

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



May 25th, 2025 | Sixth 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 – UNCIÓN

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

STAFF

Custodian: Felipe Jiménez **Secretary:** Sandra Davila

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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.

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12:30pm - 4:00pm

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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.

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This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,
Can we love people only with our lips? Is it enough to say that we love someone if we do nothing to show it? I guess not! Jesus instructs us, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words" (John 14.23-24). This week, how are you going to show Jesus that you truly love him? God bless you!

Thank you for your generosity!

May 18, 2025

Regular Collection **\$4,796.05**

Youth Ministry Support Collection **\$240.00**

"A Day with Mary" at King City!

Our STA parish is offering a free trip to King City where participants will experience on Saturday, May 31 from 8:30am to about 4:00pm a premier symphony of Marian devotion, played by the entire Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Toronto on the occasion of the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in conclusion of the Marian month of May. We will be travelling by school bus which is now quarter to full! We hope you can join us!

Bible Study

Topic for Friday, May 23 will be "Egypt and Exodus Part 2". Talk notes: God's Covenant with Israel! Readings: Exodus Chapters 19-20, 23-25, 32-34 and 40. Catechism, paragraphs 696-697.

Can you assist with Church renovations?

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!

Children's Choir Makes Waves!

Last Sunday's children's choir debut was fantastic! Now more children want to join the choir hahaha. May the Lord bless you as you share your talents with your community!

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.

Del Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA
¿Podemos amar a la gente sólo con nuestros labios? ¿Es suficiente decir que amamos a alguien si no hacemos nada para demostrarlo? Creo que no. Jesús nos dice: «El que me ama, guardará mi palabra, y mi Padre le amará, y vendremos a él y haremos morada en él. El que no me ama, no guarda mis palabras» (Juan 14,23-24). Esta semana, ¿cómo vas a demostrarle a Jesús que lo amas de verdad? ¡Que Dios te bendiga!

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

18 de Mayo de 2025

Colecta Regular **\$4,796.05**

Colecta en apoyo al Ministerio Juvenil **\$240.00**

«Un día con María en King City

Nuestra parroquia STA ofrece un viaje gratuito a King City, donde los participantes vivirán el sábado 31 de mayo, desde las 8:30 hasta las 16:00 aproximadamente, una sinfonía de devoción mariana de primer orden, interpretada por toda la comunidad católica de la archidiócesis de Toronto con motivo de la fiesta de la Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María y como conclusión del mes mariano de mayo. Viajaremos en autobús escolar, ¡que ya está casi lleno! Esperamos que puedan acompañarnos.

Estudio Bíblico

El tema para el viernes 23 de mayo será «Egipto y el Éxodo Parte 2». Notas de la charla: La Alianza de Dios con Israel Lecturas: Éxodo, capítulos 19-20, 23-25, 32-34 y 40. Catecismo, párrafos 696-697.

¿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!

¡El coro de niños hace olas!

El debut del coro infantil del domingo pasado fue fantástico. Ahora más niños quieren unirse al coro jajaja. ¡Que el Señor los bendiga mientras comparten sus talentos con su comunidad!

¡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.

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

MASS INTENTIONS - May 24th to May 31st, 2025

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

5:00pm: +*Silvana Tramonti/ +Giuseppina Tuzi*

SUNDAY, May 25th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am: +*Frank Perri*

12:00m: +*Antonio Joao&Maria Barrios/ +Jose&Maria Leandres/ +Angelo&Maria D'Souza/* Thanksgiving from Bervely, Vivian & David Stephens/ Thanksgiving from Anthonia & Family Agbame

2:00pm: +*Brenda Morales de Solis/ +Oscar Vidal Linares/ +Marcelo Javier Vasconez Naranjo/ +Ana Orsini/ +Claudio Larosa & Rina Larosa/ Almas del Purgatorio/* Birthday blessings on Diego Gomez Pimienta & Isaac Cartagena

6:00pm: Parishioners of STA

MONDAY, May 26th – Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter - St. Philip Neri

9:00am: +*Felicitation Gutierrez/ +Peter Abderson & Vincent Tuong/ +Ana Piecha/* Birthday blessings upon Joshua Lee McEwen

TUESDAY, May 27th – Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter - St. Augustine of Canterbury

9:00am: +*Virginia Queñano/ +Tito Iraheta, +Sonia Mabel Gonzalez Martinez/ +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Ruben & Godofredo Medrano/* Birthday blessings upon Maria Magdalena Iraheta de Quintanilla & Asuncion Ideas

WEDNESDAY, May 28th – Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter -

9:00am: +*Josefa de Campos/* Birthday blessings upon Maria Lopez

THURSDAY, May 29th – Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

9:00am: +*Eva & Joseph Zsoka/* Birthday blessings on Emerita Segismundo

FRIDAY, May 30th – Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter – Novena to the Holy Spirit (Day 1)

9:00am: Thanksgiving from Joshua Brown

SATURDAY, May 31st – Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter - Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Novena to the Holy Spirit (Day 2)

9:00am: +*Souls of Stephens Family/ +Lorraine Singh/ +Shane Wilkinson/ +Gloria & Vincent Correa/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ Benjamin Naranjo Silva/* Birthday blessings upon Walmersol Redill Campos

Novena to the Holy Spirit!

Did you know that the Church's official birth-day is Pentecost Sunday? I encourage to join us for a 9-day morning Novena to the Holy Spirit (from May 30 to June 7). If you cannot come to Church, do pray on your own to the Holy Spirit, our soul's delightful Guest ("Dulcis Hospes animae").

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!



Your support means no one struggles alone.

Thanks to your generosity, no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to financial need. People like Aimee, who once felt hopeless and alone, can now access caring, judgment-free mental health support through agencies like Catholic Community Services of York Region. Your gift makes healing possible.

Thus far we have raised **\$16,744.67** 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.

Novena al Espíritu Santo!

¿Sabías que el día oficial del nacimiento de la Iglesia es el domingo de Pentecostés? Te animo a unirme a nosotros en una Novena matutina de 9 días al Espíritu Santo (del 30 de mayo al 7 de junio). Si no puedes venir a la Iglesia, reza por tu cuenta al Espíritu Santo, el delicioso Huésped de nuestra alma («Dulcis Hospes animae»).

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!



Tu apoyo significa que nadie lucha solo.

Gracias a tu generosidad, nadie es rechazado en las agencias financiadas por ShareLife debido a necesidades económicas. Personas como Aimee, que antes se sentían desesperadas y solas, ahora pueden acceder a un apoyo de salud mental comprensivo y sin prejuicios a través de agencias como los Servicios Comunitarios Católicos de la Región de York. Tu donativo hace posible la curación.

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The Good Shepherd! Easter 4C



Source: Catholic Kids Media

Jesus' New Commandment! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter, cycle C

*First reading
Psalm*

*Second reading
Gospel
Reflection*

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Seek and Save



Source: Loyola Press

When was the last time you felt lost? Perhaps you weren't physically lost, but due to a broken relationship, an unexpected change of plans or something out of your control, the feeling was the same. No matter the cause, when we're lost we want someone to come and find us. We look outside of ourselves for help. Luke tells us that Jesus does exactly that. He came to earth to seek out and save what was lost, and continues seeking today. Jesus reassures that we are never so lost that he cannot find and save us.

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Pope Leo XIV Just Gave the Best Papal Homily I've Ever Heard



I'm a Roman Catholic priest and I make videos on priesthood and life in the Catholic Church. Be sure to subscribe if you find the content helpful! God bless!

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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.

[See More](#)

Saint Philip Neri



Source: My Catholic Life

May 26: Saint Philip Neri, Priest—Memorial
1515–1595

Patron Saint of Rome, joy, comedians, and artists
Canonized by Pope Gregory XV on March 12, 1622

Quote:

Leafing through the biography of St Philip, in fact, one is surprised and fascinated by the cheerful and relaxed method he used to educate, supporting each person with fraternal generosity and patience. As is well known, the saint used to put his teaching into short and wise maxims: “Be good, if you can;” “Scruples and melancholy, stay away from my house;” “Be simple and humble;” “He who does not pray is a speechless animal;” and, bringing his hand to his forehead, “Holiness is three fingers deep.” Behind the cleverness of these and many other “sayings,” we are aware of the acute and realistic knowledge he had acquired of human nature and the dynamics of grace. He translated the experience of his long life and the wisdom of a heart inhabited by the Holy Spirit into these immediate, terse teachings. These aphorisms have now become a patrimony of wisdom as it were for Christian spirituality.
~Saint John Paul II

Reflection: Philip Romulus Neri, the third of five children, was born into a middle class family in Florence, modern-day Italy. As a child, his friends and family often called him, “Pippo Buono” (good little Philip), because of his cheerfulness and moral character. Philip’s mother died when he was only about five years old, so he and his two sisters were cared for by their grandmother. He was well educated by the Dominican friars in Florence and later in life acknowledged the good influence they had upon him. By the age of eleven, Philip was known for his piety and prayerfulness, and for making frequent visits to the churches in Florence. When he turned eighteen, Philip was sent to live with his father’s wealthy cousin, Romolo, whom he referred to as his uncle, near the Benedictine monastery of Montecassino. Romolo had no children, so Philip was sent to him to become his heir.

source: mycatholic.life

[Read More](#)

What's Wrong with MAiD?



Tuesday, June 03, 2025 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Holy Family Church Hall

The concept of MAiD, whether new to you or not, is a growing part of healthcare that deserves more attention from the faith community. Learn how policies in Nova Scotia may affect you, your loved ones and the overall healthcare system. We’ll take a look at this important subject from the Christian perspective, with history, insights and testimonials on the increasing impact of MAiD. Find out which provinces have the most restrictive policies and why change is needed to advocate for dignity-affirming healthcare.

[More Information](#)

Pope Leo XIV: Build bridges for ecological and social justice



By: Vatican News

Marking the 10th anniversary of Laudato si’, Pope Leo XIV sends a videomessage to the Network of Universities for the Care of Our Common Home, and encourages their synodal reflection ahead of COP30.

By Francesca Merlo

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