

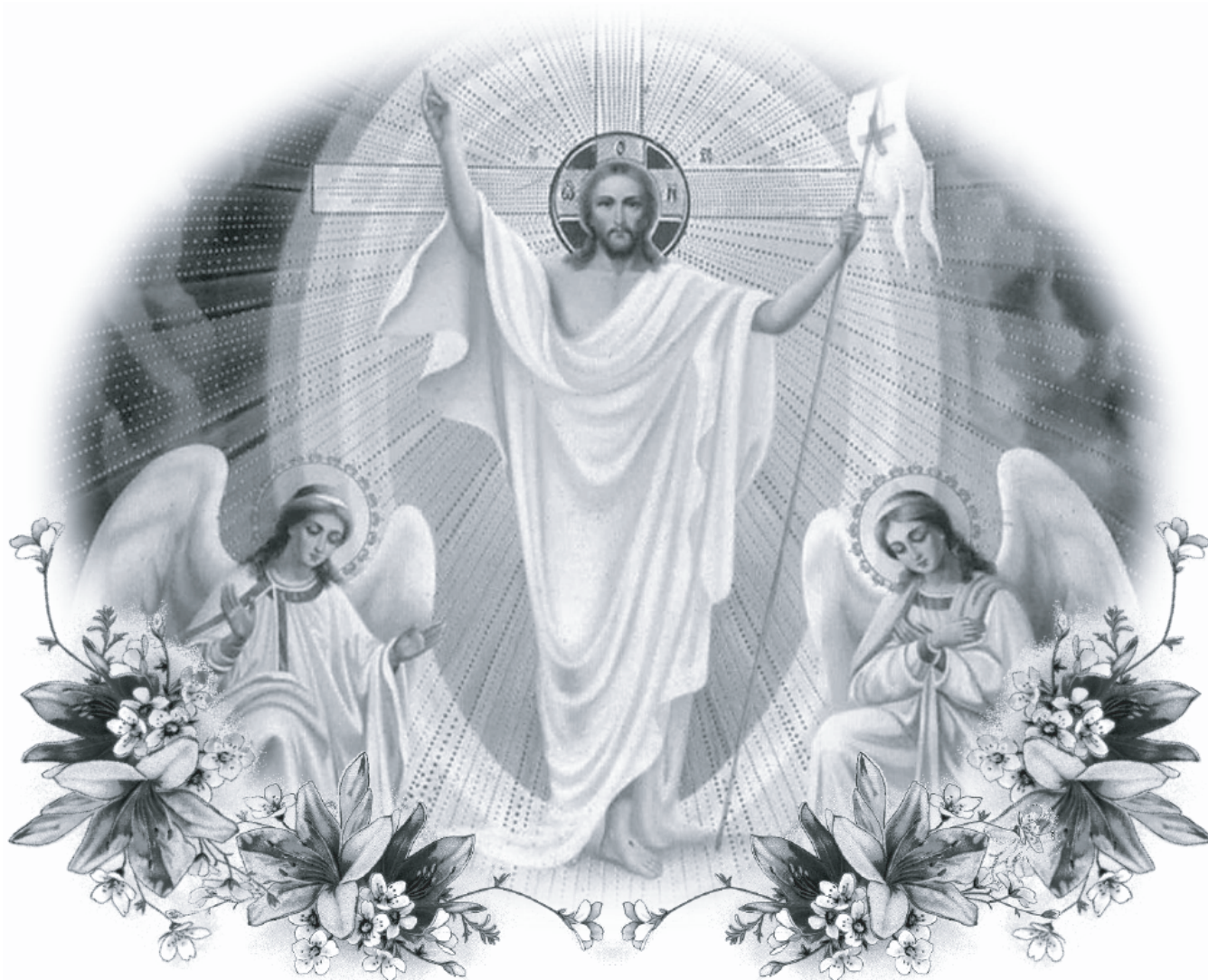
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**He is Risen!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118). On behalf of Fr. Ben and the entire staff of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, I wish you and your loved ones a joy-filled Easter Sunday. Christ is Risen; Truly He is Risen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### *Del escritorio del Pastor*

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA

"Este es el día que ha hecho el Señor; alegrémonos y regocijémonos" (Salmo 118). En nombre del Padre Ben y de todo el personal de la Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino, les deseo a ustedes y a sus seres queridos un Domingo de Pascua llena de alegría.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**April 13, 2025**

Regular Collection \$ **7,952.10**  
Maintenance Collection \$ **539.75**  
Sharelife Collection \$ **245.00**

**Muchas gracias por su generosidad!**

**13 de aprile, 2025**

Colecta Regular \$ **7,952.10**  
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### **Thank you for being a beacon of hope**

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).



### **Gracias por ser un faro de esperanza**

En el Domingo de Pascua, le damos las gracias por ser un faro de esperanza para nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados apoyando a ShareLife. En sus horas más oscuras, usted está a su lado! Al regocijarnos en la resurrección de nuestro Señor este Domingo de Pascua, abramos nuestros corazones a todos.

Por favor, done en su parroquia usando un sobre de ShareLife, en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, o en [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

### **Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents**

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from **Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary** (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact [lgwtoronto@proton.me](mailto:lgwtoronto@proton.me). For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.

### **Heridas que dan vida: Un retiro de sanación para hijos adultos de padres divorciados o separados**

El retiro Heridas que dan vida invita a los participantes a atravesar la imagen rota del amor que se les apareció en la relación de sus padres hasta su origen más profundo y su identidad como amados de Dios, capaces de un gran amor. El próximo retiro tendrá lugar del **viernes 16 de mayo a las 6:00pm al domingo 18 de mayo a las 3:30pm en el Seminario de San Agustín** (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Es necesario ser mayor de 18 años. Coste: \$340 por persona (200 \$ para estudiantes), que incluye comidas, alojamiento y material del retiro. Hay subsidios limitados si el coste es un problema. Póngase en contacto con [lgwtoronto@proton.me](mailto:lgwtoronto@proton.me). Para los estudiantes universitarios, póngase en contacto con el ministro de su campus para obtener más información. Las plazas son limitadas. Para inscribirse, visite: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

**April 19<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, April 19<sup>h</sup> — Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil— Second day Divine Mercy Novena**

**7:30pm Parishioners of STA**

**SUNDAY, April 20<sup>h</sup> — Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord— Third day Divine Mercy Novena**

**9:00 am +Vincent Correa**

**10:30 am**

**12:00 pm +Teresita Altomare/ +Vasco Tabares/ +Vincenzo Barbieri & +Marcello Barbieri/**

**2:00 pm +Ana Orsini, +Claudio, +Rina & Luigi La Rosa & todas las almas del Purgatorio**

**6:00 pm**

**MONDAY, April 21<sup>th</sup> — Monday within the Octave of Easter—Fourth day Divine Mercy Novena**

**9:00 am +Teresa & Benny/ +Franka Sabina/ +Myrna Jose/ +Guise Vu & All Souls in purgatory/ Birthday blessings on Servin Francisco Garcia**

**TUESDAY, April 22<sup>h</sup> — Tuesday within the Octave of Easter— Fifth day Divine Mercy Novena**

**9:00 am +Domenico & Elisa/ +Francesco & Vincenzo/ +Maria Madalena & +Maria Phien**

**TUESDAY, April 22<sup>h</sup> — Tuesday within the Octave of Easter— Fifth day Divine Mercy Novena**

**9:00 am +Domenico & Elisa/ +Francesco & Vincenzo/ +Maria Madalena & +Maria Phien**

**WEDNESDAY, April 23<sup>nd</sup> — Wednesday within the Octave of Easter— Sixth day Divine Mercy Novena**

**9:00 am +Peter Anderson/ +Vincent Tuong/ +Gino Antonel/**

**THURSDAY, April 24<sup>rd</sup> — Thursday within the Octave of Easter—Seventh day Divine Mercy Novena**

**9:00am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Thanksgiving for Eriberto Gutierrez**

**FRIDAY, April 25<sup>rd</sup> — Friday within the Octave of Easter—Eight day Divine Mercy Novena**

**9:00am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Thanksgiving for Sheldon Brown**

**SATURDAY, April 26<sup>d</sup> — Saturday within the Octave of Easter—Ninth day Divine Mercy Novena**

**9:00 am Healing of Vasquez Family**

**5:00 pm**

## 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

## Seeing and Believing: Scott Hahn Reflects on Easter Sunday

By Scott hahn



Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

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### 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

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### A Reflection by Dr. Lawrence Sutton

#### 3 Minute Retreat

Lacking Nothing

### A Reflection by Becky Eldredge

What psalm verse do I remember?

When has a particular psalm verse stirred something deep within me?

There was a time in my life, when I did not fully understand the gift of God's word through Scripture. It was not until my 19th annotation retreat that the power of God's living word became crystal clear to me. It was through the daily experience of immersing myself in the Gospel stories that I began to realize how God speaks to us profoundly through Scripture, and how Scripture resonates strongly with our lived experience today.

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## LIVING YOUR FAITH

### Easter Sunday!



Jesus is Risen! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for Easter Sunday.

[Children's Video](#)

### Pope Francis greets pilgrims on Palm Sunday in Saint Peter's Square



#### By Vatican News

Pope Francis wished a "Happy Palm Sunday and Happy Holy Week" to all those gathered for the Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion celebration in Saint Peter's Square. The Pope came out into the Square from the Basilica for around ten minutes, immediately following the final blessing of the Mass where he offered his good wishes and then visited in his wheelchair among the faithful.

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### 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 week-end 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?



Can Christ truly soften hearts and transform lives? Is there someone in your life that you're struggling to forgive?

Today, Fr. Mark-Mary explores the incredible power of Christ to help us forgive—even when it feels impossible. Discover how God's love equips us to release grudges and experience healing, no matter the depth of hurt.

[Watch Video](#)

*"At the side of each of you there will always be Mary, as she was present among the apostles, frightened and confused at the time of trial. And with her faith she will show you, beyond the night of the world, the glorious dawn of the Resurrection." — St. John Paul II, 2004*

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