# St. Theresa's Parish

Shrine of the Little Flower

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#### 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;

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- 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



## SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

#### **Confessions**

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

#### <u>Baptisms</u>

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 St. John Henry Newman Catholic School - 416-393-5519 TCDSB - 416-222-8282 ext. 5314

#### Archdiocese of Toronto

416-934-0606 • www.archtoronto.org

#### Parish Outreach Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 416-261-7498 ext. 4

Welcome to St. Theresa Church, Shrine of the Little Flower, whether you are a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you have not registered or would like to update your registration information, please fill out this form, cut and drop in the Offertory basket or send to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Email:

□ New Parishioner □ New Address □ New Phone #
 □ Request Offertory Envelope □ Pls Unregister
 □ Interested in volunteering? Please call the office.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Tuesday, December 14 Saint John of the Cross

7:00 pm Thanksgiving of Pert & Rosita Manosca Healing of Luke Turino *(Silvana & John Turino)* 

#### Wednesday, December 15

7:00 pm ⊕ Areopagita Agorilla *(Claire Barrozo)* ⊕ Fr. Angelico Valeriote *(Jovit & Ivy de los Reyes)* 

#### Thursday, December 16

7:00 pm Birthday of Francelia Cupada Ampioco (Ampioco Family) Tomas N Hashim (May Tiongson & family)

#### Friday, December 17

7:00 pm 🕆 Barbara Smith (Mary Anne Hoyle)

- Martin Baptiste (Pearl Anthony)
  - ✤ Vineeta Fredrick (Pearl Anthony)

#### Saturday, December 18

5:00 pm Thanksgiving Aida Go & Family

#### Sunday, December 19

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am ⊕ Carmelo Cornacchia (Incoronata Cornacchia) 12:00 pm ⊕ 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, Madeleine Franco, Sophy McDonald, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszel, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, Elizabeth Callaghan, James Halder, Phyllis Randolph, Karlos Ebcas

#### PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAY.

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

## REGISTRATION FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!

### <u>Advent Prayer</u>





Light the pink & the 3<sup>rd</sup> candle

God, as we light these candles, we thank. you for all the blessings in our lives. You have done great things for us. In you we find faith, hope and joy. We thank you especially for the gift of our family and the joy we share. Amen

The **third candle**, usually for the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally Pink, and symbolizes **Joy** at the Advent of the Christ. It marks a shift from the more solemn tone of the first two Sundays of Advent that focus on Preparation and Hope, to a more **joyous atmosphere of anticipation and expectancy**. The Shepherds, as the symbol for the third Sunday, brings to mind the joy of the proclamation made to them in the fields, and the adoration expressed as they knelt before the Child at the manager.

> Excerpts from <u>The Season of Advent</u> by Dennis Bratcher, www.cresourcei.org

#### Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Provide an Update on Delegation to Rome

After careful assessment of the uncertainty and potential health risks surrounding international travel amid the recent spread of the Omicron variant, the Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami have jointly decided to reschedule a delegation to the Vatican in December 2021 to the earliest opportunity in 2022.

The decision to postpone was a heartbreaking one, made after careful consultation with delegates, family members, community leaders, public health officials and the leadership of each of the three National Indigenous Organizations. Particularly for many elderly delegates as well as those who live in remote communities, the risk of infection and the fluid nature of the evolving global situation presents too great a threat at this time.

We take comfort in the desire, conveyed to us by the Holy See, that the safety of the delegation should inform any decision to move forward. It is also important to note that the delegation is postponed not cancelled.

Currently, the world's health experts are still learning about the transmissibility of the Omicron variant. As more information becomes available, we will continue to assess the feasibility of future travel plans, based on guidance from the Canadian government and relevant international authorities.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule			
DATE	CELEBRATION	TIME	REMARKS
Friday Dec. 24, 2021 <i>Office closed at noon</i>	Vigil of Christmas	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
		10:00 PM	Christmas Night Mass
Saturday Dec. 25, 2021 <i>Office is closed</i>	Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
		12:00 PM	Christmas Day Mass
Sunday Dec. 26, 2021 <i>Office is closed</i>	Feast of the Holy Family	10:00 AM	Regular Sunday Mass
		12:00 PM	Regular Sunday Mass
Tuesday Dec. 28, 2021 <i>Office is closed</i>	Feast of the Holy Innocents	7:00 PM	Weekday Mass and Devotion to St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Wednesday Dec. 29, 2021	Octave of Christmas	6:45 PM	Weekday Mass and Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Thursday Dec. 30, 2021	Octave of Christmas	6:45 PM	Weekday Mass and Devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus
Friday Dec. 31, 2021 <i>Office closed at noon</i>	Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	5:00 PM	New Year's Eve Thanksgiving Mass
Saturday Jan. 1, 2022 <i>Office is closed</i>	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Mass
Sunday	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	10:00 AM	Regular Sunday Mass
Jan. 2, 2022 <i>Office is closed</i>		12:00 PM	Regular Sunday Mass

There will be NO 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 25th and January 1st.

There will be NO 7:00 PM Mass on Friday, December 31st.

January 1st (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) is a holy day of obligation.

The Parish office will be CLOSED on December 27, 28, 2021 and Jan. 3, 2022 in observance of Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day falling on the weekend.

Continuation...

Our shared commitment to walking together towards healing and reconciliation remains strong. We understand that the Holy See is very much committed to rescheduling this visit in the new year and we look forward to the opportunity for Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth to participate in private meetings with Pope Francis.

Advent is a time for us to reflect on our relationship with God and to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. That makes it an ideal time to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

> CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE Friday:6:30PM; Saturday: 4:30PM;

Sunday: 9:30AM & 11:30AM. (Begins 30 minutes before Mass and end 10 minutes before the Mass)



### ALTAR SERVERS

We are able to resume having Altar Servers at Sunday Mass again. We can only have a maximum of 3 servers per

mass; servers will sit 3 metres apart and must be masked. Additionally, servers must be vaccinated. If you want to serve talk to Fr Simon after Mass.



# Offertory Envelopes for 2022 are available at the back of the church.

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