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## THIS WEEK IN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

### From The Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I can tell from experience, one of the main reasons for the scarcity of vocation to the priesthood and religious life is that people today are not too willing to endure hardships for the whatever reason. The word of God instructs us thus, "Beloved: If you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth'" (1 Peter 2.21-22). This week, my dear, let us pray for more vocations and be more willing to answer God's call. Amen.

### Volunteer Appreciation Week – Archdiocese of Toronto

This week, we joyfully celebrate and give thanks for all the volunteers in our parish and across the Archdiocese of Toronto. Your generosity, dedication, and willingness to serve are a true witness of Christ's love in action. May God bless you abundantly for the time and care you offer so faithfully. Our parish is stronger and more vibrant because of you. Thank you!

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others." — 1 Peter 4:10

### Faith Extra – First Sunday of the Month

A brief 5-minute reflection on *fides quaerens intellectum* ("faith seeking understanding") will be offered after Communion. Join us as we deepen our faith through reflection and understanding.

### Bible Study – Friday May 1 – 7:30 to 8:30pm

Session 13: Divided Kingdom (Part 2). *Matthew 16:13–20* | CCC 552–553. Kingdom Continuity. The Davidic kingdom, though imperfect, was established by God and points forward to the Church as the heavenly kingdom. We invite you to reflect: What connections do you see between the Old Testament office of the king and the ministry of the papacy in the Church today?

### Parish Marian Pilgrimage Detailed Infor & Booking Deadline!

For those who are interested in joining our 12-Day Parish Marian Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima (Portugal), Our Lady of Lourdes (France) and Santiago de Compostela (Spain), please note that a representative of the International Heritage Tour will be giving us a detailed presentation on Sunday, April 12 at 4:00pm in the St. Padre Pio's Room downstairs. The deadline for ticket reservation is Thursday, April 30.

### Trilingual Living Rosary

Join us on **Saturday, May 2 at 9:30 AM** for a beautiful *Trilingual Living Rosary*. Come, be here and pray with your heart, as you offer a flower to Our Lady as a sign of your love and devotion. All are welcome!. Flowers will be provided.

### ShareLife – Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections, as we celebrate 50 years of service in 2026 through ShareLife. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic faith and Gospel values, responding to Christ's call to care for those in need. Over the decades, countless parishioners, schools, and communities have supported this mission through generosity and acts of compassion. ShareLife-funded agencies continue to serve the most vulnerable by providing family counselling, support for isolated seniors, services for newcomers, and care for those facing mental health challenges. Each gift helps bring hope and dignity to individuals and families in need. As we mark this special anniversary, we give thanks for the legacy of care that has touched so many lives and continues to grow through your support. Please consider making a donation using a ShareLife envelope at the parish, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### MASS INTENTIONS – Apr 25<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

#### SATURDAY, Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday of the Third Week of Easter

**9:00am:** +Mariana & Marcelino Naranjo/ Birthday blessings upon Rev. Priest Ismael Naranjo

**5:00pm:** +Julio Atienza Rodríguez/ Birthday blessings upon May cayone

#### SUNDAY, Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

**10:30pm:** +

**12:00pm:** Peace in the world

**2:00pm:** +Alma Deysi de Monzon/ +Elisa Guerrer/, +Aniceto Mosquera/ +Ana Orsini/ +Claudio & Rina La Rosa/ All Souls in Purgatory

**6:00pm:** +Anita & Ruby Peralta

#### MONDAY, Apr 27<sup>th</sup> – Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

**9:00am:** +Stanislawa, +Zofia/ +Gustek & +Stanislaus Misko, +Ramon Monge/ +Peter Andersen & Vincent Tuong

#### TUESDAY, Apr 28<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter/

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

#### WEDNESDAY, Apr 29<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

**9:00am:** +Hipolita Medrano/ +Carmen Rodriguez/ +Chizo Eucheria Ezeudu/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dihn/ Healing upon Jessica Gomez, Nichole & Eliza

#### THURSDAY, Apr 30<sup>th</sup> – Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter

**9:00am:** +Edith Melaya (birthday Anniversary)/ +Ana Maria & +Palmirino Alfano/ +Maria Franch/ Tranksgiving Ordination Anniversary Very Rev. Msgr. Robert Nusca, Birthday blessings upon Julia Mowat Monge

#### FRIDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

**9:00am:** +Lawrence/ +Ernest & +Florencio Perez/ +Krenija Poljak

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**Dalla Scrivania del Pastore**

Cari fratelli e sorelle in Cristo,  
Posso dirvi per esperienza che una delle ragioni principali della scarsità di vocazioni al sacerdozio e alla vita religiosa è che oggi le persone non sono molto disposte a sopportare le difficoltà, qualunque sia il motivo. La Parola di Dio ci insegna così: «Carissimi, se sopportate le sofferenze per aver agito bene, avete l'approvazione di Dio. A questo infatti siete stati chiamati, poiché anche Cristo ha sofferto per voi, lasciandovi un esempio, affinché seguiate le sue orme. "Egli non commise peccato e nella sua bocca non si trovò inganno" (1 Pietro 2,21-22). Questa settimana, miei cari, preghiamo per un maggior numero di vocazioni e cerchiamo di essere più disponibili a rispondere alla chiamata di Dio. Amen.

**Faith Extra – Prima domenica del mese**

Dopo la Comunione verrà proposta una breve riflessione di 5 minuti sul tema fides quaerens intellectum ("la fede in cerca di comprensione"). Unitevi a noi per approfondire la nostra fede attraverso la riflessione e la comprensione.

**Studio biblico – Venerdì 1 maggio – dalle 19:30 alle 20:30**

Sessione 13: Il regno diviso (Parte 2). Matteo 16,13-20 | CCC 552-553. La continuità del regno. Il regno davidico, sebbene imperfetto, è stato istituito da Dio e preannuncia la Chiesa come regno celeste. Vi invitiamo a riflettere: quali collegamenti vedete tra la carica del re nell'Antico Testamento e il ministero del papato nella Chiesa di oggi?

**Informazioni dettagliate sul pellegrinaggio mariano parrocchiale e scadenza per le prenotazioni!**

Per chi fosse interessato a partecipare al nostro pellegrinaggio mariano parrocchiale di 12 giorni a Nostra Signora di Fatima (Portogallo), Nostra Signora di Lourdes (Francia) e Santiago de Compostela (Spagna), vi informiamo che un rappresentante dell'International Heritage Tour terrà una presentazione dettagliata domenica 12 aprile alle ore 16:00 nella sala San Padre Pio al piano inferiore. Il termine ultimo per la prenotazione dei biglietti è giovedì 30 aprile.

**Rosario vivente trilingue**

Unitevi a noi sabato 2 maggio alle 9:30 per un bellissimo Rosario vivente trilingue. Venite, partecipate e pregate con il cuore, offrendo un fiore alla Madonna in segno del vostro amore e della vostra devozione. Siete tutti benvenuti! I fiori saranno forniti dall'organizzazione.

**ShareLife – Fine settimana segna il 50° anniversario**

Oggi è la Domenica di ShareLife, il secondo fine settimana di raccolte speciali, mentre ci prepariamo a celebrare nel 2026 i 50 anni di ShareLife. Dal 1976, ShareLife vive i valori del Vangelo sostenendo i più vulnerabili attraverso servizi essenziali come consulenza familiare, aiuto agli anziani isolati e supporto per la salute mentale. In questo anniversario, ringraziamo per le tante vite toccate dalla vostra generosità. Vi invitiamo a donare in parrocchia, online sul sito parrocchiale o su [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Desde el Escritorio del Párroco**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:  
Por experiencia propia puedo afirmar que una de las principales razones de la escasez de vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa es que, hoy en día, la gente no está muy dispuesta a soportar penurias por ningún motivo. La Palabra de Dios nos enseña lo siguiente: «Queridos: Si soportáis el sufrir por hacer el bien, tenéis el agrado de Dios. Porque para esto han sido llamados, ya que también Cristo sufrió por ustedes, dejándoles un ejemplo, para que sigan sus pasos. "Él no cometió pecado, ni se halló engaño en su boca" (1 Pedro 2,21-22). Esta semana, queridos hermanos, recemos por más vocaciones y seamos más dispuestos a responder al llamado de Dios. Amén.

**Fe Extra – Primer domingo del mes**

Tras la comunión, se ofrecerá una breve reflexión de 5 minutos sobre la «fides quaerens intellectum» («la fe que busca el entendimiento»). Acompáñenos a profundizar en nuestra fe a través de la reflexión y el entendimiento.

**Estudio bíblico – Viernes 1 de mayo – de 7:30 a 8:30 p. m.**

Sesión 13: El reino dividido (Parte 2). Mateo 16, 13-20 | CIC 552-553. La continuidad del reino. El reino davidico, aunque imperfecto, fue establecido por Dios y apunta hacia la Iglesia como el reino celestial. Te invitamos a reflexionar: ¿Qué conexiones ves entre el oficio del rey en el Antiguo Testamento y el ministerio del papado en la Iglesia hoy?

**¡Información detallada y fecha límite de inscripción para la peregrinación mariana de la parroquia!**

Para aquellos que estén interesados en unirse a nuestra peregrinación mariana parroquial de 12 días a Nuestra Señora de Fátima (Portugal), Nuestra Señora de Lourdes (Francia) y Santiago de Compostela (España), por favor tengan en cuenta que un representante de International Heritage Tour nos dará una presentación detallada el domingo 12 de abril a las 4:00 p. m. en la sala San Padre Pío. La fecha límite para reservar los boletos es el 30 de abril.

**Rosario vivente trilingüe**

Acompáñenos el sábado 2 de mayo a las 9:30 a. m. para un hermoso Rosario vivente trilingüe. Venga, esté presente y rece con el corazón, mientras ofrece una flor a Nuestra Señora como muestra de su amor y devoción. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Se proporcionarán las flores.

**ShareLife – 50 Aniversario**

Hoy es el Domingo de ShareLife, el segundo fin de semana de colectas especiales, mientras nos preparamos para celebrar en 2026 los 50 años de ShareLife. Desde 1976, ShareLife vive los valores del Evangelio apoyando a los más vulnerables mediante servicios esenciales como consejería familiar, ayuda a personas mayores aisladas y apoyo en salud mental. En este aniversario, damos gracias por las muchas vidas tocadas por su generosidad. Los invitamos a donar en la parroquia, en línea a través del sitio web parroquial o en [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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