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"For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting."

(Psalm 100:5)



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January 25, 2026 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASSES

ENGLISH: Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am | 12:00pm | 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 – UNZIONE – UNCIÓN

First Saturdays of the month at 9:00am.
El primer sábado de cada mes, 9.00am.
Il primo sabato di ogni mese alle 9:00.

BIBLE STUDY SESSION

Fridays, 7:30-8:30pm 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 - BATTESIMO - BAUTIZOS

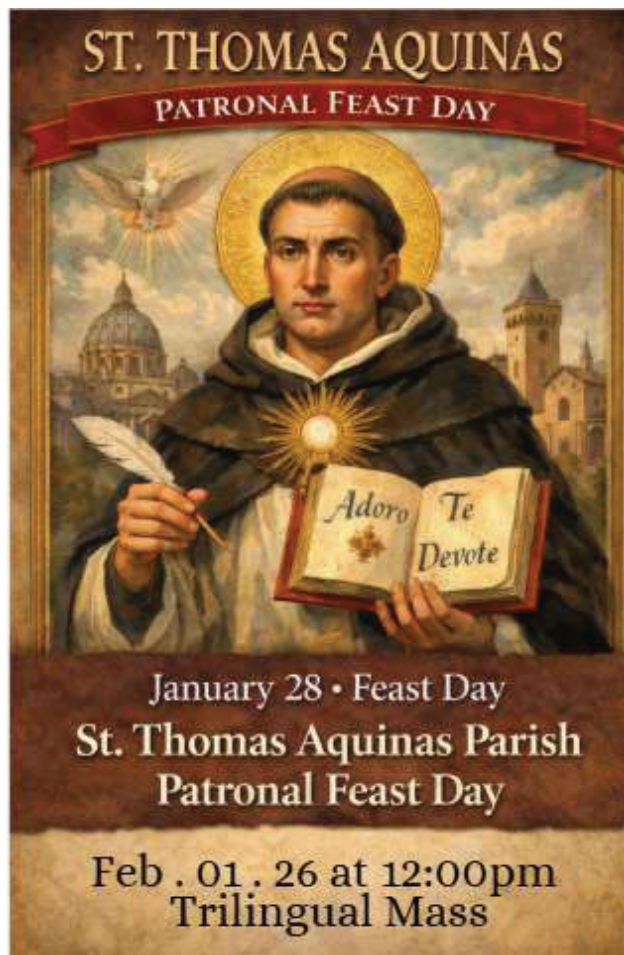
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prega di chiamare l'ufficio con **tre mesi** di
anticipo. Con **tres meses** de anticipación.

WEDDING – BODAS – MATRIMONIO

Contact the office **one year** in advance.
Contatta l'ufficio con un anno di anticipo.
Contáctenos con **un año** de anticipación.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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



St. Thomas Aquinas was born in 1225 near Naples and educated at Monte Cassino and the University of Naples. Against his family's wishes, he entered the Dominican Order and later studied in Paris under St. Albert the Great. A gifted teacher, preacher, and writer, St. Thomas devoted his life to showing that faith and reason work together in harmony. Drawing on the philosophy of Aristotle, he helped the Church explain the Christian faith as credible, thoughtful, and deeply rooted in truth. A man of great learning and deep prayer, he died in 1274 and was later proclaimed a Doctor of the Church. As we celebrate our Patronal Feast Day on January 28, may the wisdom, faith, and devotion of St. Thomas Aquinas continue to guide and inspire our parish community.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This third Sunday in OT is dedicated to the Word of God. But it also coincides with the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, a period during which the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25th), is liturgically commemorated. Let me explain! You would recall that the early Christians did not sleep on beds of roses. Due to a diversity of cultural heritage, tensions and disagreements never lacked. The second reading gives us a hint (Cfr. 1Corinthians. 1.10-13,17-18). Praise God, our Lord Himself broke that barrier by opening the gates, reaching out to other peoples, and ultimately sending his followers on a worldwide mission (Cfr. Matthew 28.18-20). Furthermore, following his conversion, St. Paul (formerly called "Saul") was commissioned to be Christ's own chosen instrument to preach to the Gentiles (Cfr. Acts 9.15). Thus, our Lord's invitation to reach out with love to everyone continues to resound even today. It might be enough for us to positively respond daily to our Lord's gentle invitation, "Come, follow me". (Matthew 4.19). God bless you!

Patronal Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

Join us! We'll have a **Trilingual Mass**, followed by a **Procession** and **Potluck** in the Main Hall on **Sunday, February 1 at 12:00 PM**.
Please note: There will be no 2:00 PM Mass on this day.

Faith-Extra Sunday: Holy Water!

On the first Sunday of February, we shall be spending an extra 5-minutes after Communion to refresh our understanding and appreciation for one of the most popular ancient Christian traditions of sprinkling or signing oneself, others or things, with holy water. See you at Mass.

Centenary Carnival & Cultural Display Night!

On Saturday, February 7 at 6:30pm, our parish will be debuting an annual, most colorful display of cultural richness and diversity of peoples who worship at St Thomas Aquinas. Those who register will be assigned a table or two where they can share something of their culture, including but not only food. Of course, the attire should be cultural as well. The parish intends to document and publish some of the pictures that will be taken in our centenary brochure. Thank you for being part of our cultural celebration.

Tax Receipts 2025

Parish tax receipts are currently being processed and will be **mailed directly by the Archdiocese of Toronto**. Parishioners can expect to receive their receipts starting **mid-February**. If you have had any **address changes**, please notify the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Second Collection – February 1

There will be a second collection on Sunday, February 1, for the maintenance of our church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Bible Study – January 30 – 7:30 to 8:30pm

Session 2 explores *The Flood and the Covenant*, reflecting on how Old Testament events prefigure Christ. Readings include 1 Peter 3:18–22, Acts 2:1–13, and Genesis 6–11, with a focus on the Ark, Baptism, and the New Covenant. (CCC 845; 1219–1220)

Thank you for your Generosity!
Jan 18,2026 Regular Collection:
\$4,740.00

MASS INTENTIONS – Jan24th to Jan 30th 2026

SATURDAY, Jan 24th– Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00am: +Fabian Alberto Aldana/ +Ana Francisca de Velez/ +Mark Cohen

5:00pm:

SUNDAY, Jan 25th – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: +Nicolas Ygrubay/ Thanksgiving from Ray Ledon & Family

10:30am: +Fortunato & Egilio Petilio/ +Antonio Vitaro

12:00pm: Parishioners of STA

2:00pm: +Marylin Ribeiro/ +Michele Bellassai/ +Pedro Balderas Hernandez/ +Ana Orsini/ +Claudio & Rina Larosa/ Souls in Purgatory/ Birthday blessings upon Matthew Orellana, Sophia Rocha

6:00pm: STA Parishioners

MONDAY, Jan 26th– Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

9:00am: +Milagros & Luis David Garzon/ +Rev. Priest Pier Giorgio DiCicco/ +Peter Andersen & Vincent Tuong

TUESDAY, Jan 27th– Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

9:00am: +Benjamin de la Cruz/ +Hilaria Ygrubay/ +Domenico, +Elisa, +Giusepina, +Caterina, +Marianna/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dihn

WEDNESDAY, Jan 28th– Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00am: +Gabriela Crego/ +Gabriel Lazcano/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dihn/ Birthdat blessings for Stella Todd & Micha Chen Gallardo

THURSDAY, Jan 29th– Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

9:00am: +Maria del Transito/ +Nelson Claros/ Birthday blessing for Nilsa Claros Barahona

FRIDAY, Jan 30th– Friday Third Week in Ordinary Time

9:00am: +Francisca Gutierrez Lira/ +George Floyd/ Birthday blessings for Martha Varela

ITALIAN & SPANISH COMMUNITIES

Dalla Scrivania del Pastore

Cari fratelli e sorelle in Cristo,
Questa terza domenica del Tempo Ordinario è dedicata alla Parola di Dio, e coincide anche con la Settimana di preghiera per l'unità dei cristiani, che ricorda liturgicamente la conversione di San Paolo (25 gennaio). Ricorderete che i primi cristiani non vivevano certo su un letto di rose: a causa della diversità culturale, tensioni e disaccordi non mancavano mai. La seconda lettura ci offre un indizio (cfr. 1 Corinzi 1,10-13.17-18). Sia lodato Dio: il Signore ha abbattuto quelle barriere, aprendo le porte, tendendo la mano a tutti i popoli e inviando i suoi seguaci in missione in tutto il mondo (cfr. Matteo 28,18-20). Dopo la sua conversione, San Paolo (precedentemente chiamato Saulo) fu scelto da Cristo per predicare ai Gentili (cfr. Atti 9,15). Così, l'invito del Signore a tendere la mano con amore a tutti risuona ancora oggi. Per noi, può bastare rispondere ogni giorno al gentile invito del Signore: "Vieni, seguimi" (Matteo 4,19). Dio vi benedica!

Festa patronale di San Tommaso d'Aquino

Unitevi a noi! Domenica 1 febbraio alle 12:00m celebreremo una Messa trilingue, seguita da una processione e un pranzo condiviso nella sala principale. Nota bene: in questo giorno non ci sarà la Messa delle 2:00pm.

Domenica speciale dedicata alla fede: l'acqua santa!

La prima domenica di febbraio, dopo la Comunione, dedicheremo cinque minuti in più per rinfrescare la nostra comprensione e il nostro apprezzamento di una delle più popolari tradizioni cristiane antiche, quella di spruzzare o benedire se stessi, gli altri o gli oggetti con l'acqua santa. Ci vediamo a Messa.

Carnevale del Centenario e Serata Culturale!

Sabato 7 febbraio alle 6:30pm, la nostra parrocchia darà il via all'evento annuale che celebra la ricchezza culturale e la diversità della comunità di San Tommaso d'Aquino. Ai partecipanti saranno assegnati uno o due tavoli per condividere aspetti della loro cultura, come cibo, tradizioni e abbigliamento tradizionale. Alcune foto saranno pubblicate nella brochure del centenario. Grazie per unirvi a noi in questa celebrazione culturale!

Ricevute fiscali 2025

Le ricevute fiscali della parrocchia sono attualmente in fase di elaborazione e saranno spedite direttamente dall'Arcidiocesi di Toronto. I parrocchiani potranno ricevere le loro ricevute a partire da metà febbraio. Se avete cambiato indirizzo, vi preghiamo di comunicarlo al più presto all'ufficio parrocchiale.

Seconda colletta – 1 febbraio

Domenica 1 febbraio ci sarà una seconda colletta per la manutenzione della nostra chiesa. Grazie per la vostra continua generosità e il vostro sostegno alla nostra parrocchia.

Studio della Bibbia – 30 gennaio – dalle 6:30pm alle 8:30pm

La sessione 2 esplora Il diluvio e l'alleanza, riflettendo su come gli eventi dell'Antico Testamento prefigurano Cristo. Le letture includono 1 Pietro 3,18-22, Atti 2,1-13 e Genesi 6-11, con particolare attenzione all'Arca, al Battesimo e alla Nuova Alleanza. (CCC 845; 1219-1220)

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,
Este tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario está dedicado a la Palabra de Dios, y coincide con la Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos, que litúrgicamente recuerda la conversión de San Pablo (25 de enero). Los primeros cristianos no vivían precisamente en calma: debido a la diversidad cultural, nunca faltaban tensiones y desacuerdos. La segunda lectura nos da una pista (cf. 1 Corintios 1,10-13.17-18). Alabado sea Dios: el Señor derribó esas barreras, abriendo puertas, tendiendo la mano a todos los pueblos y enviando a sus seguidores en misión por todo el mundo (cf. Mateo 28,18-20). Después de su conversión, San Pablo fue elegido por Cristo para predicar a los gentiles (cf. Hechos 9,15). Así, la invitación del Señor a tender la mano con amor a todos sigue resonando hoy. Para nosotros, basta responder cada día a la amable invitación del Señor: "Ven, sígueme" (Mateo 4,19). ¡Que Dios los bendiga!

Fiesta patronal de Santo Tomás de Aquino

¡Únase a nosotros! Tendremos una misa trilingüe, seguida de una procesión y una comida compartida en el salón principal el **domingo 1 de febrero a las 12:00** del mediodía. No habrá misa a las 2:00 de la tarde.

Primeros domingos - Domingo extra de fe: ¡Agua bendita!

El primer domingo de febrero, dedicaremos cinco minutos adicionales después de la comunión a refrescar nuestra comprensión y apreciación de una de las tradiciones cristianas antiguas más populares: rociar o santiguar con agua bendita a uno mismo, a otras personas o a objetos. Nos vemos en la misa.

¡Noche de Carnaval y Exhibición Cultural del Centenario!

El sábado 7 de febrero a las 6:30pm, Nuestra parroquia presentará una colorida muestra de la diversidad y riqueza cultural de nuestra comunidad. Los participantes tendrán una o dos mesas para mostrar y compartir su cultura, incluyendo comida, y asistirán con vestimenta típica. Las fotos se publicarán en el folleto del centenario. ¡Gracias por unirse a esta celebración!

Recibos fiscales 2025

Los recibos fiscales de la parroquia se están procesando actualmente y serán enviados por correo directamente por la Arquidiócesis de Toronto. Los feligreses pueden esperar recibir sus recibos a partir de mediados de febrero. Si ha habido algún cambio de dirección, por favor notifíquelo a la oficina parroquial lo antes posible.

Segunda colecta - 1 de febrero

El domingo 1 de febrero habrá una segunda colecta para el mantenimiento de nuestra iglesia. Gracias por su continua generosidad y apoyo a nuestra parroquia.

Estudio bíblico - 30 de enero - 7:30 a 8:30 p. m.

La sesión 2 explora El diluvio y la alianza, reflexionando sobre cómo los acontecimientos del Antiguo Testamento prefiguran a Cristo. Las lecturas incluyen 1 Pedro 3:18-22, Hechos 2:1-13 y Génesis 6-11, con especial atención al arca, el bautismo y la nueva alianza. (CIC 845; 1219-1220)

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