5.1-11 (Evangelio). No dejes de leerlos y rezar con ellos.

¿Notaste alguna similitud entre la actitud del profeta Isaías y la del apóstol Pablo? Ambos sintieron e incluso expresaron su pecaminosidad ante la santidad de Dios. Sin embargo, el Señor no se contuvo ni eligió a alguien más merecedor o más amable. Al contrario, los limpió y luego les encomendó una enorme misión.

«¿A quién enviaré y quién irá por nosotros?». «No tengáis miedo; a partir de ahora seréis gente de captura». Esta semana, ¿cómo vas a responder a la urgente invitación de Dios? ¡Que tengas una semana llena de bendiciones!

How Well Are You Acquainted with the Bible?

Starting February 16, 2025, our parish will be distributing a Bible study survey during Mass. This quick survey will help our Bible study team understand your interest in deepening your knowledge of the Catholic faith through Bible study and exploring the historical timeline of the Bible and how it aligns with the history of humanity. Your feedback will help guide future Bible study sessions, where we'll dive into the rich connections between scripture and real-world events. Please take a moment to fill it out and return it before leaving Mass. Thank you for your participation!

¿Qué tan bien conoces la Biblia?

A partir del 16 de febrero de 2025, nuestra parroquia distribuirá una encuesta sobre el estudio de la Biblia durante la misa. Esta encuesta ayudará a nuestro equipo de estudio de la Biblia a entender su interés en profundizar su conocimiento de la fe católica a través del estudio de la Biblia y la exploración de la cronología histórica de la Biblia y cómo se alinea con la historia de la humanidad. Sus comentarios ayudarán a guiar las futuras sesiones de estudios bíblicos, en las que nos sumergiremos en las ricas conexiones entre las Escrituras y los acontecimientos del mundo real. Por favor, tómese un momento para rellenarlo y devuélvalo antes de salir de misa. Gracias por su participación.

Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection — February 2, 2025

\$5058.00

Maintenance Collection — February 2, 2025

\$3320.50

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

February 8th to 15th 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 8th — St. Josephine Bakhita

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Giusseppe Carinci, +John Daniele, +Zozislawa (Gina) Galazka

5:00 pm +Giovanni Vincenzo Tuzi

SUNDAY, February 9th — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am +Maria, Manuel, Adriano Gaspar, +Salvado Prisgator

10:30 am +Egidia Caricati / +Vito Caricati & +Teresa Giacoia/ +Pasquale Sciulli

12:00 pm Birthday blessings upon Fe Pagulayan Flores

2:00 pm +Felimon & +Noel Mallari/+Cecilia Cuellar de Castaño/ Birthday blessings upon Giulio Dalsass

6:00 pm +Aurelia T. Guia, +Lito Calliz/ +Rosa & +Conrado Tubog

MONDAY, February 10th — St. Scholastica

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Rev. Luciano Felloni/ Thanksgiving for blessings received for M.D.

TUESDAY, February 11th — Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+ Rafael A. Cuellar Barrientos/ +Marylin Ribeiro

WEDNESDAY, February 12th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Elsa Maria Hervas, + Gabriela Crego & +Gerald Duncan

THURSDAY, February 13th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Darlin Conrad/ Birthday blessings upon Andrew Coppens Sandino

FRIDAY, February 14th — St. Cyril

9:00 am Blessings upon Carlos/ +Eugenie Leary

SATURDAY, February 15th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Amparo Chavez Vda. de Moreira/+Bridget Martha Nusca/ Birthday blessings upon Graciela Conde, Daria Dalsass, Jorge Lopez

5:00 pm (available for intentions)

Marriage Sunday Celebration

This Sunday, we celebrate Marriage Sunday and extend heartfelt congratulations to our parishioners who have been married in the Catholic church! Your commitment to one another is an inspiration to our community. If you've not yet been married in the church, we encourage you to reach out and we can help rectify your marriage. A priest is available to guide you through the process and assist with this beautiful sacrament. We invite all couples to take full advantage of the grace and enrichment that comes with the sacrament of marriage in the Church.

Celebración del Domingo del Matrimonio

Este domingo celebramos el Domingo del Matrimonio y felicitamos de todo corazón a nuestros feligreses que se han casado por la Iglesia Católica. Su compromiso mutuo es una inspiración para nuestra comunidad. Si usted todavía no se ha casado en la iglesia, le animamos a que se acerque y podemos ayudarle a rectificar su matrimonio. Un sacerdote está disponible para guiarle a través del proceso y ayudar con este hermoso sacramento. Invitamos a todas las parejas a aprovechar al máximo la gracia y el enriquecimiento que viene con el sacramento del matrimonio en la Iglesia.

Jubilee Mass and Appreciation of Cardinal Leo!

Two big events in one celebration! Our Archbishop, Francis Cardinal Leo will launch the Jubilee Year 2025 while also thanking God for his new elevation as Cardinal on Tuesday, 25 February at St Edward the Confessor parish in North York at 7pm. The parish is only about 25 minutes away. We are all encouraged to attend.

¡Misa Jubilar y Apreciación del Cardenal Leo!

¡Dos grandes acontecimientos en una sola celebración! Nuestro arzobispo, el cardenal Francis Leo, inaugurará el Año Jubilar 2025 al tiempo que dará gracias a Dios por su nueva elevación como cardenal el martes 25 de febrero en la parroquia de San Eduardo el Confesor de North York a las 7:00 PM. La parroquia está a sólo 25 minutos de distancia. Animamos a todos a asistir.

Parish 2025 Jubilee Year Committee!

Given the great spiritual benefits of this Jubilee Year, our parish would like to create a committee of 3 to 5 faith-filled, devoted and selfless individuals who are willing to assist with planning our parish Jubilee visits to the designated Churches in the Archdiocese. The members will handle informing people, organizing the bus, prayer materials, food and other relevant logistics. Please talk to our pastor or call the parish office to indicate your interest and get details. Thank you.

¡Comité Parroquial del Año Jubilar 2025!

Dados los grandes beneficios espirituales de este Año Jubilar, a nuestra parroquia le gustaría crear un comité de 3 a 5 personas llenas de fe, devotas y desinteresadas que estén dispuestas a ayudar con la planificación de las visitas jubilaires de nuestra parroquia a las Iglesias designadas en la Arquidiócesis. Los miembros se encargarán de informar a la gente, organizar el autobús, los materiales de oración, la comida y otros aspectos logísticos pertinentes. Por favor hable con nuestro párroco o llame a la oficina parroquial para indicar su interés y obtener detalles. 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.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes—Memorial



Reflection: Bernadette Soubirous was the eldest of nine children born into a poor family in Lourdes, France on January 7, 1844. At age fourteen, Bernadette, her sister, and a friend were gathering firewood to heat the Soubirous home. Bernadette fell behind as they searched for wood near a rock grotto. Hearing the sound of rushing wind, she saw only a wild rose moving. Then, from within the grotto, she saw a dazzling light and the figure of a small young lady in white with yellow roses on her feet. When Bernadette’s sister told their mother about what Bernadette reported seeing, their mother punished the girls for lying and forbade them to return to the grotto.

Bernadette returned to the grotto on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation. When she asked the lady’s name, the lady responded, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Bernadette repeated the name to herself over and over so she wouldn’t forget. When she told the parish priest, he was stunned. Only four years prior, the pope had issued the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. This fact, especially, convinced Church leaders that the apparitions were authentic. Several years later, Bernadette entered religious life. She died in 1879 and was canonized in 1933. Today, the waters in Lourdes continue to flow. The faithful have professed countless healings, and the Church has confirmed seventy healings through a rigorous scientific process. Millions of the sick flock to this holy grotto every year to seek a cure by bathing in or drinking the miraculous water, making Lourdes one of the most frequented pilgrimage sites in the world.

Prayer: *Dearest Mother, the Immaculate Conception, you chose the humblest of instruments in Bernadette to proclaim your universal message of repentance. You declared to the world that you are, indeed, the Immaculate Conception. Please pray for me, bring healing to my soul, and help me to be freed of all sin so that I may one day share in your glory in Heaven. Saint Bernadette, pray for me. Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life*

Don't let your anger tear yourself down in the process

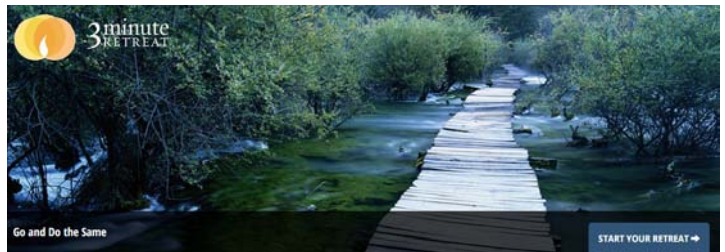


It is not spiritually helpful to get angry with ourselves, as we can too often be too harsh, distancing ourselves from God in the process.

For many of us, when we make a mistake, the immediate response is to tear ourselves down. We see ourselves as the cause of all problems in the world and it was our stupidity or carelessness that caused someone else pain.

As much as we like to justify our self-loathing, God does not see us in this light and would much rather we spend our energy loving him than hating ourselves.

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3 Minute Retreat Go and Do the Same

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God.

[English](#)

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Into the Deep!



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](#)

Scripture Verses About Love



When I was a novice, our founder asked us questions at the end of class. After one class, I thought I was giving him a deep, clever response, when I answered "love" to a question I can no longer recall. Instead of being impressed, however, Father Flanagan had a follow up question for me: "What is love?" At that moment, I realized I could not define love. I could recognize it, but I couldn't define it.

Life had altered the definition of love.

[Read More](#)

How to Live With People and Not Go Insane



Chances are, you live in community. While "community life" is pretty technical language you don't often hear outside of the monastery, if you have roommates or a wife or brothers and sisters in the home, you know how difficult this can be. Fr. Mark-Mary has 4 essential practices that don't just make living with other people bearable, but actually leads one another to holiness.

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*"The important thing is to do charity,
not to talk about charity."
- St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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