



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 ~ YEAR A

Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

*'All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.'*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

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Saturday, May 16 5:00pm Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, May 17 10:00am for Tom McCool
for Fr. Charles Moser
for Mate & Elzbieta Kutlesa
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Mon, May 18 8am *St. John I, Pope*
for Christine Parker
Tue, May 19 8am for Elizabeth Kennedy
Wed, May 20 8am *St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*
for Gloria Christilaw
Thurs, May 21 8am *St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,*
& Companions, Martyrs ~ St. Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop
for Dick Neville
Fri, May 22 8am *St. Rita of Cascia, Religious*
for Louise & Frank Lescaik

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

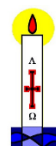
Saturday, May 23 5:00pm for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
for Barb Baker
for Christine Parker
Sunday, May 24 10:00am Missa Pro Populo
(*for ~ Deceased *int. ~ Special Intention-Living)

Please note We are running low on Mass Intentions. If you wish to request a Mass call the Parish Office or drop it through the Sunday Collection in a separate envelope clearly marked. Mass offering is \$10 each.

AIR CONDITIONING IN THE CHURCH

Once the weather dictates, we will be turning on the Air Conditioning. Please be aware of your seating in the church if you are susceptible to cooler air. You may bring a sweater to Mass or sit in a place that will not directly affect your comfort.

THE EASTER CANDLE



The Easter or Paschal Candle is a reminder of the presence of the Risen Christ among the people of God. It remains in the Sanctuary until Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP AND FOR USING E-TRANSFER

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Sunday Offertory ~ \$ 1,265.00
Offertory Loose ~ \$ 67.25
Building Fund ~ \$ 200.00
Building Fund Loose ~ \$ 5.00
Candle ~ \$ 44.00
Mother's Day Env's ~ \$ 50.00
Debt Elimination Appeal ~ \$ 1,385.00
Debt Appeal Loose ~ \$ 25.00

E-transfers May 4 to 10, 2026

Sunday Offertory ~ \$ 285.00
Building Fund ~ \$ 100.00
Debt Elimination Appeal ~ \$ 650.00

E-TRANSFER FOR WEEKLY DONATIONS thomasaquinasparishgift@gmail.com

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REMEMBER YOUR PARISH
Keep your love for your parish alive.
Remember St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

OUR PARISH GARDENS

The date to help us prepare and plant our Parish Gardens is **Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m.** Consider if you have an hour each week to water as needed. Also, if you are able at any time before planting, to come and clean out flower beds or tidy up the grounds, your help would be welcomed. Bring your gloves and a shovel. Please contact the Parish Office at 905-687-6971.

THE NEXT HOSPITALITY SUNDAY IS

Sunday, June 7, 2026



following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Hall

Everyone is invited to join with other parishioners from our parish for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

PARISH MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY

May 16/17 and May 23/24.

The Diocese of St. Catharines has asked that each parish in the Diocese perform an actual headcount of persons attending each regular Sunday Mass celebrated at the parish. This count includes all adults, children and infants. No personal information is required. The actual count will be taken as you enter on the weekends of May 16/17 and May 23/24.

YOUTH MINISTRY MONDAYS

at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Conquest Boys Club & Challenge Girls Club
Participants: Grade 6-9, Teen Leaders: Grades 10-12
JK-Grade 5 ~ age-appropriate activities provided

Information Sessions ~ open to all Families

May 18 and 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

for information contact Alexandra Gonzalez at
activitiesdiocese@gmail.com

See posters at entrances for further information.

CWL DESSERT & GAME SOCIAL

Wednesday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Tickets \$10.00 each (advance purchase only)

Bring your Cards & Games, Desserts, Door Prizes,
50/50 Draw ~ For tickets contact the Parish Office.

Tickets are also available following
all Weekend Masses until May 24.

Donations of door prizes, desserts and goodies can be brought to the Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 26 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. and on May 27 after 9:00 a.m. Proceeds to 'Out of the Cold' ~ Everyone Welcome!!

OUTDOOR ROSARY ~ WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

following the 8:00 a.m. morning Mass at the Grotto of our Church, every 3rd Wednesday of the Month starting in May through October, weather permitting.

World Communications Day Sunday, May 17

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. ~ Parish Hall

The Holy Name Society invites
all men in the parish join this meeting.

PARISH OFFICE SECURITY DOOR SYSTEM

When you visit the Parish Office, there is a new security door system installed. This new system allows for greater security to the Parish Office and Rectory. The system allows for verbal interaction with those outside and a buzz in access. A portion of this system was paid for through Ontario Grant Funds.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Here once again is the wonderful meaning of Mary's presence among us. Turning our gaze to her, like the first disciples, we are immediately directed to the reality of Jesus: the Mother points to the Son who is no longer physically among us but awaits us in the Father's house. Jesus invites us not to linger looking upwards, but to be united in prayer together, to invoke the gift of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, only those who are "born from on high", that is, from God's Spirit, have access to the Kingdom of Heaven (cf. Jn 3: 3-5), and the first to be "born from on high" was, precisely, the Virgin Mary. To her, therefore, let us turn in the fullness of Easter joy.

Pope Benedict XVI, Regina Caeli address, May 4/08

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS DEBT ELIMINATION APPEAL



The financial condition of the Parish is currently very concerning. At this time the Parish is \$100,000.00 in outstanding debt. The Finance Council, together with our Pastor, Fr. Chad Grennan, are launching a Debt Elimination Appeal. **This ongoing appeal is an extra initiative to eliminate this debt**, however, we must continue weekly offerings to support the financial commitments to run the church, rectory and other financial needs and unexpected costs of the parish. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called to support this appeal and the Parish. **Envelopes for the Debt Elimination Appeal are available at the entrances of the Church and can be given in the collection basket each week, you may also give through e-transfer.**

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS



This special collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. **Envelopes for this collection are available at the entrances or in your Sunday Offertory Box of envelopes, for collection this weekend.** Thank you for your generous support.

BISHOP'S APPEAL



For the first time, our Diocese is launching the Bishop's Annual Appeal: Hearts on Fire. Through this appeal, our Diocese is seeking to strengthen vital ministries, especially in youth and young adult outreach, and in evangelization and faith formation for people of every age and stage of life. So many today are searching for meaning, belonging, and hope. As a Church, we are called to walk with them—just as Jesus walked with the disciples—and help them encounter the living Christ. As a Diocese, we have a united goal of \$400,000. In the coming weeks, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called to support this mission. Together, we can help set hearts on fire with the love of Christ in our Diocese."

Hail Mary, full of Grace...