

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



May 11th, 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY MASSES

ENGLISH:

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday

9:00am | 12:00m | 6:00pm

ITALIAN: Sunday 10:30am

SPANISH: Sunday 2:00Pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday 9:00am

First Fridays 7:30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 9:30am - 11:00am

First Fridays 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by appt.

ANOINTING – UNCTION

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.

BAPTISM - 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!

CLERGY

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

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12:30pm - 4:00pm

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FOOD BANK

Tuesday & Saturday

12:00m

CATECHISM & RCIA

For the Sacraments of Initiation Baptism, First Communion/Confirmation, please contact the office.

WEDDINGS - BODAS

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



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This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,
Today is the World Day of Vocations. Vocation comes from the Latin root word "vox" which means "voice". As Christians, we believe that our life is not a result of some blind fate. No, we were created and called into existence by a loving God whose all-powerful Voice infused us with life and afterward empowered us at our baptism to be witnesses of Christ's resurrection. But, at the same, we have been endowed with freedom to freely choose the "Master" of our life. Hence, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me". Whose voice are you going to follow this week? And, since today is Mother's Day Long Weekend, a loud Shout-out to all mothers!

Thank you for your generosity!

May 4, 2025

Regular Collection **\$4,896.25**

Sharelife Collection **\$2,930.17.00**

Del Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA
Hoy es el Día Mundial de las Vocaciones. Vocación viene de la raíz latina «vox» que significa «voz». Como cristianos, creemos que nuestra vida no es el resultado de un destino ciego. No, fuimos creados y llamados a la existencia por un Dios amoroso cuya Voz todopoderosa nos infundió vida y después nos dio poder en nuestro bautismo para ser testigos de la resurrección de Cristo. Pero, al mismo tiempo, hemos sido dotados de libertad para elegir libremente al «Amo» de nuestra vida. De ahí que Jesús diga: «Mis ovejas oyen mi voz. Yo las conozco y ellas me siguen». ¿A la voz de quién vas a seguir esta semana? Y, puesto que hoy es el puente del Día de la Madre, ¡un fuerte saludo a todas las madres!

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

4 de Mayo de 2025

Colecta Regular **\$4,896.25**

Colecta de Sharelife **\$2,930.17.00**



Happy Mother's Day!

A shout-out to all our amazing mums who nurture life through their sacrifices and prayers. May God bless you abundantly. Please offer 1 Hail for all mothers who have died. May they rest in peace. Amen.



¡Feliz Día de la Madre!

Un saludo a todas nuestras increíbles madres que alimentan la vida con sus sacrificios y oraciones. Que Dios las bendiga abundantemente. Por favor, ofrezca 1 Ave por todas las madres que han muerto. Que descansen en paz. Amén.

Bible Study resumed last Friday, May 9!

All parishioners are encouraged to join us Fridays @ 7:30pm in the parish hall to deepen their knowledge and love for Sacred Scripture. Refreshment will be provided.

¡El Estudio Bíblico se reanudó el pasado viernes 9!

Se anima a todos los feligreses a unirse a nosotros los Viernes a las 7:30pm en el salón parroquial para profundizar en su conocimiento y amor por la Sagrada Escritura. Se ofrecerá un refrigerio.



Sow the seeds of hope for the next generation

The future of the Church depends on men and women heroically answering God's call. When you support ShareLife, you enable the discernment, formation and education of those who will serve in our parishes through the Office of Vocations and seminaries. Your kindness makes it possible for future priests to attend St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary where they learn to tend to the Lord's vineyard and work for the salvation of souls. In addition, St. Augustine's Seminary educates permanent deacons and lay people serving our parishes. Thank you for your prayers and commitment towards young people on their journeys of faith.

Thus far we have raised **\$16,291.17** toward our goal of **\$32,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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MASS INTENTIONS - May 10th to May 17th, 2025

SATURDAY, May 10th – Saturday of the Third Week of Easter / St. John of Avila

9:00am: All Souls in purgatory/ +Arturo & Eduardo Gonzalez/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Filomena Pacheco/ +for the souls of the loving moms Mafalda Fernandez & Gilly D'Souza/ +Luz Macuto/ +Eliadora Gayo/ +Ronald Acierito/ +Belen Aujero/ +Antonio & Socrates Tolibas/ Birthday blessings on Julio Gonzalez Jr./ In Honour and Thanksgiving to Mother Mary, Blessed Trinity, Holy Family, All Saints, Holy Angels and Blesses, and Birthday Blessings for Kleio and family blessings/ Birthday Blessings on Ariana Belen Tejada & Rosita Pacheco/ Thanksgiving Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Peter Nobili

5:00pm: Parishioners of STA

SUNDAY, May 11th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00am: In Honour and Thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Blessed Trinity, Holy Family, All Saints, Holy Angels and Blesseds/ Birthday blessings on Joseph & family blessings/

10:30am: +Franca Lombardi/ +Pietro & Maria Toter/ +Pasquale Teresa & +Maria Nudo/ +Rita & Rosina Lavalle remembering them for mother's day/ Mother's day thanksgiving for Laura Cirillo

12:00m: + Juanito Alfonso/ +Socorro Abiog/ +Rafael Victorino/ Intentions of Anthonia & Remi Agbame/

2:00pm: Rodriguez, +Montserrat Pincai, +Linda McLean/ +Ana Orsini/ +Claudio Larosa & Rina Larosa/ Almas del Purgatorio/ Healing of Janet Cardona & Tatiana/

6:00pm: For the Departed Souls of Francesco and Maria Stranges & all Souls of Purgatory

MONDAY, May 12th – Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter - Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

9:00am: +Giuse Vu & All souls in purgatory/ +Rosita Paredes/ +Alejandra Nuñez/ +Peter Anderson & Vincent Toug/ Birthday blessings on Lyda Castaño/

TUESDAY, May 13th – Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter - Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

9:00am: +Domenico, Elisa & Giuseppe/ +Luisa and Vincenzo/ Br. John the Cross & Br. Anthony/ + Cecilia & Pedro Pablo Sevilla/ +Stanuslaus Misko/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ Birthday blessings on German Marquez/

WEDNESDAY, May 14th – Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter - St. Matthias, Apostle

9:00am: +Peter Anderson & Vincent Toug/ +Jeronimo Gamo/ +Maria Carlota Moz/ + Stanislaw Misko/ Birthday blessings on Valeria Plante, Sergio Olwado Arevalo Jr. & Mr. Vi Duc Do/

THURSDAY, May 15th – Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter

9:00am: +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Alberto Gomez/ Birthday blessings on Kiara Mowat Monge, Abigail Gomez & Christopher Lee McEwen

FRIDAY, May 16th – Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

9:00am: +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Pedro Rivera Hernández/ +Juana Rodríguez Sandres/ +Amparo Chavez/

SATURDAY, May 17th – Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

9:00am: All Souls in purgatory/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Angel Cayas/

Parish Karaoke Night!

On Saturday, May 24 from 6:30pm, we shall enjoy an awesome night of sing-along, with a variety of food. Yes, it's gonna be a potluck! Please bring along your typical dish to share with other people. Prepare to sing along to your favorite artist! Let us share fellowship with our brothers and sisters. The weather will be great too! See you then...

Easter Season House Blessing!

As announced on Easter Sunday, the priests of STA will be available to visit homes for annual house blessing, but only at request. Interested parishioners should please contact the parish office for details. God bless you!

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 office or call the parish office during the office hours.

¡Noche de Karaoke Parroquial!

El sábado 24 de mayo, a partir de las 18:30, disfrutaremos de una impresionante noche de cante, con comida variada. Sí, ¡será un potluck! Por favor, trae tu plato típico para compartir con otras personas. ¡Prepárate para cantar con tu artista favorito! Compartamos comunión con nuestros hermanos y hermanas. ¡El tiempo también será estupendo! Nos vemos entonces...

Bendición de casas en Tiempo de Pascua

Como se anunció el Domingo de Pascua, los sacerdotes de STA estarán disponibles para visitar los hogares para la bendición anual de la casa, pero sólo a petición. Los feligreses interesados deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina parroquial para más detalles. ¡Que Dios les bendiga!

¡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 oficina o llame a la oficina de la parroquia durante las horas de oficina.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Easter 3C



Source: Catholic Kids Media

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, cycle C.

First reading

Psalm

Second reading

Gospel

Reflection

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The Good Shepherd



Source: Loyola Press

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

Shepherds were very familiar to Jesus' listeners. They worked long hours protecting their flocks from thieves and wild animals. Shepherds watered and fed the sheep, bound their wounds, and led them to good pasture. Shepherds cared for the needs of the sheep. While many today have never seen a shepherd, or even a flock of sheep, we are comforted by the fact that whether we stray, are wounded, or are in need of fresh pastures, Jesus stands ready to care for us...

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Why Church-Hopping Could Be Weakening Your Spiritual Life



Only 43% of Catholics are registered in a parish. You might attend Mass regularly, but are you connected to a home parish? Fr. Mark-Mary shares why committing to your local parish matters — not just for you, but for the whole Church. Rather than choosing churches based on convenience or preference, embracing a home parish helps foster real community, spiritual growth, and a richer experience of the Jubilee year through shared worship and connection.

[Watch Video](#)

“From a Lady’s Man to Our Lady’s Man: The Influence of the Virgin Mary on St. Ignatius of Loyola”

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 07:00pm to 9:00pm
At St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga, ON



You are invited to the LAST Spiritus West event of the Ministry year! We are really excited for our speaker to talk about St. Ignatius’ devotion to our lady in this month of Mary. It will be a great talk led by Fr. Edmund Lo and we will start from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21. With that being said as we get ready for this event in the next few weeks, be sure to think about what Marian title you may look to in your own personal life!

[Watch Video](#)

Prayer for the Pope & Conclave



Source: My Catholic Life

Heavenly Father,

You entrusted the care of Your Church on earth to Pope Francis,
and now You have called him to Yourself.
We entrust his soul to Your boundless mercy.
For his lifelong service, we thank You.
For his care for the poor and marginalized, we thank You.
For his witness to simplicity, we thank You.
In Your mercy, cleanse him of all sin.
Purify him and draw him into the light of Your presence.
Grant him the vision of Your Eternal Essence,
into which we all long to be drawn.

Father Most Holy,

Our God and King,
Protect Your Church in this time of transition.
Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.
Grant them Wisdom and Courage,
Hope and Charity,
and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.
Creator of all that was, is, and is to come—
You alone know the heart of the one You have chosen
as the next successor to Saint Peter.
Reveal Your will to the College of Cardinals.
Open their hearts to Your inspirations.
Open our hearts to receive, with faith and obedience,
the one whom You will raise up to sit on the Chair of Saint Peter.
May he be a man of deepest compassion,
a man of profound faith and hope,
a man whose charity shines forth,
permeating the darkness of this world with the light of Christ.
You are God Most High,
the God of the living and the dead,
the Great I AM,
the Alpha and the Omega,
Eternal Being and Source of all that is.
**May Your holy will be done,
now and forever. Amen. Alleluia.**
Pray also the [novena written by Cardinal Burke](#).

[See](#)

Frank Cardinal Leo's Message for Mother's Day



Message for Mother's Day

11 May 2025

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.
Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the
Archdiocese of Toronto.
Among the many vocations and calls to faithful witness
in the Church, motherhood is among the most exalted.
Indeed, the greatest of all the saints, Our Blessed
Mother, is distinguished first and foremost by her
motherhood. She is the *Theotokos* - Mother of God as
well as our spiritual mother...

[Read Complete Message](#)

12th General Congregation focuses on necessary qualities for a future Pope



By: Vatican News

The day before the beginning of the Conclave, the twelfth
and final General Congregation of Cardinals focuses on
various qualities important for a future Pope, including
being a shepherd, bridgebuilder, and promoter of reform.
On Tuesday morning, 6 May, the day before the
beginning of the Conclave, 173 Cardinals, including 130
Cardinal electors, participated in the twelfth General
Congregation, explained Matteo Bruni, the Director of
the Holy See Press Office, during a subsequent briefing
with journalists...

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