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# November 29, 2026
# First Sunday of Advent

**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

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
**Fridays** 9:30am-10:15am.
**First Fridays** 7:30pm

**CONFESSIONS**
**Saturdays** 4:00pm or by appt.

**ANOINTING – UNZIONE – UNCION**
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 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Hall

**DEVOTIONS**
**Holy Rosary:** 8:25am Mon-Fri before Mass
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Wed. 9:00am Mass

**SICK CALLS**
Please call the office for visits or Communion visitations to the sick.

**BAPTISM - BATTESIMO - BAUTIZOS**
Call the office, **Three months** in advance/ Si 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




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**OFFICE HOURS**
**Mon, Wed & Fri:** 8:30am - 3:00pm
**Tue & Thu:** 10:30am – 5:30pm
**Mon-Fri Office Closed:** 12:00-12:30pm

**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 IN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
With every first Sunday of Advent, a new liturgical season, Year B, begins. Advent comes from the Latin "*Adventus*" ("an arrival", or simply "arrival"), a time of hopeful expectation of the arrival of both Christmas (our Lord's First Coming in humility) and Parousia (our Lord's *Second Coming in Majesty*). The Gospel reading of this first Sunday of Advent (Mark 13.33-37) encourages us to always stay awake and alert because our Lord will come at the least expected moment. Pray with me: "Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80). Amen. Have a blessed Advent week!

### THANK YOU

Thank you to our Centennial Gala Night Volunteers, Sponsors and Donors! May God bless and reward you abundantly. Amen. If you participated in the Gala Night and would like to share your best photo shots, please scan the QRC and share. Thank you very much.

### Bible Study - Fridays

Please join us for the Bible Study on Friday, **December 4 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!

### Christmas Lights, Carols and Refreshments!

On **Saturday, December 5 at 6:30pm**, we will be debuting an amazing parish Christmas tradition: Keep Christ in Christmas Lights (KCCL). Join us to listen to beautiful carols and enjoy some refreshment in the parish hall.

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – December 12, 2026

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m.**, followed by a procession and a reception in the parish hall. **To volunteer or become a sponsor**, please scan the QR. For more information, contact **Lupita Gómez** at stapservidoresfiestavguadalupe@gmail.com

### Christmas Novena – Invitation to Sponsor

We invite you to sponsor our Christmas Novena and support this beautiful tradition of faith and fellowship. To become a sponsor, please contact **Laurence Sabay** (Christmas Novena Coordinator) at byubs_sabay@yahoo.com. Thank you!

### Microfilming of Parish Sacramental Registers

Our parish sacramental registers will be unavailable from **December 4 to 11, 2026**, as they will be sent to the Archdiocese of Toronto Archives for microfilming. During this period, requests for sacramental certificates cannot be processed. If you require a certificate, please contact us in advance. Thank you for your understanding.

### 2027 Offertory Envelopes

Available for pickup. Some envelope numbers may have changed. **Do not begin using your new envelopes before January 1, 2027.** If you cannot locate your envelopes, please contact the parish office.

### Vocation Seeds -Archdiocese of Toronto

Advent calls us to be vigilant and live each day according to Christ's teachings. Could God be calling you to a Church vocation? If you feel called to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. David Twaddle, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, at 416-261-7207 ext. 801. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org. www.vocationstoronto.ca**

### MASS INTENTIONS – Nov 28th to Dec 4th 2026

**SAT. Nov. 28th– Saturday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**
**9:00am:** *†All Souls of the faithful departed*
**SUN. Nov. 29th– First Sunday of Advent**
**9:00am:** *†*
**10:30am:** *†*
**12:00pm: Parishioners of STA**
**2:00pm:** *†Dorys & †Simon Gil/ †Alvaro Ayala/ †Ana Orsini/ †Claudio and Rina LaRosa/ †Almas del Purgatorio/* Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Cesar Jimenez/
**6:00pm: Parishioners of STA**
**MON. Nov. 30th– St. Andrew, Apostle (Feast)**
**9:00am***: †*
**TUE. Dec. 1st – Tuesday of the First Week of Advent**
**9:00am:** *†Marina Carlota Moz/* Birthday blessings for Austin, Daniel Alexander Cammisuli
**WED. Dec. 2nd– Wednesday of the First Week of Advent**
**9:00am***: †*Georgina Maria Munguia/ +Krenija Poljak/ +Ana Piecha
**THU. Dec. 3rd– St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)**
**9:00am***: †Fabrizo Urbani/ + Francisco Javier Quijada/ +Mercedes Flamenco/* Birthday blessings for Francisca Gonzalez
**7:00pm***: †*
**FRI. Dec 4th– Friday of the First Week of Advent**
**9:00am:** *†Delia Obispo/ +Marsha Liala Lowery*
**7:00pm***: †*

### Thank you for your Generosity!

**Nov 1, 2026**
Regular: **$6,268.05**
**Nov 8, 2026**
Regular: **$5,514.25**
**Nov 15, 2026**
Regular: **$5,254.00 /** Shepherd's Trust: **$1,285.25**
**Nov 22, 2026**
Regular: **$5,776 /** Shepherd's Trust: **$239.00**

### 2027 Sunday Missals

The 2027 Sunday Missals are now available. As we begin a new liturgical year, we encourage everyone to obtain a copy to follow the Sunday readings and prepare for the celebration of Holy Mass.

# ITALIAN & SPANISH COMMUNITIES

## Dalla Scrivania Del Parroco

Cari fratelli e sorelle in Cristo,
Con ogni prima domenica di Avvento inizia un nuovo anno liturgico, l'Anno B. La parola Avvento deriva dal latino "*Adventus*" («venuta» o semplicemente «arrivo»). È un tempo di attesa piena di speranza, sia del Natale (la prima venuta di nostro Signore nell'umiltà), sia della Parusia (la *seconda venuta di nostro Signore nella gloria*). Il Vangelo di questa prima domenica di Avvento (Marco 13,33-37) ci incoraggia a rimanere sempre svegli e vigilanti, perché nostro Signore verrà nel momento in cui meno ce lo aspettiamo. Pregate con me: «O Dio, fa' che ritorniamo, fa' splendere il tuo volto e noi saremo salvi» (Salmo 80). Amen. Vi auguro una settimana di Avvento ricca di benedizioni!

## Desde El Escritorio Del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:
Con el primer domingo de Adviento comienza un nuevo año litúrgico. La palabra Adviento proviene del latín "*Adventus*" («venida» o «llegada»). Es un tiempo de espera llena de esperanza, tanto de la Navidad (la primera venida de nuestro Señor en humildad) como de la Parusía (la *segunda venida de nuestro Señor en gloria*). El Evangelio de este primer domingo de Adviento (Marcos 13,33-37) nos anima a permanecer siempre despiertos y vigilantes, porque nuestro Señor vendrá en el momento menos esperado. Oren conmigo: «Oh Dios, restáuranos, que brille tu rostro y nos salve» (Salmo 80). Amén. ¡Que tengan una bendecida semana de Adviento!

### GRAZIE DI CUORE!

Grazie a tutti i volontari, sponsor e donatori della nostra Serata di Gala del Centenario! Che Dio vi benedica e vi ricompensi abbondantemente. Amen. Se avete partecipato al Gala e desiderate condividere le vostre foto più belle, scansionate il codice QR. Grazie mille!

### Luci di Natale, canti natalizi e rinfresco!

**Sabato 5 dicembre, alle ore 18:30**, inaugureremo una bellissima tradizione natalizia parrocchiale: *Manteniamo Cristo nelle luci del Natale* (KCCL). Unitevi a noi per ascoltare splendidi canti natalizi e gustare un rinfresco nel salone parrocchiale.

### Festa di Nostra Signora di Guadalupe – 12 dic. 2026

Invitiamo a questa. La **Santa Messa alle ore 5:00pm**, seguita da una processione e da un rinfresco nel salone parrocchiale. Per partecipare come volontario o sponsor, scansionate il codice QR. e contattate **Lupita Gómez** all'indirizzo email stapservidoresfiestavguadalupe@gmail.com

### Novena di Natale – Invito agli Sponsor

Vi invitiamo a sponsorizzare la nostra Novena di Natale e a sostenere questa bella tradizione di fede e fraternità. Per diventare sponsor, contattate **Laurence Sabay** (Coordinatore della Novena di Natale) all'indirizzo byubs_sabay@yahoo.com. Grazie!

### Microfilmatura dei Registri Sacramentali Parrocchiali

I registri sacramentali della nostra parrocchia non saranno disponibili **dal 4 all'11 dicembre 2026**, poiché saranno inviati agli Archivi dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto per la microfilmatura. Durante questo periodo non sarà possibile elaborare richieste di certificati sacramentali. Se avete bisogno di un certificato, contattateci in anticipo. Grazie per la comprensione.

### Buste delle Offerte 2027

Sono disponibili per il ritiro. Alcuni numeri delle buste potrebbero essere cambiati. **Non utilizzate le nuove buste prima del 1° gennaio 2027.** Se non trovate le vostre buste, contattate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

### Semi di Vocazione – Arcidiocesi di Toronto

L'Avvento ci invita a essere vigilanti e a vivere ogni giorno secondo gli insegnamenti di Cristo. Dio potrebbe chiamarti a una vocazione nella Chiesa? Se ti senti chiamato al sacerdozio, alla vita religiosa o al diaconato, **contatta P. David Twaddle, Direttore delle Vocazioni dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto, al 416-261-7207 int. 801. Email:** vocations@archtoronto.org. www.vocationstoronto.ca

### ¡GRACIAS DE CORAZÓN!

¡Gracias a todos los voluntarios, patrocinadores y donantes de la Noche de Gala del Centenario! Que Dios los bendiga y recompense abundantemente. Amén. Si asistieron a la Gala y desean compartir sus mejores fotografías, escaneen el código QR. ¡Gracias!

### ¡Luces de Navidad, villancicos y refrigerio!

El sábado 5 de diciembre, a las 6:30 p. m., inauguraremos una hermosa tradición navideña parroquial: *Mantengamos a Cristo en las luces de Navidad* (KCCL). Acompáñennos a disfrutar de hermosos villancicos y un refrigerio en el salón parroquial.

### Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe – 12 de diciembre de 2026

Los invitamos cordialmente a esta celebración. La Santa Misa será a las 5:00 p. m., seguida de una procesión y un refrigerio en el salón parroquial. Para participar como voluntario o patrocinador, escaneen el código QR y contacten a Lupita Gómez a través del correo electrónico: stapservidoresfiestavguadalupe@gmail.com

### Novena de Navidad – Invitación a Patrocinadores

Los invitamos a patrocinar nuestra Novena de Navidad y apoyar esta hermosa tradición de fe y fraternidad. Para ser patrocinador, contacten a **Laurence Sabay** (Coordinador de la Novena de Navidad) a través del correo electrónico byubs_sabay@yahoo.com. ¡Gracias!

### Microfilmación de los Registros Sacramentales Parroquiales

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### Sobres de Ofrendas 2027

Ya los puede retirar. Algunos números de los sobres podrían haber cambiado. **No utilicen los nuevos sobres antes del 1 de enero de 2027.** Si no encuentran sus sobres, comuníquense con la oficina.

### Semillas de Vocación – Arquidiócesis de Toronto

El Adviento nos llama a estar vigilantes y a vivir según las enseñanzas de Cristo. ¿Podría Dios estar llamándote a una vocación en la Iglesia? Si sientes el llamado al sacerdocio, a la vida religiosa o al diaconado, **comunícate con el P. David Twaddle, Director de Vocaciones de la Arquidiócesis de Toronto, al 416-261-7207, ext. 801. Email:** vocations@archtoronto.org. **Sitio web:** www.vocationstoronto.ca

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