

# St. Theresa's Parish

## Shrine of the Little Flower

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*Pastor: Rev. Fr. Simon de Gale*  
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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, 2:00 to 6:00 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:  
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon & 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Saturday, Sunday: Office is closed  
(Above Schedule Subject to Change)

### Weekend Parking Availability

1. Church parking is limited. Please park within the lines;
2. 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  
St. John Henry Newman Catholic School - 416-393-5519  
TCDSB - 416-222-8282 ext. 5314

### Archdiocese of Toronto

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### 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.*

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

**Please remember your Parish in your Will**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Tuesday, December 13

**Saint Lucy**

7:00 pm Special Intentions for Ken & Gloria Ritchie  
(*The Brennans*)

### Wednesday, December 14

**Saint John of the Cross**

7:00 pm

### Thursday, December 15

7:00 pm

### Friday, December 16

7:00 pm † Tomas Hashim (*Maria Tiongson*)  
† Robert Libero (*Francis Tameta*)

### Saturday, December 17 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday, December 18

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

10:00 am † Leticia Go-Liao (*Villela Family*)  
12 noon For Parishioners of St Theresa's



## Let Us Pray FOR THE SICK

Maria Ferrerira, Norma Salmingo, Judy Discutido, Vic Walker, Norman Garcia, Conchita & Del Laranang, Susan Tighe, Vivian Potter, Carmelina Aquino, Madeleine Franco, Paul & Monica Brewster, Nadia Moalic-Gagnon, Vesca Isaef, Bobbi Melchers

### DECEASED

Marion Gram, Michael James Brighton

## Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

### Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

### Holy Days of Obligation

Please remember that **Christmas Day (Nativity of the Lord) & New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)** are holy days of obligation. As Catholics, we are obliged to attend Holy Mass on these days, just like Sundays.

## Advent Prayer

Week 3: Joy



**"Light the pink candle for the third Sunday  
of Advent—Gaudete Sunday: Rejoice Sunday."**

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



*Christmas  
and New Year Schedule*



<i>Tuesday</i> <b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>7:30 PM, ADVENT CONFESSIONS</b> Six priests will be available to hear confessions immediately following the 7 PM Mass. No Novena to St Therese.
<i>Friday</i> <b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>6:45 PM Devotions, 7 PM Mass</b> Office is Closed at noon in observance of Christmas Eve.
<i>Saturday</i> <b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>5 PM, CHRISTMAS EVE MASS</b> <b>10 PM, CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS</b>
<i>Sunday</i> <b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>10 AM, CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b> <b>12 NOON, CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b>
<i>Monday</i> <b>Dec. 26</b>	<b>10 AM, ST. STEPHEN'S MASS</b> Office is Closed in observance of Christmas Day.
<i>Tuesday</i> <b>Dec. 27</b>	<b>7 PM, Mass &amp; Novena to St Therese</b> Office is Closed in observance of Boxing Day
<i>Friday</i> <b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>6:45 PM Devotions, 7 PM Mass.</b> Office Close at noon in observance of New Year's Eve.
<i>Saturday</i> <b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>5 PM (Vigil Mass), SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>
<i>Sunday</i> <b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>10 AM &amp; 12 NOON, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>
<i>Monday</i> <b>Jan. 2</b>	Office is Closed in observance of New Year's Day

**RELIGIOUS ITEMS FOR SALE****December 17 & 18, 2022**

Saturday/Sunday, December 17/18 at the 5 PM, 10 AM & 12 NOON Masses there will be a “**fire sale**” of all the gift shop items before and after the Masses. Items will be sold in the foyer of the Church as usual.

**COLLECTION REPORT****December 3 & 4, 2022**

Offertory	2,080.95
Offertory Pre-Authorize Giving (PAG)	315.62
Renovation	1,329.00
Renovation Pre-Authorize Giving (PAG)	117.87
Donations for Advent booklet	40.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Baptism	150.00
Funeral	300.00
Donation: Catholic Cemeteries	150.00
Christmas Offering	20.00
Flowers for Christmas	45.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION:</b>	<b>4,598.44</b>
Weekly Collection Budget	4,500.00
(to break-even with overhead)	
<b>SURPLUS: \$</b>	<b>98.44</b>
<b>Sunday Missals</b>	
18 books @ \$5	89.60
<b>Archdiocese Collection</b>	
World Mission Sunday	10.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION: \$</b>	<b>10.00</b>

**Support the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)**

Between August and October 2022, the members of our St. Theresa's SSVP responded to an average of 56 calls per month (an increase of 27% over the same months in 2021). During November, regular calls combined with requests for Christmas assistance brought the month's total to over 80. It has been your generous and faithful support that has allowed us to distribute \$2500 in food vouchers each month, at a time when so many are struggling.

Requests for Christmas assistance continue to be left on our phone line. Our 'neighbours in need' tell us how grateful they are for the help that your donations make possible whether at Christmas or throughout the year.

We believe that we can and do make a difference and we thank you for your generous support, which makes that 'difference' possible.

**Praying with the Life of Sr. Faustina Kowalska****Monday, January 30, 2023 – 9 AM to 3 PM****Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre****2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering**

A day of reflection open to men and women. While most Catholics are familiar with the Icon of the Divine Mercy which is found in most parishes, less known is the life of Sr. Faustina, an obscure Polish nun, whom Jesus used to proclaim God's infinite mercy for all who desire to receive it. Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and Mass along with program. REGISTER: [manresa-canada.ca](http://manresa-canada.ca) CONTACT: [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca) PHONE: 905-839-2864

**Guidelines on the Use of Envelopes**

**Offertory Envelopes for 2023** are available at the back of the church. **Please make sure you take the right box that has your name on it.** To make sure your donations are posted accurately, and to ease the work of our volunteers who count your donations, kindly take note of the following:

1. Always indicate the amount of your donation on the envelope;
2. At least, for the first month, always write your name and contact information on the envelope;
3. If you have been away for some time, and you want to make your donation for the week(s) missed, please put the entire amount only in one envelope, using the most current-dated one.
4. For Special Collections, always indicate your envelope number. If you do not have pre-numbered envelopes, make sure you write your name and address.
5. If you forgot to bring your envelope, you may use the pink envelope and write your envelope number or your name, address and donation amount.
6. Do not use staples or glue, nor too much tape or stickers.
7. **Starting January 2023, do not use any of your 2022 or previous years' envelopes anymore, especially if your number has changed.** Using them would cause confusion with the data entry, and your donation may not be posted under your name. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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