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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm ♦ closed 1pm to 2pm ♦ closed during all Masses

Daily Masses

Monday to Friday 8:00am and 7:00pm
Saturday 8:00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am ♦ 9:00am ♦ 10:30am
12:00pm ♦ 1:30pm ♦ 7:00pm

Sacrament of Confession

Morning: Monday to Saturday 30 min before Mass
Evening: Monday to Thursday 6:30pm - 6:50pm
Evening: Friday 6:15pm - 6:45pm
Evening: Saturday 4:00pm - 4:50pm

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Fridays 6:00pm-7:00pm

Devotions

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesdays after Masses
Our Lady of Velankanni Saturdays after 8:00am Mass
Precious Blood Thursdays at 9:00pm

Baptism

- ❖ Celebrated on the first and last Saturday of the month
- ❖ Information in the parish office or on website

Marriage

- ❖ Contact Parish Office at least one year in advance
- ❖ Information in Parish office or on website

Pastoral Care of the Sick & Homebound

- ❖ For Sacrament of the sick contact Parish Office
- ❖ For Holy communion contact: sfxlaypastoral@gmail.com

Rite of Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Faith

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Please contact: rciaministrysfx@gmail.com

Funerals

Death of a family member can be a very traumatic experience; pre-planning can ease the burden on the family. When death happens, please contact the parish and the funeral home.

The SFX Bereavement Team will walk with you as you grieve

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Finance Council
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Stewardship Committee

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Rosary Apostolate
St. Vincent de Paul
Legion of Mary

Parish Schools

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St. Valentine 905-890-0909
St. Veronica 905-696-6980
St. Francis Xavier S.S. 905-507-6666
St. Marcellinus S.S. 905-564-6614

Welcome New Parishioners To register please contact the Parish Office

THREE THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

FEAST DAY: JANUARY 28TH

1. Thomas was ridiculed as a young person.

Thomas was born in the family castle of Roccasecca midway between Rome and Naples, Italy—the youngest son of the knight Landulf of Aquino (thus the name “Aquinas”) in the High Middle Ages. At the tender age of five, he began his schooling at the famous Abbey of Monte Cassino where he was educated by the priests and monks of the Benedictine order of the Catholic Church. He was heavysset and slow of speech as a young person so some of his fellow students called him “the dumb ox.” Ironically, Thomas was anything but unintelligent. He would go on to prove himself a philosophical and theological genius. In fact, Thomas may have possessed the brightest mind in Christian history.

2. Thomas’s parents opposed his desire to become a Dominican priest.

The Dominican Order, also known as the Order of the Preachers (OP), was founded by St. Dominic de Guzman in 1219. At nineteen, Thomas decided to join the order, but it didn’t carry the prestige and influence as that of the Benedictines, with which Thomas and his family had been previously associated. The story is that his parents had him kidnapped and locked away to try to dissuade him of his choice in religious orders. Yet Thomas was deeply committed to becoming a priest and, after a year in captivity, his mother arranged for him to “escape” through a window and he went on to join the Dominican order.

3. Thomas had a powerful vision that made him give up his writing career.

While saying mass one day, Aquinas experienced a mystical vision that was so powerful it made him view everything he had written as “straw worthy to be burned.” His vision of heavenly realities left him thinking that he could not adequately describe the profound mysteries revealed in Christian theology. Although his masterpiece Summa Theologiae consists of some two million words, he left it unfinished when he died at 49 years of age.

Even people who are familiar with his life and thought may not know of these three events. Aquinas’s achievements as a Christian scholar mark him as one of the most advanced thinkers of his time and the rationality of historic Christianity is in part demonstrated by the remarkable thinkers the faith has produced through the centuries. Yet, he was also a man who faced challenges and difficulties in his life just like all of us.

Source (an excerpt): <https://reasons.org/explore/blogs/reflections/3-things-you-may-not-know-about-thomas-aquinas>

Archdiocesan Information

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

February 7th & 8th

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who serve in marriage ministries, whether in marriage preparation or marriage enrichment. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, Marriage Sunday was designated on the second Sunday of February each year (the weekend prior to the Family Day) In 2026, Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on February 7/8.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

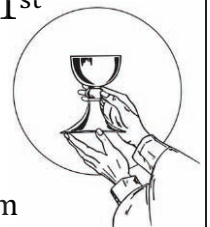
As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. For registration and other information: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>

Office of Vocations

February 27th to March 1st

COME & SEE

A weekend discernment retreat for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them



to discern the **PRIESTHOOD.**

Friday 6:30pm to Sunday 2:00pm

Meals & accommodations will be provided

St. Augustine's Seminary

Register now!

<https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee>

The Knights of Columbus

St. Francis Xavier Parish - Council 120667 is excited to host the Basketball Free Throw Contest for our parish students on January 31, 2026! Students aged between 9 to 14 years are welcome to participate, and winners will have the chance to advance to the district and state-level championships.



Scan the QR code for more information or please see the poster on the bulletin board or stop by to sign up on January 10th & 17th after Sunday Masses.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

CWL Contests and Awards

Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest

Students will develop public speaking & enhance confidence
February 22nd 2:30pm to 5:30pm ★ SFX Hall ★ Grades 7 & 8
Registration Deadline: February 13, 2026

Jean McCann Service Award (Ages 15 to 18)

For youth who serve the community & uphold the Gospel

Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Contest

themes reflecting the sanctity & dignity of human life
Intermediate Grades: 7 to 9 | Senior Grades: 10 to 12
Submission deadline: March 6, 2026



DETAILS & REGISTRATION: cwl.sandraserrao@gmail.com

2026 Pilgrimages

NORTHERN EUROPE | JULY 6 TO JULY 19TH | \$6498.00

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS: Denmark ★ Norway ★ Finland ★ Sweden
Rosenborg castle • Amalienborg Palace • Akershus Fortress
Karl Johans Gate • Flam village • Flam railway • Uppsala
Cathedral • Uspenski Cathedral and much more!

JAPAN - KOREA | SEP 21ST TO OCT 3RD | \$6699.00

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS: Chapel of Seitai • Akita city tour • Aoyagi
Samurai Manor • Soyangkang skywalk • Fuji Mount & more!

Spiritual Director: Fr. Joseph Nguyen

Info & details: janet.obs@gmail.com | 416-710-4061

SUNDAY HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 31, 2026

5pm Thanksgiving Abiola Attiko

Sunday February 1, 2026

7:30am Thanksgiving Gomes family

9am Thanksgiving

10:30am †Elma Fernandes

12pm Thanksgiving for favours granted

1:30pm Pro Populo

7pm †Francis & Bellis Fernandes

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday January 26, 2026

8am Thanksgiving Yinka Alabi

7pm †Mary Alfonso

Tuesday January 27, 2026

8am Thanks. Savio & Germaine Barretto

7pm †Joseph Bastiampillai

Wednesday January 28, 2026

8am †Rosalina Ong

7pm In honour of St. Anthony

Thanksgiving Roger & Myra Dela Cruz

Thanksgiving Catherine Labrooy

Special intention Dulce

†Abelardo Sapinoso

†Pamela Pinto

†Mary Wong Ah Wah

†Patrick Tan Kheng Hong

†Manickarajah

†Mary Alfonso

†Porfirio Canlas

Thursday January 29, 2026

8am †Amalia Bustamante

7pm †Rosary Apostolate members & families

Friday January 30, 2026

8am †Jose Capellan

7pm In honour of St. Anthony

Thanksgiving Shari Blackmore

Thanksgiving Pearl Ventour Weeks

†Caterina Macri

†David DeSouza

†Noel & Loretta Allis

†Arn Jr. & Timoteo Jr. Villagonzalo

†Nolan Po

Saturday January 31, 2026

8am †Aden D'Souza

CONGRATULATIONS FR. MARTIN PEREIRA!

Hello Friends,

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, (located at 3200 Thomas Street and Oscar Peterson) together with the Knights of Columbus, will be celebrating my **55th Ordination Anniversary** on Monday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. with a Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by fellowship in the hall. Yes—55 years! Proof that God has a great sense of humour... and a lot of patience!

Knights will also be organizing a Fourth Degree Honour Guard for the occasion—so expect a little pageantry and a lot of class.

You are warmly invited to join me, if you are able to, for this special celebration—and please stay afterward for fellowship in the hall.

Fr. Martin Pereira

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