

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



May 18th, 2025 | Fifth 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**.



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

DEACON: Rev. Mr. Daniel Gana

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

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.

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:30am - 12:00m

12:30pm - 4:00pm

CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOMES

Bernardo Funeral Home | 416-789-7661

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FOOD BANK

Tuesday & Saturday

12:00m

BAPTISM - BAUTIZOS

Please call the office, **Three months** in advance.

Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

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 brothers and sisters in Christ,
On this 5th Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading reminds us of what it takes to be a true follower of Christ: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13.34-35). What is love? Let us challenge ourselves this week to compare Christ's example of love and the worldly model of love. God bless you!

Thank you for your generosity!

May 11, 2025

Regular Collection **\$5,244.00**

Youth Ministry Support Collection **\$917.00**

Sharelife Collection **\$456.50**

Del Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,
En este V Domingo de Pascua, la lectura del Evangelio nos recuerda lo que se necesita para ser un verdadero seguidor de Cristo: "Os doy un mandamiento nuevo: que os améis unos a otros. Como yo os he amado, amaos también vosotros los unos a los otros. En esto conocerán todos que sois mis discípulos, si os amáis unos a otros" (Jn 13,34-35). ¿Qué es el amor? Desafiémonos esta semana a comparar el ejemplo de amor de Cristo y el modelo mundano de amor. Que Dios te bendiga.

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

11 de Mayo de 2025

Colecta Regular **\$5,244.00**

Colecta en apoyo al Ministerio Juvenil **\$917.00**

Colecta de Sharelife **\$456.50**

Register Today for "A Day With Mary"!

This FREE outdoor event is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship, and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.

¡Inscríbese hoy para «Un día con María»!

Este evento gratuito al aire libre se llevará a cabo el sábado 31 de mayo en la Fiesta de la Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María en Villanova College en King City. Habrá comida, música, compañerismo y la Santa Misa celebrada por nuestro Arzobispo, Su Eminencia el Cardenal Frank Leo. Para más información y para inscribirse, visite archtoronto.org/mary.

Bible Study continues this Friday, May 16!

Topic: Egypt and Exodus Part 1 (Exodus Chapters 3-5, 7, 11-12, 14, 16-17. CCC no. 206). Do join us at 7:30pm prompt to deepen your faith knowledge and love of Christ.

¡El Estudio Bíblico continúa este viernes 16 de mayo!

Tema: Egipto y el Éxodo Parte 1 (Éxodo Capítulos 3-5, 7, 11-12, 14, 16-17. CIC no. 206). Únase a nosotros a las 7:30 pm para profundizar su conocimiento de la fe y el amor de Cristo.

Can you assist with Church renos?

In preparation for our 100th anniversary, our parish needs experts in specific areas of Church renovation such as lighting, painting, sound system, IT, carpeting, asphalt, gardening, photography, graphic design and more. Would you answer the call to help renew and upgrade some areas of our Church building? Thank you and may God bless you!

¿Puede ayudarnos con la renovación de la iglesia?

En preparación para nuestro 100 aniversario, nuestra parroquia necesita expertos en áreas específicas de la renovación de la Iglesia, tales como iluminación, pintura, sistema de sonido, IT, alfombras, asfalto, jardinería, fotografía, diseño gráfico y más. ¿Responderías a la llamada para ayudar a renovar y actualizar algunas áreas del edificio de nuestra Iglesia? ¡Gracias y que Dios le bendiga!

Children's Choir resumes!

Gaudium magnum ("Great News")! Our Children's Choir returns, beginning next Sunday, May 18 at 12pm. A special shout-out to Yorashko & Loren who made this possible through their persistent efforts. Thank you, dear children, for sharing your angelic voices with the Lord and with your parish family. God bless you!

¡Se reanuda el coro de niños!

¡Gaudium magnum ("Gran noticia")! Nuestro Coro de Niños regresa, comenzando el próximo domingo 18 de mayo a las 12pm. Un saludo especial a Yorashko y Loren que lo han hecho posible gracias a su perseverante esfuerzo. Gracias, queridos niños, por compartir sus voces angelicales con el Señor y con su familia parroquial. Que Dios os bendiga.

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

MASS INTENTIONS - May 17th to May 24th, 2025

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

9:00am: +*Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Mamerta Nalangan*

5:00pm: +*Angel Cayas/*

SUNDAY, May 18th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am: +*Nicola Di Placido/*

12:00m: Intentions of Anthonia & Remi Abgame

2:00pm: +*Salvador Gomez Lopez/ +Ana Orsini/ +Claudio Larosa & Rina Larosa/ Almas del Purgatorio/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Vianey de la Torre de Gomez/*

6:00pm: Parishioners of STA

MONDAY, May 19th – Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter

9:00am: +*Peter Anderson & Vincent Tuong/ +Rev. Priest Jose Maria Naranjo/ Birthday blessings upon Paulina Calle, George Calle. Thanksgiving wedding anniversary on Lucia & Carlos Rodas, Maria Azucena & Jose Gonzalez/*

TUESDAY, May 20th – Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter - St. Bernardine of Siena

9:00am: +*Mary Wahba, +Carlos Lopez Solis/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dihn/*

WEDNESDAY, May 21st – Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter - St. Christopher Magallanes

9:00am:

THURSDAY, May 22nd – Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter - St. Rita of Cascia

9:00am: +*Bernadette Cardyn/ Birthday blessings on Fr. Benedict Nwamuo & Margarithe Caruso/*

FRIDAY, May 23rd – Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter

9:00am:

SATURDAY, May 24th – Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter

9:00am: +*Vincent Neguyen & Maria Dihn/ +Stanislawa, +Gustek, & +Zofia Misko/ Thanksgiving for all blessings & Majorie Calvo intentions/ Birthday blessings on Olivia Redil Campos & Rodney Calle*

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.

SHARELIFE

Your helping hand ensures that no one struggles alone

No one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies because of an inability to pay. You make it possible for individuals, couples, and families to access mental health services. Thanks to your support, individuals like Aimee—who once felt hopeless and alone—can now access compassionate mental health care through services like Catholic Community Services of York Region.

So far, we have raised **\$16,744.67** toward our goal of **\$32,000**. Please consider giving at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online at our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

¡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.

SHARELIFE

Tu ayuda garantiza que nadie luce solo

Nadie es rechazado de las agencias financiadas por ShareLife por no poder pagar. Tú haces posible que personas, parejas y familias tengan acceso a servicios de salud mental. Gracias a tu apoyo, personas como Aimee, que antes se sentían desesperadas y solas, ahora pueden acceder a una atención de salud mental compasiva a través de servicios como los Servicios Comunitarios Católicos de la Región de York. Hasta ahora, hemos recaudado **\$16,744.67** hacia nuestra meta de **\$32,000**. Por favor, considere dar en la parroquia usando un sobre ShareLife, en línea en nuestro sitio web de la parroquia, o en sharelife.org/donate.

The Good Shepherd! Easter 4C



Source: Catholic Kids Media

The Good Shepherd! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter, cycle C

First reading

Psalm

Second reading

Gospel

Reflection

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Here I Am, Lord



Source: Loyola Press

Acts of the Apostles 9:10-11

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is there praying."

[Watch Video](#)

We've Got a New Pope! What's Next?



Habemus Papam! We have a Pope — Pope Leo XIV! On this joyous occasion, Fr. Mike encourages us to welcome Pope Leo XIV with open hearts. He reminds us that before forming opinions or drawing comparisons to past popes, we should first offer him the respect, trust, and prayers he deserves as our Holy Father.

[Watch Video](#)

Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men & Women - 2025: A Jubilee of Hope and Reconciliation.

Friday, May 30, 2025 07:00 PM to

Sunday, June 01, 2025 01:30 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre



A silent Ignatian retreat for men & women. Reading and praying with the Gospel of Luke, this retreat will focus on Jesus' proclamation of a Year of Jubilee and its themes of reconciliation, healing and the Eucharist. Facilitated by Terrence Prendergast SJ., Archbishop-emeritus of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$260 per person which includes two night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

CONTACT: Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
REGISTER: Email manresaregistration@outlook.com or visit <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864.

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Habemus Papam! A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV



Source: *My Catholic Life*

It is with profound reverence that we give thanks to Almighty God for the election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Taking the name Pope Leo XIV, he becomes the first American-born pontiff in the Church's two-millennia history. The announcement was made on May 8, 2025, following the traditional white smoke rising from the Sistine Chapel, signaling the conclusion of the conclave.

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father,

You have raised Your servant, Pope Leo XIV, to the Chair of Saint Peter.

Pour out Your abundant blessings upon him.

Through him, guide Your pilgrim Church along the path to Heaven.

Grant him wisdom to discern Your will,

Courage to fulfill it,

And charity to shepherd Your people with the Heart of Christ.

In this time of transition,

Bring peace to troubled hearts,

Joy to those who suffer,

And hope to the despairing.

May he be a faithful successor to Saint Peter,

A humble servant of Your Word,

And a fearless herald of Your Divine Mercy and Truth.

Strengthen him with the grace of the Holy Spirit,

That he may lead the Church in unity, holiness, and fidelity.

We entrust him to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

And to the prayers of all the saints.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Message from Cardinal Leo on the Election of Pope Leo XIV



Posted: May-12-2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

With hearts filled with joy and deep gratitude, we celebrate the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. This momentous occasion unites the Church in prayer and hope as we welcome the successor of St. Peter to be our Universal Shepherd...

[Read Complete Message](#)

Vatican releases Pope Leo XIV's liturgical celebrations for May



By: Vatican News

The Holy See Press Office releases Pope Leo XIV's upcoming liturgical celebrations for the month of May, which include the Mass of Inauguration of his Petrine Ministry on Sunday, 18 May, in St. Peter's Square.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

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