

# St. Thomas Aquinas

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Jun 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 – 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

## STAFF

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

**Cook:** Margherita Caruso

## 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**

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## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Friday**

9:30am - 12:00m

12:30pm - 4:00pm

## FOOD BANK

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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 brothers and sisters in Christ,  
June is the month of the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ during which we pause to reflect on the self-giving love of God for us. But wait a minute! Does God have a heart? Of course, he does, and so do we. The difference is that our heart is not always pure and so our love is often selfish. This month, let us try our best to approach the Lord "with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10.22). Happy Ascension Sunday!

### Thank you for your generosity!

**May 25, 2025**

Regular Collection **\$4,473.15**

Pope Pastoral Works **\$1,079.00**

### First Saturday Anointing of the Sick

Just a reminder that, after the morning Mass on June 7th, the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to all those who wish to receive it. Feel free to bring along the brothers and sisters who are sick or elderly. "I am the Lord, your Healer" (Exodus 15.26).

### First Friday Evening Mass, June 6

As usual, we shall have a 7pm Mass this first Friday in June to honor to Sacred Heart of Jesus. Afterward, there will be a brief adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us, if you will.

### Bible Study

The topic for Friday, June 1 will be "Desert Wonderings". Note: Time is 8pm (not 7:30pm). Talk notes: Israel wondering in the desert; rebellion and punishment; preparations for the promised Land. Readings: Numbers Chapters 1-2, 10-14, 16-17, 20, 22-24. Catechism, paragraphs 1897-1900.

### Children's Choir Makes Waves!

Last Sunday's children's choir debut was fantastique! 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 hermanos y hermanas en Cristo  
Junio es el mes del Sagrado Corazón de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, durante el cual nos detenemos a reflexionar sobre el amor que Dios nos da. Pero, ¡un momento! ¿Tiene Dios corazón? Claro que lo tiene, y nosotros también. La diferencia es que nuestro corazón no siempre es puro y, por eso, nuestro amor suele ser egoísta. Este mes, esforcémonos por acercarnos al Señor «con el corazón limpio de mala conciencia y el cuerpo lavado con agua pura» (Hebreos 10.22). ¡Feliz Domingo de la Ascensión!

### ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

**25 de Mayo de 2025**

Colecta Regular **\$4,473.15**

Obras pastorales del Papa **\$1,079.00**

### Primer Sábado Unción de Enfermos

Les recordamos que el 7 de junio, después de la misa de la mañana, se administrará el sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos a todos los que lo deseen. No dudéis en traer a los hermanos y hermanas enfermos o ancianos. «Yo soy el Señor, tu Sanador» (Éxodo 15.26).

### Misa vespertina del primer viernes, 6 de junio

Como es habitual, este primer viernes de junio celebraremos una misa a las 19 horas en honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. Después, habrá una breve adoración del Santísimo Sacramento. Por favor, acompáñenos.

### Estudio Bíblico

El tema del viernes 1 de junio será «Maravillas del desierto». Nota: La hora es a las 8:00pm (no a las 7:30pm). Notas de la charla: Israel se pregunta en el desierto; rebelión y castigo; preparativos para la Tierra prometida. Lecturas: Números, capítulos 1-2, 10-14, 16-17, 20, 22-24. Catecismo, párrafos 1897-1900.

### ¡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 24<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**SATURDAY, May 31<sup>st</sup> – 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/ +Loraine Singh/ +Shane Wilkinson/ +Gloria & Vincent Correa/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ +Benjamin Naranjo Silva/ Healing of Jackeline Andrade/ Birthday blessings on Walmersol Redill Campos

**5:00pm:** +Vincent & Belen Amizola/ +Hyacinth Echavia/ +Marylou Tiempo Estonina/ +Malou Estonina/ +Carlos Alberto Correa/ +Nelly Correa/ + Consorcio Francisco Salameda/ +Bienvenido Petilla/ +Megdonia Acebedo

**SUNDAY, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Seventh Sunday of Easter - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - Novena to the Holy Spirit (Day 3)**

**9:00am:** Parishioners of STA

**10:30am:** +Vito Tassone

**12:00m:** +Maria de Jesus Diaz/

**2:00pm:** +Sabina Alvarez, +Albina Ablog, +Juanito Samarita/ Birthday blessings upon Luana

**6:00pm:** +Geuseppe Sparaco

**MONDAY, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter**  
- Sts. Marcellinus and Peter - Novena to the Holy Spirit (Day 4)

**9:00am:** +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh

**TUESDAY, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter**  
- St. Charles Lwanga and Companions - Novena to the Holy Spirit (Day 5)

**9:00am:** +Marina Carlota Moz/ +Peter Andersen & Vincent Tuong/ Birthday blessings upon Romeo Hernandez, Carlos Rodas, Elena Argueta/ Blessings for Paul Chang

**WEDNESDAY, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter - Novena to the Holy Spirit (Day 6)**

**9:00am:** +Lucio Rego/ +Manuel & Maria Vieira/ Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter - St. Boniface - Novena to the Holy Spirit (Day 7)**

**9:00am:** +Joseph Good/ +Giuseppe Tulipano, +Sandra Marin Blanco. Birthday blessings upon Lina Diaz Iwamoto

**FRIDAY, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter – Novena to the Holy Spirit (Day 8)**

**9:00am:** +Gaetano Magliocchetti/ +Manuel Amorin/ +Ana Luz Sanchez, +Juan Ramon Monge. Birthday blessings upon Lea Lacar Mallari

**SATURDAY, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter - Novena to the Holy Spirit (Day 9)**

**9:00am:** All Souls in Purgatory/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/ Thanksgiving for Legion of Mary

#### 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!

#### 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!

#### 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!

#### ¿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!

### ***The Early Church and the Holy Spirit! Easter 6C***



Source: Catholic Kids Media

*The Early Church and the Holy Spirit! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter, cycle C*

*First reading*

*Psalm*

*Second reading*

*Gospel*

*Reflection*

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### ***In the Shepherd's Care***



Source: Loyola Press

The shepherd protects and guides his sheep. In the parable of the Good Shepherd, Jesus emphasizes that caring for only 99 out of 100 is not what God wants. God desires all people to be saved. In the Church, The pope, bishops, and priests are responsible for shepherding the flock of Jesus. The bishop's crozier with its curved design reflects this role of shepherd much as a shepherd's staff does. Each of us is called to carry on the mission of Jesus by shepherding those in our care.

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### **THIS is How You Can Strengthen Your Faith**



Want to grow deeper in your faith and trust in God more boldly? Fr. Mark-Mary and Fr. Jonah unpack the theological virtue of faith—not just believing in God, but trusting Him with your whole life. They explore how true faith involves action, risk, and surrender, drawing from Scripture and powerful real-life examples. Join them as they pray the 'Act of Faith' prayer and see how you can strengthen their faith through prayer.

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### **Wounded Healer II**

**Saturday, June 14, 2025 09:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**St. Francis Centre, 208501 Hwy. 9, Caledon**



Women of the Word - Toronto is hosting a full day retreat for all women of the archdiocese on Saturday, June 14 at the St. Francis Retreat Centre, in Caledon.

Deacon Chris Elliott and Deacon Michael Carrera will speak on the theme of the retreat - Wounded Healer II. Participants will not only listen to powerful talks but also have the opportunity to spend time in Adoration, receive the sacrament of Confession, celebrate the Sunday Liturgy and enjoy the beautiful grounds of the retreat centre.

The day will run from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will include a hot lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Tickets are \$70 and can be purchased through our website.

[See More](#)



### Saint Boniface



Source: My Catholic Life

**June 5: Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr—Memorial**  
c. 675–754

Patron Saint of Great Germania

#### Quote:

**Gregory, the servant of the servants of God, to Boniface, a holy priest: Your holy purpose, as it has been explained to us, and your well-trying faith led us to make use of your services in spreading the Gospel, which by the grace of God has been committed to our care. Knowing that from your childhood you have been a student of Sacred Scripture and that you now wish to use the talent entrusted to you by God in dedicating yourself to missionary work, we rejoice in your faith and desire to have you as our colleague in this enterprise. Wherefore., since you have humbly submitted to us your plans regarding this mission,...in the name of the indivisible Trinity and by the authority of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles...we now place your humble and devout work upon a secure basis and decree that you go forth to preach the Word of God to those people who are still bound by the shackles of paganism. ~Letter from Pope Gregory III to Saint Boniface**

**Reflection:** Once Christianity was legalized in the Roman Empire in the fourth century, many people in Roman-Britain began to convert. However, in the fifth century, after the fall of the Roman Empire, Britain slowly fell to invasion and conquest by the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes from modern-day Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands. These people brought with them the religious practice of Germanic paganism, which held a polytheistic belief in both major and minor gods who were invoked for war, governance, fertility, prosperity, and many other aspects of human life. These Germanic pagans also practiced ancestor and nature worship; engaged in rituals, festivals, and magical spells; and had a strong oral tradition. At the end of the sixth century, Saint Augustine of Canterbury began a missionary expedition that marked the beginning of the re-Christianization of the British Isles.

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: May every baptized Christian feel called to be a sign of hope in our world**



By: Vatican News

*As pilgrims and representatives of the African continent celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo XIV makes a surprise visit and invites everyone to live our faith as a sign of hope in our world.*

**By Devin Watkins**

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