

Nov
9th
2025

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

EST. 1926

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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 7:00pm

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.

BIBLE STUDY SESSION

Fridays, 7:30-9:00pm in the Main Hall.
Refreshments provided. Please enter through the parking lot side door.

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.

WEDDING - BODAS

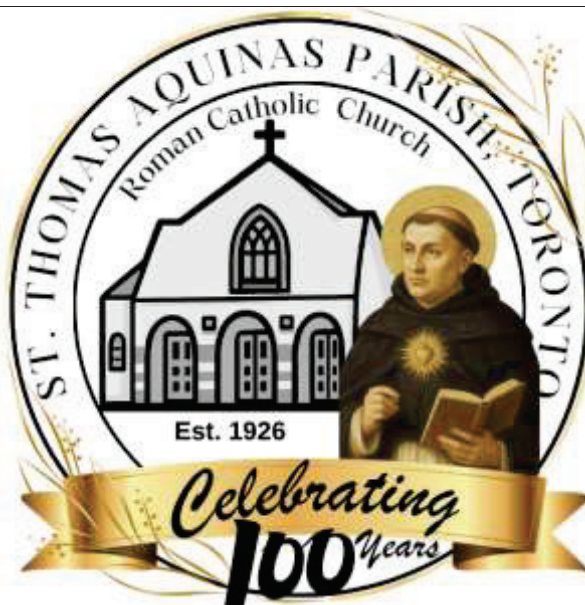
Contact the office **one year in advance**.
Contáctenos con **un año de anticipación**.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please the Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:30am-12:00m & 12:30pm-4:00pm



**FAITHFUL GOD,
FAITHFUL
PEOPLE:
100 YEARS OF
GRACE**

Celebrating our past,
illuminating our future

*"For the Lord is good;
His mercy is
everlasting."
(Psalm 100:5)*

From the Archives

The first Mass celebrated at the current site of our parish was on Sunday, December 19, 1926. The following day, Monday, the Toronto Daily Star narrates: "Costing \$35,000 and seating 400 people, the fine new St. Thomas Aquinas Church, built by the Roman Catholic people of Fairbank at the corner of Eglinton and Oakwood Avenue, was formally opened yesterday and dedicated by His Grace Archbishop McNeil. The building is of red brick and is Gothic in architecture".

In Our Next Publication

Who is St. Thomas Aquinas? What did STA parish look like 100 years ago? Is there any surviving priest or parishioner from back in the days?

100th Events

Event 1.

Information Session.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 15.

Time: 6:30pm.

Location: Parish Hall

To Do

Pray, participate and get involved!

"Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand." — St. Thomas Aquinas

CLERGY

PASTOR: Fr. Patrick Ezimora CCE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Benedict Nwamuo, CCE

STAFF: Custodian: Felipe Jiménez Secretary: Sandra Davila Cook: Margherita Caruso

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

CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOMES

Bernardo Funeral Home

416-789-7661

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416-656-3332

CHURCH HOURS

The church is open **Monday to Friday** 8:00 am -12:00pm
Saturdays 8:00am-6:00pm / **Sundays** 8:00am -7:00pm

FOOD BANK

Tuesdays 12:00m



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This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Back in the days, the temple (as the synagogues today) was at the very core of the Jewish religion and ritual practices. It was the privileged place of encounter with Yahweh. So why did Jesus drive people out of the temple, according to the Gospel reading of today? (John 2.13-22). The answer: "In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables" (John 2:14). A few verses afterwards, Jesus rebuked them, saying: "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" What about us? How many times have we fallen into the temptation of turning the God's house of prayer into a trade center? But most importantly, we are the temple of the living God. Do I keep my body and soul pure, sacred and holy for the Lord? Have blessed week!

Del Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo: En aquellos tiempos, el templo (como las sinagogas de hoy) era el centro de la religión judía y de las prácticas rituales. Era el lugar privilegiado de encuentro con Yahvé. Entonces, ¿por qué Jesús expulsó a la gente del templo, según la lectura del Evangelio de hoy? (Juan 2, 13-22). La respuesta: «Encontró a gente vendiendo ganado, ovejas y palomas, y a los cambistas sentados en sus mesas» (Juan 2, 14). Unos versículos más adelante, Jesús los reprendió diciendo: «¡Dejad de convertir la casa de mi Padre en un mercado!». ¿Y nosotros? ¿Cuántas veces hemos caído en la tentación de convertir la casa de oración de Dios en un centro comercial? Pero lo más importante es que nosotros somos el templo del Dios vivo. ¿Mantengo mi cuerpo y mi alma puros, sagrados y santos para el Señor? Que tengan una semana bendecida!



100th Anniversary Info Session – Sat. Nov 15 @ 6:30pm

Come learn about our parish centenary plans and how you can help! Our committee will share updates and answer questions. **Refreshments provided.** Join us and be part of the celebration!

Sessione informativa per il 100° Anniversario – Sabato 15 Novembre alle 18:30

Vieni a conoscere i preparativi per il centenario e come puoi partecipare! Il nostro comitato risponderà alle domande. **Rinfresco offerto.** Unisciti a noi per celebrare insieme!

Sesión Informativa del 100º Aniversario – Sábado 15 de noviembre a las 6:30 p.m.

¡Ven a conocer los planes del centenario y cómo puedes participar! Nuestro comité responderá tus preguntas. **Habrán refrescos.** ¡Únete a la celebración!

Offertory Envelopes 2025

We still have **2025 offertory envelope boxes** that have not been picked up. While you may still collect yours, we kindly ask you to **contact the parish office** to let us know if you plan to use envelopes for **2026**.

As the parish covers the cost of each set, your reply helps us be good stewards of our resources. If you do not plan to use your envelopes, your number can be offered to another parishioner who would like to participate. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

2025–2026 Sunday Missals

The new **2025–2026 Sunday Missals** are now available. You may obtain a copy from the parish office or at the end of the Masses. Please ask the ushers for assistance. **Cost:** \$10 each.

Installation and Mandate of Music Ministers!

After the homily, during the weekend Masses of November 15/16, our cantors, musicians and choir members will be commissioned by the priest and delegated to lead the music during the liturgical celebrations of the community. Please keep them in your prayers

Installation and Mandate of Lectors!

After the homily, during the weekend Masses of November 22/23, our lectors will be commissioned by the priest and delegated to lead the proclamation of the word of God on behalf of the parishioners. Please remember all our lectors in your prayers.

Sobres para ofrendas 2025

Todavía tenemos cajas de sobres para ofrendas 2025 que no han sido recogidas. Aunque todavía puede recoger los suyos, le rogamos que se ponga en contacto con la oficina parroquial para informarnos si tiene previsto utilizar sobres para 2026.

Dado que la parroquia cubre el costo de cada caja de sobres, su respuesta nos ayuda a ordenar la cantidad que realmente sea necesaria. Si no tiene previsto utilizar sus sobres, su número se puede ofrecer a otro feligrés que desee participar. Gracias por su comprensión y su continuo apoyo.

Misales dominicales 2025-2026

Ya están disponibles los nuevos misales dominicales 2025-2026. Puede obtener un ejemplar en la oficina parroquial o al final de las misas. Solicítelo a los ushers. **Precio:** 10 dólares cada uno.

¡Instalación y mandato de los ministros de música!

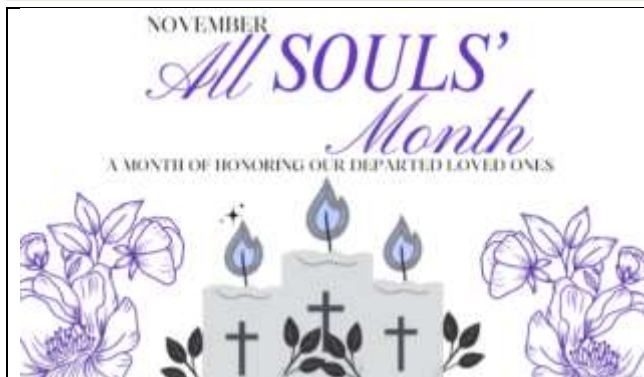
Después de la homilía, durante las misas del fin de semana del 15 y 16 de noviembre, nuestros cantores, músicos y miembros del coro serán comisionados por el sacerdote y delegados para dirigir la música durante las celebraciones litúrgicas de la comunidad. Por favor, manténgalos en sus oraciones.

¡Instalación y mandato de los lectores!

Después de la homilía, durante las misas del fin de semana del 22 y 23 de noviembre, nuestros lectores serán comisionados por el sacerdote y delegados para dirigir la proclamación de la palabra de Dios en nombre de los feligreses. Por favor, recuerden a todos nuestros lectores en sus oraciones.

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

MASS INTENTIONS



Throughout the month of November, all parish Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of our departed relatives and friends.

During this period, there will be **no individual Mass intentions**.

Parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of their deceased loved ones in the *All Souls Binder* or *envelopes* located by the **Sanctuary**, and to place offerings in the **All Souls donation box**.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest and peace. Amen.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed!

On Thursday, November 20 at 7:00p.m. will have our annual Memorial Mass for our brothers and sisters who returned Home during the past year. The families of the deceased will be invited to place their lighted candles in front of the altar for their loved ones. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to register the names. We extend our appreciation to Bernardo Funeral Home for sponsoring this yearly Memorial Mass.

Simbang Gabi 2025 Novena

Join us in celebrating the beautiful Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas, from December 15 to 23. We are looking for sponsors for each night of the novena to help with the celebration and light refreshments after Mass. If you or your family would like to sponsor a Mass, please contact the parish office. Let us keep this joyful tradition alive as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord!

Congrats to our Amazing Ministers of Hospitality!

As this weekend we commission and send forth our Ushers to represent us in welcoming everyone and ordering our celebrations, we ask the Lord to shower His graces upon them. Welcome done, dear ushers!

Confirmation Preparation for Adults (18 and above)

Registration is now open for baptized Catholic adults who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, including those who have not received the Holy Eucharist. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more information.

Bible Timeline Study Continues

Join us this Friday, 7:30–9:00 p.m., in the parish hall to grow in God's Word and His plan of salvation. "*Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.*" — St. Jerome. Please enter through the parking lot doors. All are welcome!

Thank you for your generosity!

Nov 2, 2025

Regular Collection **\$5,763**

Maintenance of the Church **\$342.85**

All Souls Day **\$2,552.00**

¡Misa anual por los fieles difuntos!

El jueves 20 de noviembre a las 7:00p.m. celebraremos nuestra misa conmemorativa anual por nuestros hermanos y hermanas que regresaron al Hogar durante el año pasado. Se invitará a las familias de los difuntos a colocar velas encendidas frente al altar en memoria de sus seres queridos. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial lo antes posible para inscribir los nombres. Extendemos nuestro agradecimiento a la funeraria Bernardo por patrocinar esta misa conmemorativa anual.

Simbang Gabi 2025 Novena

Únase a nosotros para celebrar la hermosa tradición filipina de Simbang Gabi, una novena de misas de nueve días en preparación para la Navidad, del 15 al 23 de diciembre. Buscamos patrocinadores para cada noche de la novena que nos ayuden con la celebración y los refrigerios ligeros después de la misa. Si usted o su familia desean patrocinar una misa, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial. ¡Mantengamos viva esta alegre tradición mientras preparamos nuestros corazones para la llegada del Señor!

¡Felicidades a nuestros increíbles ministros de hospitalidad!

Este fin de semana, al nombrar y enviar a nuestros ujieres para que nos representen dando la bienvenida a todos y organizando nuestras celebraciones, pedimos al Señor que los colme de sus gracias. ¡Bienvenidos, queridos ushers!

Preparación para la confirmación para adultos (18 años+)

Ya abiertas, las inscripciones para los adultos católicos bautizados que deseen recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación, incluidos aquellos que no hayan recibido la Sagrada Eucaristía. Si está interesado, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial para obtener más información.

Continúa el estudio de la cronología bíblica

Join us this Friday, 7:30–9:00 p.m. in the parish hall to deepen your understanding of God's Word. "*Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.*" — St. Jerome. All are welcome!

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

2 de noviembre de 2025

Colecta regular: **\$5,763**

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