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St. Theresa's Parish

Shrine of the Little Flower

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SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday - 7 p.m. (St. Theresa Devotion & Benediction)

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Care of the Sick

Please contact the parish office for Visitation and/or Communion for the sick.

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday, Saturday, Sunday: Office is closed (Above Schedule Subject to COVID 19 Changes)

Weekend Parking Availability

- 1. Church parking is limited. Please park within the lines;
- Scarborough Cres. (dead end street in front of the church)east side only;
- 3. Kingston Rd. north and south sides on weekends;
- 4. Midland Ave. east and west sides near John Leslie School;
- 5. Kelsonia Ave. north side (east of Scarborough Cres. only);
- 6. Certain parts of the residential area south of the church;
- 7. No Frills Plaza. (If shopping after mass).

Please ensure that you always observe the parking signs.

SIGN UP! We encourage parishioners to sign up on our parish website to receive an electronic copy of the parish bulletin or be notified of important parish announcements

Confessions

Friday: 6:30PM; Saturday: 4:30PM; Sunday: 9:30AM & 11:30AM. (Begins 30 minutes before Mass and ends 10 minutes before the Mass)

Baptisms

Every Fourth Sunday of the month Preparation Class - By appointment only

Weddings

Couples planning to be married should contact the priest one year in advance.

A marriage preparation course is mandatory.

Parish Schools

St. Theresa's Shrine School - 416-393-5248
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Welcome to St. Theresa Church, Shrine of the Little Flower, whether

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 30

Saint Andrew

7:00 pm ⊕ Erline Bonifacio Ebron (Josefina Villapando)

Wednesday, December 1

7:00 pm Special Intention of Mary Tisseverasinghe & Johnpulle & family

⊕ For the Holy Souls & Deceased Members
of the Hayes family

Thursday, December 2

7:00 pm ⊕ Francisco Mauricio (Mering Mauricio)

- ⊕ Vicenta Villapando (Josephine Villapando)

Friday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier

7:00 pm ⊕ Deceased Members of the Tisseverasinghe and JohnPulle Family

Saturday, December 4

5:00 pm ⊕ John & Violet Chen (Joyce Chen)

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am ⊕ Norma Cifra

12:00 noon ⊕ James McBrearty (Shirley McBrearty)



Let Us Pray

For Our Sick

Helen Mckechnie Linda Rodgers, Leticia Tan Ching, Hal McCullough, Valerie Trutwein, Anton & Bobby Melchers, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny & Pamela Dupley, Adam Jane Villalon, Shirley Baker, Madeleine Franco, Sophy McDonald, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszel, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, Elizabeth Callaghan, James Halder, Phyllis Randolph, Karlos Ebcas

For Our Deceased: Norma Cifra, James Musselman

Click <u>here</u> to register to attend Sunday Mass in person or call the parish office for assistance. To attend Mass online, <u>click here.</u>



Advent Prayer

Week 1: FAITH

Light one purple candle

God, we are blessed with the gift of faith, and we thank you for that gift. As we light this candle, help us to trust in you and say "yes" to you with all our hearts. Amen.

Today is the beginning of the Advent Season

Advent has a two-fold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to His second coming at the end of the ages. It is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's gospel has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles' present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday, December 8 at 7 PM

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. Blessed Be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Our Mother

A feast dedicated to Mary's conception first appeared in the 7th century and by the 12th century it was firmly established in England. In the 13th century,



great thinkers such as St Bernard and St Thomas Aquinas debated where Mary could have been born without original sin if, as St Paul says, all persons are bon in sin (Romans 5.12) By the 19th century, the theological debate was resolved and in 1854 Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. In 1846, the Catholic Church of the United States declared this to be its patronal feast.

SIGN-UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



On Friday, December 3rd, Adoration will start at 2PM and end with novena to the Sacred Heart & Benediction at 6:40PM. Those who wish to sign up and join Adoration Ministry may call the parish office.



Message from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

In the month of October there were 46 calls to our SSVP Helpline and we mailed out \$1895 in Food Voucher Assistance. The volume of calls in November has increased significantly, and we anticipate that our bill this month will be closer to \$2100.

48 households have registered for Christmas Assistance and we project that the final number will be over 85.

We know that it is through your continued prayers and most generous support that we at SSVP are able to continue to send food vouchers to our neighbours in need.

with Grateful Hearts your Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Knights of Columbus will hold its Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members on Saturday, Dec. 4th at 9AM. It will be followed by the hoisting of 'Keep Christ in Christmas' banner outside the church.

The Knights of Columbus' 50/50 Raffle is drawn at the end of each calendar quarter. The next draw is on December 31, 2021. Click here to buy tickets: https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=10435.

Each time you use this link St. Theresa's Council get credited with the sale.

Thank You for your generous support to the parish!



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🕈 Christmas Schedule 🦙



Friday, December 24

5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 pm – Christmas Night Mass

Saturday, December 25 The Nativity of Our Lord



10:00 am – Christmas Day Family Mass 12:00 noon – Christmas Day Mass



New Year Schedule



Friday, December 31

5:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10 am & 12 noon - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

NO 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 25 & Jan 1. NO 7:00 pm Mass on Friday, December 31.

Why Parish Registration is Important

Receiving Sacraments: If you plan to receive the sacrament of Matrimony, or if your child is due to receive the sacraments of Baptism or Holy Communion or Confirmation, you must be a registered member of St. Theresa's Parish and be attending Mass for a minimum of 4 months. It is also important that you use Offertory envelopes. Using envelopes help Fr Simon know that you attend Mass regularly.

Letter of Reference/Recommendation: If you require a Pastoral Reference Letter to attest to the faithful practice of your Faith, you (not your parents) must be a registered member of our parish and be using Offertory envelopes for 1 year.

Please visit or email the Parish Office to register.

If you have any questions regarding **Pre-Authorized Giving or Online Donations using Credit Card,** the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to assist. Please call: 416-934-3400, ext. 540.

The Offertory Envelopes will be Available 2nd week of December.

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