

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



February 16, 2025 | Sixth 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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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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SICK CALLS

Please call the office for visits or Communion visitations to the sick.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

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



*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

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.

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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 sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time are Jeremiah 17.5-8 (1st R), Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20 (2nd R) and Luke 6.17, 20-26 (Gospel). Make sure to read and pray along!

Is life not an irony-packed paradox? You have surely heard people say something like "It was a blessing in disguise" or even, "God has a sense of humor". Indeed, the three readings, including the Responsorial Psalm, communicate the same truths. They make a clear distinction between what is true and false, real and fake, partial and eternal. As we begin a new week, what will you choose? "Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord". Amen.

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo

Las lecturas de este sexto domingo del tiempo ordinario son Jeremías 17,5-8 (I R), Salmo 1, 1 Corintios 15,12, 16-20 (II R) y Lucas 6,17, 20-26 (Evangelio). No dejes de leer y rezar.

¿No es la vida una paradoja llena de ironía? Seguro que alguna vez has oído decir algo así como «ha sido una bendición disfrazada» o incluso «Dios tiene sentido del humor». En efecto, las tres lecturas, incluido el Salmo responsorial, comunican las mismas verdades. Hacen una clara distinción entre lo verdadero y lo falso, lo real y lo falso, lo parcial y lo eterno. Al comenzar una nueva semana, ¿qué vas a elegir? «Dichoso el que confía en el Señor». Amén.

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 9, 2025
\$ 4,752.00

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 15th to 22nd 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 15th —St. Joseph of Antioch

9:00 am +Jim McCallum, Frank Daly & Ron Edwards/
+Jiana Maingotova & Joseph Maingot/ +Esmond Chano

5:00 pm +Manuel Pedro De Sousa

SUNDAY, February 16th — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am +Josefa Campos/ +Rev. Priest Thomas Stokes /
Healing: Sandra Mejia, Yuli Buenahora & Lussiana Ayala

10:30 am +Francesco e Ida Toter/ +Antonio e Ida Greco

12:00 pm +Denzil, Merlyn & Eugene Stephens & +Lorraine
Singh/ Repose for the Souls /+Ana Marie Pastrana

2:00 pm Healing of Teresa Prieto, Jenny Terrazas & Her-
mana Lucia

6:00 pm Parishioners of STO

**MONDAY, February 17th —Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite Order**

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent / +Bosco Bermudez
Castro / +Ivan Bermudez & Heidi Park Lafford /

TUESDAY, February 18th —St. Agatha Lin

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh / B-day blessings to
Julian, Maximiliano Ayala Moron. Rebeca Isabel Peña & Sienna
lanuzzi

WEDNESDAY, February 19th —Saint Barbatus

9:00 am B-day Blessings to Enmanuel Jose Perez, Nelly Julissa
Calix & Daniel Gonzalez

**THURSDAY, February 20th —St. Francisco & Jacinta Mar-
to**

9:00 am +Jiana Maingotova & Joseph Maingot/

**FRIDAY, February 21st —St Peter Damian, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

9:00 am

SATURDAY, February 22nd —Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Florena Mallari/
+Mark Gil Ramos/ B-day blessings to Ania Misko

5:00 pm Parishioners of STO

Happy Family Day Long Weekend!

As you gather with your family and loved ones this week-
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2nd Collection for Youth Ministry Support!

Next weekend (22/23 February), we shall be taking up a
Second Collection to support our youth faith formation
programs, especially the 3-day Teens Steubenville sum-
mer experience. Thank you and may God bless you.

2^a Colecta para Apoyo a la Pastoral Juvenil!

El próximo fin de semana (22/23 de febrero), haremos una Segun-
da Colecta para apoyar nuestros programas juveniles de for-
mación en la fe, especialmente la experiencia de verano de 3 días
Teens Steubenville. Gracias y que Dios les bendiga.

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 will-
ing 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 jubila-
res 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 22: Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle—Feast



Reflection: In Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, visitors are immediately struck by the large alabaster window on the back wall of the apse that depicts the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. Below the window is an ancient wooden chair, believed to have been used by Saint Peter. Surrounding the chair are statues of four early Doctors of the Church. Two of them represent the Eastern Church: Saint John Chrysostom and St. Athanasius. Two of them represent the Western Church: Saint Ambrose and Saint Augustine. These great saints represent the universality of the Church, both East and West, as well as the unity of their theological teaching with the authority of the Bishop of Rome. Above the chair are two angels jointly holding the triple crown tiara used by the Bishop of Rome, symbolizing that he is the father of kings, governor of the world, and Vicar of Christ. In their other hands, each angel holds a key, symbolizing the authority of the Bishop of Rome in matters of faith and morals. Today's feast celebrates not only that chair as a precious relic from the time of Saint Peter, it also celebrates all that this chair represents. This feast was formally celebrated in Rome as early as the fourth century, but honor for the supremacy of Saint Peter and his successors was celebrated from the moment Jesus entrusted Peter with his unique mission.

Prayer: *Saint Peter, you were a weak and sinful man, but God entrusted you with great responsibility, despite your unworthiness. Please pray for me, that despite my unworthiness, I may be open to all that God entrusts to me and that I may use those gifts for His glory and the salvation of souls. Saint Peter and all your successors in Heaven, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life*

What Does the Bible Say About Abortion?



From its earliest days, the Church has rejected abortion as a grave evil. The Didache is one example of an extremely early Christian document testifying to this tradition. Probably written around the year 70 A.D. (although arguably as early as the 40s A.D.), the Didache offers a list of moral crimes which Christians are to avoid:

You shall not commit murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not commit pederasty, you shall not commit fornication, you shall not steal, you shall not practice magic, you shall not practice witchcraft, you shall not murder a child by abortion nor kill that which is born. (Didache, 2)

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3 Minute Retreat Simple Rules

Matthew 22:37

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

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LIVING YOUR FAITH

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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](#)

Pope at Angelus:

'Jesus is our salvation and our light'



God is present among His people

Their recognition of Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promise underscores the radical newness of this moment: "God is present among His people—not because He dwells within four walls, but because He lives as a man among men."

Mary and Joseph, the Pope continued, listen as Simeon identifies Jesus with three significant words: salvation, light, and a sign of contradiction.

[Read More](#)

What Catholics Believe About Tarot Cards, Astrology, Divination, and Other New Age Practices



Wondering about the Catholic Church's stance on New Age and Occult practices like horoscopes, divination, tarot cards, astral projection, manifesting, casting spells, astrology, and palm reading? Fr. Ambrose Criste has the answers you can trust—because the answers are straight from holy mother Church.

[Watch Video](#)

"He loves, he hopes, he waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant." — St. Maria Goretti

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