

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



April 13th, 2025 | Palm Sunday

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

EASTER TRIDUUM

Please see schedule inside

ANOINTING - UNCIÓN

Every first Saturday of the month at **9:00am**.

El primer sábado de cada mes a las **9.00am**.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary:

8:30am Mon-Fri before Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays 9:00am Mass

SICK CALLS

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

BAPTISMS—BAUTIZOS

Please call the office, **Three months** in advance.
Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.



*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

CHURCH HOURS:

The church is open

Monday to Friday

8:00 am -12:00pm

Saturdays

8:00am - 6:00pm

Sundays

8:00am -7:00pm

FOOD BANK

Tue. & Sat. 12:00pm

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

636 Glenholme Ave. Toronto | 416 393-5236

D'Arcy McGee Catholic School

20 Bansley Ave. Toronto | 416-393-5318

CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOMES

Bernardo Funeral Home | 416-789-7661

Vescio Funeral Home | 416-656-3332

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:30 am - 12:00pm

12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

CATECHISM & RCIA

For the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion/Confirmation), please contact the office and press **ext. 0**

WEDDINGS—BODAS

Please contact the office **one year** in advance.
LLamar a la oficina con **un año** de anticipación.



Follow the latest parish updates: [@stthomasparish](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasparish)

640 Glenholme Avenue, Toronto, ON. M6E 3G9 | Tel: 416-782-8943 | Fax: 416-781-8444
stthomasquinasto@archtoronto.org www.stthomasquinatas.archtoronto.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

Today we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. People went wild with joy as the long-awaited Messiah made his way into the holy city. They threw palm branches, clothes, and similar things on his path as a sign of deep reverence and piety. But, as it often happens, not too long after the jubilation, people shouted "crucify him, crucify him". Incredible, isn't it? Hence, the Passion Sunday unveils the full breadth of the mystery of our Christian life: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous! As we begin the Holy Week, may we never take our eyes off the Lord Jesus Christ, our perfect Model of Christian living. Amen

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA

Hoy celebramos la entrada triunfal de Jesucristo en Jerusalén. La gente se volvió loca de alegría cuando el Mesías, tan esperado, entró en la ciudad santa. Arrojaron ramas de palma, ropas y cosas similares a su paso en señal de profunda reverencia y piedad. Pero, como suele ocurrir, no mucho después del júbilo, la gente gritaba «crucifícalo, crucifícalo». Increíble, ¿verdad? Así pues, el Domingo de Pasión desvela toda la amplitud del misterio de nuestra vida cristiana: Gozoso, Doloroso, Glorioso y Luminoso. Al comenzar la Semana Santa, que nunca quitemos los ojos del Señor Jesucristo, nuestro Modelo perfecto de vida cristiana. Amén

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY- APRIL 17TH

7:30pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the feet (trilingual)

With **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Until 10:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 18TH

2:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Italian)

4:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)

6:00pm Stations of the Cross at STA School Yard (Trilingual)

7:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)

EASTER VIGIL—Holy Saturday- April 19th

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass (Trilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am, 12:00p.m & 6:00pm (English)

10:30am (Italian)

2:00pm (Spanish)

TRIDUO DE PASCUA

JUEVES SANTO- 17 DE ABRIL

7:30 Celebración solemne de la Cena del Señor y Lavatorio de los pies (trilingüe)

Con **ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO**

Hasta las 10:30

VIERNES 18 DE ABRIL

2:00pm Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (italiano)

4:00pm Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (español)

6:00pm Vía Crucis en el patio de la escuela STA (Trilingüe)

7:30pm Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (inglés)

VIGILIA PASCUAL-Sábado Santo- 19 de abril

7:30pm Misa de Vigilia Pascual (Trilingüe)

DOMINGO DE PASCUA

9:00am, 12:00p.m & 6:00pm (Inglés)

10:30am (Italiano)

2:00pm (Español)

Thank you for your generosity!

April 6, 2025

Regular Collection \$ 5,378.00

Maintenance Collection \$ 2,501.00

Sharelife Collection \$ 1,073.50

Muchas gracias por su generosidad!

6 de aprile, 2025

Colecta Regular \$ 5,378.00

Colecta de Mantenimiento \$ 2,501.00

Colecta Sharelife \$ 1,073.50



You empower youth to embrace God

Your devotion enables the Office of Catholic Youth to fulfill their mission of helping youth and young adults to encounter, love and serve Jesus Christ. Through your loving support of ShareLife, young people are empowered to become Christian leaders who know Christ and have a growing relationship with Him. Aspiring youth and campus ministers, like Laura, form spiritual habits through workshops and formation retreats. They learn practical methods to engage the youth of today and help them deal with everyday pressures. "These formation sessions have equipped me with a firm foundation in the faith," she says, "enabling me to pass on authentic Catholic teachings to the young people in my care."

Thus far we have raised **\$13,026.50** toward our goal of **\$32,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!



Usted empodera a los jóvenes para abrazar a Dios

Su devoción permite a la Oficina de la Juventud Católica cumplir la misión de ayudar a jóvenes y adultos jóvenes a encontrar amor y servir a Jesucristo. A través de su amoroso apoyo a ShareLife, los jóvenes son capacitados para convertirse en líderes cristianos que conocen a Cristo y tienen una relación creciente con Él. Aspirantes a ministros juveniles y universitarios, como Laura, forman hábitos espirituales a través de talleres y retiros de formación. Aprenden métodos prácticos para involucrar a los jóvenes de hoy y ayudarles a afrontar las presiones cotidianas. "Estas sesiones de formación me han dotado de una base firme en la fe", dice, "permitiéndome transmitir enseñanzas católicas auténticas a los jóvenes a mi cargo."

Hasta ahora, hemos recaudado **\$13,026.50** hacia nuestra meta de **\$32,000.00**. Done en su parroquia usando un sobre de ShareLife; en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, o en sharelife.org/donate. ¡Gracias por vivir el Evangelio a través de ShareLife!

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

April 12th to April 19th 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 12^h — Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

9:00 am +Salvatore Sturino

5:00 pm +Geronimo Gamo/ +Patrick Singh

SUNDAY, April 13^h — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am +Erlinda Goh/ +Saturnina Tolibas Mendoza

10:30 am +Antonio & Yola Greco/ +Francesco & Yola Totera

12:00 pm +Antonio Joao/ +Maria Bairos/ +Jose & Maria Leandres/ +Angelo & Maria Sousa/ +Idalina & Romeo Best/ Birthday blessings on Ida Pasion/

2:00 pm +Casar Linares/ + Vicentina Escalante/ +Yuli Buenahora, +Laureano Pachon, +Mariana Alvarado +Guillermo Turcios

6:00 pm Parishioners of STA

MONDAY, April 14th — Monday of Holy Week

9:00 am +Maria Romano/ +Maria Elena & +Jose Denis Elias, Birthday blessings upon Ana Celia de Chacon & Sophia Peña Monge

TUESDAY, April 15^h — Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am + Domenico Rutigliano, +John A. Grant (2 Years), +Michalina & +Michal Pawluk

WEDNESDAY, April 16nd — Wednesday of Holy Week **9:00 am** +Healing of Family Vasquez

THURSDAY, April 17rd — Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00am No Morning Mass

7:30 pm +Anna Ventura/ +Ada & +Alfonso Mendicino, +Maria Agustina & +Roberto Maravilla, Birthday blessings upon Luis Doradea, Anastasia Zachos, Maria Lidia Alvarado, & Christina Katsoulis

FRIDAY, April 18rd — Holy Friday

No Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 19rd — Holy Saturday —Easter Vigil

7:30pm Parishioners of STA

Children's Choir!

The children's choir will have their second practice session this weekend, after the 12pm Mass in the main hall. If you signed up your child for Mass, please bring them along in preparation for their first Mass in May. Thank you.

Coro Infantil

El coro de niños tendrá su segunda sesión de práctica este fin de semana, después de la Misa de 12pm en el salón principal. Si usted inscribió a su hijo para la misa, por favor tráigalos para prepararlos para su primera misa en mayo. Gracias a todos.

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.

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.

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!

ALL ABOUT FAITH

Meditations for Each Day of Lent

By St. Thomas Aquinas

Passion Sunday

The Passion of Christ is a Remedy against Sin



We find in the Passion of Christ a remedy against all the evils that we incur through sin. Now these evils are five in number. (i). *We* ourselves become unclean. When a man commits any sin he soils his soul, for just as virtue is the beauty of the soul, so sin is a stain upon it. *How happeneth it, O Israel, that thou art in thy enemies land? Thou art grown old in a strange country, thou art defiled with the dead* (Baruch iii. 10, 11).

The passion of Christ takes away this stain. For Christ, by His Passion, made of His blood a bath wherein He might wash sinners. The soul is washed with the blood of Christ in Baptism, for it is from the blood of Christ that the sacrament draws its power of giving new life. When therefore one who is baptized soils himself again by sin, he insults Christ and sins more deeply than before.

(ii) *We* offend God. As the man who is fleshly-minded loves what is beautiful to the flesh, so God loves spiritual beauty, the beauty of the soul. When the soul's beauty is defiled by sin God is offended, and holds the offender in hatred. But the Passion of Christ takes away this hatred, for it does what man himself could not possibly do, namely it makes full satisfaction to God for the sin. The love and obedience of Christ was greater than the sin and rebellion of Adam.

(iii) *We* ourselves are weakened. Man believes that, once he has committed the sin, he will be able to keep from sin for the future. Experience shows that what really happens is quite otherwise. The effect of the first sin is to weaken the sinner and make him still more inclined to sin. Sin dominates man more and more, and man left to himself, whatever his powers, places himself in such a state that he cannot rise from it. Like a man who has thrown himself into a well, there he must lie, unless he is drawn up by some divine power. After the sin of Adam, then, our human nature was weaker, it had lost its perfection and men were more prone to sinning.

But Christ, although He did not utterly make an end of this weakness, nevertheless greatly lessened it. Man is so strengthened by the Passion of Christ and the effect of Adam's sin is so weakened that he is no longer dominated by it. Helped by the grace of God, given him in the sacraments, which derive their power from the Passion of Christ, man is now able to make an effort and so rise up from his sins. Before the Passion of Christ there were few who lived without mortal sin, but since the Passion many have lived and do live without it....

[Read More](#)



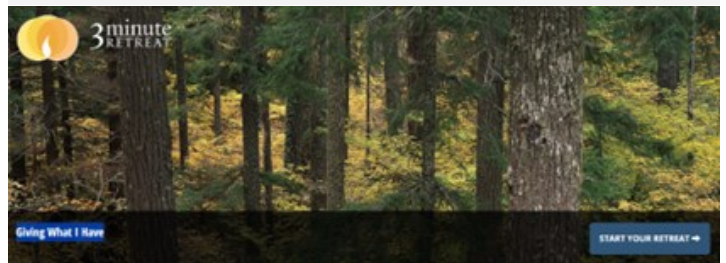
A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBTQ Young Adults

Seeing with Heart: A Day of Reflection for Catholic Parents of LGBTQ Young Adults. The day will include sharing our stories, presentations, group discussions, time for reflection and mass. We hope to provide a relaxed and supportive atmosphere to meet and interact with other parents; reflect and discuss concerns and needs; learn about ministries and resources; strengthen your love and grow closer to God.

This special day will be facilitated by Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB. A suggested offering of \$ 65 pp. Includes break, lunch along with program.

CONTACT: Mike Hyland **PHONE:** 647-296-2499

[Read More](#)



A Reflection by Dr. Lawrence Sutton

Sometimes I need to remember that God is there, and so I pray:

As busy as I can be, no matter how many important things need to be done, you are there. Sometimes I'm alone or feel confused or depressed, and you are there. I feel lost, and it's at these times that I need to turn to you in prayer, and you gently nudge and guide me first into prayer and then to where I need to be. I try very hard. God, you have gifted me with amazing sight to see the big picture and to recognize what needs to be done. But it's sobering to realize at times that I'm not Superman and can't always do

3 Minute Retreat One with God

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

What is Holy Week? Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday,



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

Pope's April prayer intention: Technology should benefit everyone



By Vatican News

In the month of April, Pope Francis dedicates his prayer intention to new technologies and the hope that their use “will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.”

[Read More](#)

Celebrating the Canonization of Saint Carlo Acutis, the first Millennial Saint



Friday Apr 25, 2025 9:00am
to Sunday 27, 2025 2:00pm
75 Churchill Ave., North York

St. Edward the Confessor Parish is hosting the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit on April 25 to 27, the canonization weekend of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Rome. We warmly invite you to come visit us for blessing and veneration of the relic after all the weekend Masses and see the exhibit which will be on display in the parish hall.

The Vatican approved exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first Millennial Saint, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to “virtually visit” the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

[Register Here](#)

Did God Abandon You?



“My God, my God why have you abandoned me?”
Psalm 22:1

Are you praying everyday but still suffering? Are you doing all the right things but your heart is still broken?

Fr. Mike shares with us today that God doesn't promise all our desires, but promises that He will be with us through our sufferings. He reminds us that we are never abandoned by Him.

By Fr. Mark Schmitz

[Watch Video](#)

“The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.” — St. Augustine

DUFFERIN
IRON + RAILINGS

Custom Wrought Iron Works
sales@dufferiniron.com
416-535-1686
www.dufferiniron.com

Zito's
marketplace

210 Marlee Ave.
416.789.4755
www.zitosmarketplace.ca

Lady York
Foods

**FRESH FRUIT,
VEGETABLES & MEAT**

2939 Dufferin St. 416-781-8585
ladyyorkfoods.com

**NEW OWNER.
SAME GREAT STORE.**

@ginosnofrillstoronto

NOFRILLS

1951 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto



DOCE MINHO
PASTRY & BAKERY



Tony & Dina Araujo
2189 Dufferin Street
416.652.8666

**A Great Place
To Learn**

ST. BERNADETTE'S
FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTRE
"We Can Do As One!"

Our licensed child care provides stimulating, high quality care to enhance a child's learning and development.

\$22/day
After School Club

**WE NEED A BREAK AND
SCHOOL READINESS
PROGRAM**

LIMITED FREE NURSERY
SPACES AVAILABLE
2.5-4 years

Daycare (18 months - 5 years) Before/After Care (6-12 years) Summer Camp (4-12 years)

20 Bansley Avenue (D'Arcy McGee School)
(416) 397-6300 | stbernadettesfrc.org

Transportation available from St. Thomas Aquinas School to D'Arcy McGee School

Darosa
Café - Restaurant
Churrasqueira

2853 Dufferin at Glencairn
416-256-4544
www.DarosaRestaurant.com

**ABREU
JEWELLERY**

Engraving, Jewellery
& Watch Repair

Westside Mall 416-656-2142

**NORTHCLIFFE GUARDIAN
PHARMACY**

Open 7 days a week
Free delivery
416-256-7888
1751 Eglinton Ave W



**THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE
YOUR BUSINESS!**



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 905-624-4422

BE THE GOOD

Inquire about financial assistance
at stmichaelscollegeschool.com



SMCS
ST. MICHAEL'S
COLLEGE SCHOOL

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
FUNERAL SERVICES

In keeping with your Catholic faith
www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home 905-851-5822
Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home 905-889-7467