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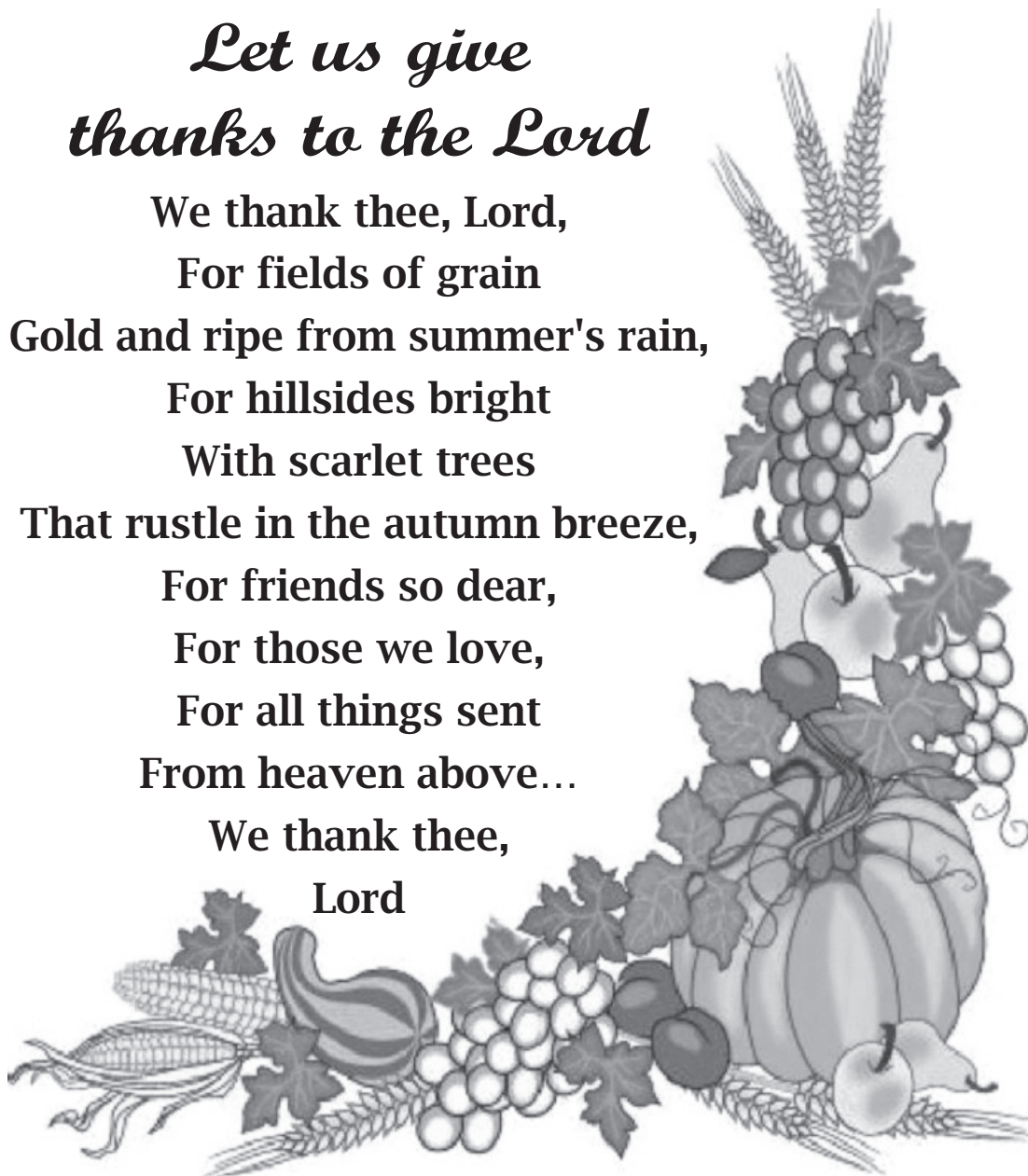
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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,
For fields of grain
Gold and ripe from summer's rain,
For hillsides bright
With scarlet trees
That rustle in the autumn breeze,
For friends so dear,
For those we love,
For all things sent
From heaven above...
We thank thee,
Lord



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every Sunday during Mass, we hear ourselves invited to a meal each time the priest says: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. **Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb**". The Gospel reading of this 28th Sunday (Matthew 22.1-4) reminds us that it is not about us and our plans, but about our Lord and King who has invited us to the wedding banquet of His only begotten Son. Are you and I preparing ourselves with the **right wedding garments** so that we will be found fit to join the sumptuous feast with all the chosen or not? "Lord, I am not worthy ... but only say a word and I shall be healed". Amen.

THANK YOU in 10 languages!

On this Thanksgiving Long Weekend, our parish priest simply wishes to say "Thank you, grazie, gracias, obrigado, salamat po, shokran, shukriya, asante, faleminderit, daalu.



Welcome our Weekend Seminarian!

"Hello, my name is Bryan Vazquez. I am 22 years old and am currently discerning my vocation to the priesthood at Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the Archdiocese of Toronto. I am an only child and was born in Dallas, Texas, USA. I come from a Mexican family with roots in San Luis Potosí. I speak both English and Spanish, and am grateful for the opportunity to continue this journey of discernment and to serve here at the parish of St Thomas Aquinas".

Please join us in warmly welcoming Bryan to our parish family!

QR Code for Gala Night Greetings!



Please scan and record a minute-long greeting about 1) your first and last name, 2) what STA parish means for you, 3) your favorite memory or special moment during the past years and, 4) your best wishes for the next 100 years. Remember to sign off with by clicking the "Agree" button and then submit. Thank you for being part of our centennial celebration.

Centennial Gala — Final Ticket Deadline

Don't miss your chance to be part of this once-in-a-century celebration! **Sunday, October 18, 2026, is the FINAL DAY to purchase tickets** for our Centennial Gala. All tickets must be purchased by this date as we'll finalize our guest count and event preparations. **For tickets, please contact Domenic at 647-929-1717.**

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

As part of the annual Archdiocese of Toronto Mass Attendance Survey, our parish will be conducting a count of all those attending weekend Masses on: **October 17 & 18, 2026 & October 24 & 25, 2026.** Ushers and volunteers will count those in attendance at each Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass. Thank you for your cooperation and for being part of our parish community!

Bible Study - Fridays

Please join us for the Bible Study on Friday, October 16 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please enter through the hall door from the parking lot. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Parish Office Closed – Thanksgiving Monday

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We wish all our parishioners and their families a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

MASS INTENTIONS – Oct 10th to Oct 16th 2026

SAT. Oct 10th– Saturday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

9:00am: +Elizabeth Mapros/ Birthday blessings for Carla Moz & Veronica Conde & Elizabeth Gomez

5:00pm: Thansksgiving from Malaya family

SUN. Oct 11th– Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: +Antonio Tolibas/ +Porferia Tokong/ +Socrates Tolibas

10:30am: +Rosario Ferragina/ +Ida Giordano/ +Adelina Volpentes

12:00pm: Parishioners of STA

2:00pm: +Ana de Dios Giraldo de Santos, +Donald Dixon, +Marcy de Lopez. Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Angelica Baron

6:00pm:

MON. Oct 12th– Monday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - Thanksgiving Day

9:00am: +Gregorio Garieri/ +Tracy & +Annette Thibodeau/ +Martha Cecilia Mendoza/ +Peter Andersen & Vincent Tuong/ Thanksgiving and blessings for Garieri family/ Birthday blessings for Pilar Phong & Teodoro Aquiles Zachos

TUE. Oct 13th – Tuesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00am: +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh

WED. Oct 14th– Wednesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

9:00am: +John, +Anna & John Jr. Boafore/ +V. Nguyen & Maria Dinh

THU. Oct 15th– St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00am: +Teresa de Jesus Cornejo, +Simon Cordero, Birthday blessings for Leilah Isabel Castillo

FRI. Oct 16th– St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville, Religious

9:00am: +Rev. Priest Juan Triviño. Birthday blessings for Adela Flamenco

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Anna Maria Rizzuto

We remember in our prayers **Anna Maria Rizzuto**, who passed away on September 19, 2026. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at our parish on September 25. A **Memorial Mass** for Anna will be celebrated on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.** *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Thank you for your Generosity!

Oct 4, 2026

Regular: \$5027.50

Indigenous healing & Reconciliation: \$1,348.00

ITALIAN & SPANISH COMMUNITIES

Dalla Scrivania Del Parroco

Cari fratelli e sorelle in Cristo, Ogni domenica, durante la Santa Messa, siamo invitati a un banchetto quando il sacerdote dice: «Ecco l'Agnello di Dio, ecco colui che toglie i peccati del mondo. Beati gli invitati alla cena dell'Agnello». Il Vangelo di questa XXVIII Domenica (Matteo 22,1-14) ci ricorda che non si tratta di noi e dei nostri progetti, ma del nostro Signore e Re, che ci ha invitati al banchetto di nozze del suo Figlio unigenito. Ci stiamo preparando, tu ed io, con il giusto abito nuziale, affinché possiamo essere trovati degni di partecipare a questo sontuoso banchetto insieme a tutti gli eletti? «O Signore, non sono degno di partecipare alla tua mensa, ma di soltanto una parola e io sarò salvato». Amen.

Desde El Escritorio Del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, Cada domingo durante la Santa Misa, somos invitados a un banquete cuando el sacerdote dice: «Este es el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo. Dichosos los invitados a la cena del Señor». El Evangelio de este XXVIII Domingo (Mateo 22,1-14) nos recuerda que no se trata de nosotros ni de nuestros planes, sino de nuestro Señor y Rey, quien nos ha invitado al banquete de bodas de su Hijo unigénito. ¿Nos estamos preparando tú y yo con el traje de boda adecuado, para ser encontrados dignos de participar en este gran banquete junto con todos los elegidos? «Señor, no soy digno de que entres en mi casa, pero una palabra tuya bastará para sanarme». Amén.

GRAZIE in 10 lingue!

In questo lungo fine settimana del Ringraziamento, il nostro parroco desidera semplicemente dire: "Thank you, grazie, gracias, obrigado, salamat po, shokran, shukriya, asante, faleminderit, daalu."



¡GRACIAS in 10 idiomas!

En este fin de semana largo de Acción de Gracias, nuestro párroco simplemente desea decir: "Thank you, grazie, gracias, obrigado, salamat po, shokran, shukriya, asante, faleminderit, daalu."



Diamo il benvenuto al nostro seminarista del fine settimana!
"Ciao, mi chiamo Bryan Vazquez, ho 22 anni e attualmente sto discernendo la mia vocazione al sacerdozio presso il Seminario Missionario Redemptoris Mater dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto. Sono figlio unico e sono nato a Dallas, in Texas, negli Stati Uniti. Provengo da una famiglia messicana originaria di San Luis Potosí. Parlo sia inglese che spagnolo e sono grato per l'opportunità di continuare questo cammino di discernimento e di servire qui nella parrocchia di San Tommaso d'Aquino". Uniamoci tutti nel dare un caloroso benvenuto a Bryan nella nostra famiglia parrocchiale!

¡Demos la bienvenida a nuestro seminarista de fin de semana!
"¡Hola! Mi nombre es Bryan Vazquez, tengo 22 años y actualmente me encuentro discerniendo mi vocación al sacerdocio en el Seminario Misionero Redemptoris Mater de la Arquidiócesis de Toronto. Soy hijo único y nací en Dallas, Texas, USA. Provengo de una familia mexicana con raíces en San Luis Potosí. Hablo inglés y español, y estoy muy agradecido por la oportunidad de continuar este camino de discernimiento y servir aquí en la parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino". ¡Invitamos a toda nuestra comunidad a darle una cálida bienvenida a Bryan a nuestra familia parroquial!

Codice QR per i messaggi di auguri della Serata di Gala!



Scansionate il codice QR e registrate un videomessaggio di circa un minuto, indicando: 1) il vostro nome e cognome, 2) cosa rappresenta per voi la parrocchia di San Tommaso d'Aquino, 3) il vostro ricordo preferito o un momento speciale vissuto in parrocchia negli anni e 4) i vostri migliori auguri per i prossimi 100 anni. Ricordatevi di cliccare sul pulsante **"Agree"** (Accetto) e poi su **"Submit"** (Invia) per completare l'invio. Grazie mille!



Escanee el código QR y grabe un videomensaje de aproximadamente un minuto, compartiendo: 1) su nombre y apellido, 2) qué significa para usted la parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino, 3) su recuerdo favorito o algún momento especial vivido en la parroquia a lo largo de los años y 4) sus mejores deseos para los próximos 100 años. Recuerde hacer clic en el botón **"Agree"** (Acepto) y luego en **"Submit"** (Enviar) para completar el envío. ¡Muchas Gracias!

Gala del Centenario – Ultimo giorno per acquistare i biglietti!

Domenica 18 ottobre 2026 è l'ULTIMO GIORNO per acquistare i biglietti del Gala del Centenario. Tutti i biglietti devono essere acquistati entro questa data per consentirci di confermare il numero degli ospiti e completare i preparativi. **Per acquistare i biglietti, contattate Domenic al 647-929-1717.**

Gala del Centenario – ¡Último día para comprar entradas!

El domingo 18 de octubre de 2026 es el ÚLTIMO DÍA para comprar entradas para nuestra Gala del Centenario. Todas las entradas deben adquirirse antes de esta fecha para poder confirmar el número de asistentes y finalizar los preparativos. **Para comprar entradas, contacte a Domenic al 647-929-1717.**

CONTEGGIO DELLE PRESENZE ALLE MESSE DEL FINE SETTIMANA

Nell'ambito dell'indagine annuale dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto sulla partecipazione alla Messa, la nostra parrocchia effettuerà un conteggio di tutti i partecipanti alle Messe del fine settimana nei giorni: **17 e 18 ottobre 2026 e 24 e 25 ottobre 2026.** Gli uscieri e i volontari conteranno i presenti ad ogni Messa prefestiva del sabato e alle Messe della domenica. Grazie per la vostra collaborazione!

CONTEO DE ASISTENCIA A LAS MISAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA

Como parte de la encuesta anual de asistencia a Misa de la Arquidiócesis de Toronto, nuestra parroquia realizará un conteo de todas las personas que asistan a las Misas del fin de semana los días: **17 y 18 de octubre de 2026 y 24 y 25 de octubre de 2026.**

Ufficio Parrocchiale Chiuso – Giorno del Ringraziamento

L'ufficio parrocchiale resterà chiuso lunedì 12 ottobre 2026, in occasione della Festa del Ringraziamento.

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada – Día de Acción de Gracias

La oficina parroquial permanecerá cerrada el lunes 12 de octubre de 2026, con motivo del Día de Acción de Gracias.

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