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March 16, 2025 | Second Sunday in Lent

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

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 9:30am –10:00am

First Fridays 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by appt

LENTEN CONFESSION

Fridays until April 4th

9:30am to 10:00am

6:00pm to 6:30pm

LENT 2025

Fridays until April 4th

Holy Rosary- 6:45pm—7:10pm

Station of the Cross—7:15pm

Bible Study—8:00pm to 9:00pm

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8:30am Mon-Fri before Mass

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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!*

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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 2nd Sunday of Lent are *Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18* (1st R), *Psalms 27, Philippians 3.17 – 4.1* (2nd R) and *Luke 9.28b-36* (Gospel). Make sure to read and pray along! I have often joked whenever people asked me where I come from, saying "From heaven". Yet, it is a deep conviction from my personal faith that, as the Second Reading says, "Our citizenship is in heaven". Rightly, St. Paul reproaches those who put their trust in the passing things of this world. Moreover, by his transfiguration on Mount Tabor, Jesus gives his followers a foretaste of our true homeland. As we carry out our Lenten practices, let us keep our eyes on the prize. Have a fruitful week. Amen.

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,
Las lecturas de este 2º domingo de Cuaresma son Génesis 15.5-12, 17-18 (1ª R), Salmo 27, Filipenses 3.17 - 4.1 (2ª R) y Lucas 9.28b-36 (Evangelio). No dejes de leer y rezar. A menudo he bromeado cuando la gente me preguntaba de dónde venía, diciendo: «Del cielo». Sin embargo, es una convicción profunda de mi fe personal que, como dice la Segunda Lectura, «Nuestra ciudadanía está en los cielos». Con razón, San Pablo reprocha a los que ponen su confianza en las cosas pasajeras de este mundo. Además, con su transfiguración en el monte Tabor, Jesús ofrece a sus seguidores un anticipo de nuestra verdadera patria. Al realizar nuestras prácticas cuaresmales, no perdamos de vista el premio. Que tengáis una semana fructífera. Amén.

Jewish Seder & Christian Eucharist!

Once again, our parish is offering everyone an opportunity to experience the rich significance of the Holy Eucharist in the light of the Jewish Seder meal (Passover). After the Rite which will include hard-boiled eggs, charoset, grape and matzo bread, there will be a proper lamb dinner with rice, vegetables, desert and drinks. For tickets, please talk to the ushers or call the parish office at 416-782-8943. Cost is \$45 per person.

Seder judío y Eucaristía Cristiana

Una vez más, nuestra parroquia ofrece a todos la oportunidad de experimentar el rico significado de la Sagrada Eucaristía a la luz de la comida del Seder judío (Pascua judía). Después del rito, que incluirá huevos duros, charoset, uvas y pan de matzo, habrá una cena de cordero con arroz, ensalada, postre y bebidas. Para conseguir entradas, hable con los ushers o llame a la oficina parroquial al 416-782-8943. El precio es de 45 dólares por persona.

Solemn Mass of the Annunciation of our Lord!

On Tuesday, March 25 at 7pm there will be a solemn evening Mass (with incense) followed by consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are most welcome to join us.

¡Misa solemne de la Anunciación del Señor!

El martes 25 de marzo a las 19.00 horas se celebrará una solemne misa vespertina (con incienso) seguida de la consagración a la Santísima Virgen María. Le invitamos a participar.

Thank you for your generosity!
March 9, 2025
Regular Collection \$ 5,027.00

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9 de marzo, 2025
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You extend the hands of Christ to those in need

ShareLife Sunday is March 30. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **32,000.00**.

Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Our parish goal this year is **32,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Usted extiende las manos de Cristo a los necesitados

Marzo 30 es el domingo de ShareLife. Nuestra meta parroquial para la campaña de este año es **32,000.00**.

Con su apoyo a ShareLife, usted extiende las manos de Cristo a los necesitados: los pobres, los vulnerables y los marginados de nuestra comunidad. Porque usted se preocupa, más de 40 agencias dan fortaleza a personas de todas las edades en sus momentos más débiles. Usted ha estado ahí para ayudar a padres jóvenes preocupados por su próxima comida, para ancianos aislados que anhelan compañía, para adolescentes que buscan orientación en un mundo confuso, para refugiados que anhelan reconstruir sus vidas y para personas con necesidades especiales que luchan por su dignidad y aceptación. Gracias por vivir el Evangelio a través de vuestra compasión.

Nuestra meta parroquial este año es **32,000.00**. Por favor, done en su parroquia usando un sobre de Share Life, en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, o en sharelife.org/donate.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

March 16th to March 22nd 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 15th — Saturday of the First Week of Lent

9:00 am +Rodrigo Corpuz

5:00 pm Parishioners of STA

SUNDAY, March 16th — Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am +Alexandrin Matthew/ Thanksgiving Intention of Ave-gail Gandayao

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

12:00 pm +Rodrigo Corpuz/ +Timothy Ian Francis Alvarez/ +Candelaria Asuncion/ +Marietta Malabor/ +Britta Quisumbing/ +Isidoro Sadlas Senior/ birthday blessing on Shane Alynette Asuncion

2:00 pm +Ana Orsini, +Claudio, +Rina & Luigi La Rosa & Souls in Purgatory/ +Margarita Escobar/ +Alicia Sandino/ Birthday blessings on Isabela Sofia Alvarez and Lucas Diaz Iwamoto

6:00 pm

MONDAY, March 17th — St. Patrick, Bishop

9:00 am +Anna Ventura/ +Maria Magdalena de Flamenca/

Birthday blessings on Rocio Reyna & Ana Dolores Rivera

TUESDAY, March 18^h — St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Birthday blessings to Arturito Gonzalez, Camila Gotlik. Ruben Garcia and Ivan Jose Perez/

WEDNESDAY, March 19th — Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am In Honour and Thanksgiving to St Joseph and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and all Saints and Holy Angels/ +Gustek Misko/ Birthday blessings on Maritza Rodas de Lopez/

THURSDAY, March 20th — Thursday of the Second week of Lent

9:00 am

FRIDAY, March 21st — Friday of the Second week of Lent

9:00 am +Lorena Borahona/ +Mauricio Vasquez/ +Yvonne, Harold & John Way/ +Ana Piecha

SATURDAY, March 22nd — Saturday of the Second week of Lent

9:00 am

5:00 pm Parishioners of STA

Children's Choir!

Exciting news For kids & teens from grade 4 up, the Children's choir resumes with a beautiful musical performance from two of our young adults, Yorashko and Loren on Monday, March 24 at 7pm in the parish hall. If you think your child has some music talent and wants to praise God with it, then consider registering them. To register, talk to Fr Patrick or call the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Coro infantil

Noticias emocionantes Para los niños y adolescentes de grado 4 en adelante, el coro de niños se reanuda con una hermosa actuación musical de dos de nuestros jóvenes adultos, Yorashko y Loren el lunes 24 de marzo a las 7 pm en el salón parroquial. Si crees que tu hijo tiene algún talento musical y quiere alabar a Dios con él, entonces considera inscribirlo. Para inscribirse, hable con el Padre Patrick o llame a la oficina parroquial lo antes

Parish Consecration to Mother Mary!

On the weekend of March 22/23, there will be a consecration prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary before the final blessing. Parishioners are encouraged to prepare their hearts through reconciliation and Bible reading.

Consagración parroquial a la Madre María.

El fin de semana del 22/23 de marzo, habrá una oración de consagración a la Santísima Virgen María antes de la bendición final. Se anima a los feligreses a preparar sus corazones mediante la reconciliación y la lectura de la Biblia.

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

Meditations for Each Day of Lent

By St. Thomas Aquinas



Second Sunday

God the Father Delivered Christ to His Passion

God spared not even His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all.--Rom. viii.

Christ suffered willingly, moved by obedience to His Father. Wherefore, God the Father delivered Christ to His Passion, and this in three ways:

1. *B*ecause the Father, of His eternal will, preordained the Passion of Christ as the means whereby to free the human race. So it is said in Isaias, *The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all (Isa. liii. 6), and again, The Lord was pleased to bruise Him in infirmity (ibid. liii. 10).*

2. *B*ecause He inspired Our Lord with the willingness to suffer for us, pouring into His soul the love which produced the will to suffer. Whence the prophet goes on to say, *He was offered because it was His own will (Isa. liii. 7).*

3. *B*ecause He did not protect Our Lord from the Passion, but exposed him to his persecutors. Whence we read in St. Matthew's Gospel, that as He hung on the cross Christ said, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken met (Matt, xxvii. 46).* For God the Father, that is to say, had left him at the mercy of His torturers.

*T*o hand over an innocent man to suffering and to death, against His will, compelling him to die as it were, would indeed be cruel and wicked. But it was not in this way that God the Father handed over Christ. He handed over Christ by inspiring Him with the will to suffer for us. By so doing the severity of God is made clear to us, that no sin is forgiven without punishment undergone, which St. Paul again teaches when he says, *God spared not his own son.*

*A*t the same time God's good heartedness is shown in the fact that whereas man could not, no matter what his punishment, sufficiently make satisfaction, God has given man someone who can make that satisfaction for him. Which is what St. Paul means by, *He delivered Him up for us all, and again when he says, God hath proposed Christ to be a propitiation, through faith in His blood (Rom. iii. 25)....*

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The Seven Last Words

By Dr. Scott Hahn



This lent, be with Christ at the foot of the cross. Join Dr. Scott Hahn in a weekly Lenten video series from the St. Paul Center and explore the final words that Jesus uttered while he hung dying on the Cross .

Dr. Scott Hahn introduces the origins of Lenten meditation on Christ's Seven Last Words, where we find these "words" in the Gospels, and the backdrop we'll be using to understand Christ's final utterances.

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3 Minute Retreat New Life Is Given

When a new boss takes over, everyone in the office gets a bit nervous. A new person on top usually means change, and many people fear change, or at least the unknown. Jesus understood. He was preaching some different messages. When explaining how to handle a hurt, it was no longer an eye for eye, but now the lesson was about forgiving 77 times. But Jesus respected his past while fulfilling all that was promised there. He came to fulfill not abolish. He came to breathe new life, but it was a life that had been anticipated in the Old Testament. He's the new boss who respects everyone and is trying to bring out the best in all.

Jesus, guide me in how I can help fulfill your laws, especially those of love.

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Pope's March prayer intention: 'for families in crisis'



By Vatican News

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

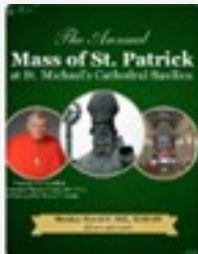
Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of March 2025, and invites everyone to pray for "families in crisis," as he acknowledges that no family is perfect, but that when we forgive our family members, we can rediscover peace.

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Annual Mass of St. Patrick

Monday, March 17, 2025 10:00 AM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond St., Toronto



The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on Monday, March 17 at 10 a.m. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

[Register Here](#)

The Ultimate Guide to Lent



Are you ready for Lent? These 40 days call us to step back from the noise of life and refocus our hearts on Christ. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we embrace a journey of spiritual renewal, self-discipline, and love for our neighbor. From the significance of Ash Wednesday to the hope of Holy Week, Lent unfolds as a time to grow closer to God and prepare our souls for the joy of Easter. Let's dive into the meaning, practices, and opportunities this sacred season offers, and uncover how Lent can transform your life. As you prepare for this season, [Fr. Mike](#) has some valuable advice and information for you before the journey begins.

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“Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me”. St. Patrick

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