

# St. Theresa's Parish

## Shrine of the Little Flower

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*Pastor: Rev. Fr. Simon de Gale*

*Deacon: Rev. Mr. Peter Lovrick*

*Secretary: Maria Ciela Sarmiento*



### Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) - 5:00 PM  
Sunday - 10:00 AM & 12:00 noon

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday – 7 PM (*St. Theresa Devotion & Benediction*)  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 7:00 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

### Care of the Sick

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

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday  
9:00 AM – 12 noon & 1:00 – 4:30 PM  
Office is closed on Saturday, Sunday & Holidays  
**(Above Schedules are 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: 6:30 PM; Saturday: 4:30 PM;  
Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM.  
(Begins 30 minutes before Mass and ends 10 minutes before the Mass)

### Baptisms

By Appointment  
Preparation Class Required

### 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

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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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 Interested in volunteering? Please call the office.

**Please remember your Parish in your Will**



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Tuesday, December 12**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

- 7:00 pm † Jovita Cericos (*Josefina Villapando*)
- † Vicente Villapando (*Josefina Villapando*)
- † Alfredo Almero (*Mary Taylor & Family*)
- † All Souls in Purgatory (*Joson Family*)

**Wednesday, December 13**

**Saint Lucy**

- 7:00 pm † Maria Villapando (*Josefina Villapando*)

**Thursday, December 14**

**Saint John of the Cross**

- 7:00 pm Special Intention for Alexandro Macatangay  
(*Steve Benedetti*)

**Friday, December 15**

- 7:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, December 16 (Vigil Mass)**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

- 5:00 pm † Tomas N. Hashim (*Maria Tiongson*)

**Sunday, December 17**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

- 10:00 am For the Parishioners of St Theresa's Church
- 12:00 noon † Leo & Margaret D'Cruze (*Ignatius Bilash D'Cruze*)



*Let Us Pray*

**FOR THE SICK**

Alexandro Macatangay, Maureen Seguin, Colleen Mills, Ed Tan, Rene Sagolili, Phyllis Bowden, Earl Villareal, Patrick Wallington, John Facchini, Sally Baker, Irene Barnes, Belinda Lobo, Edward Ramit, Margaret Wilson, Norma Salmingo, Judy Discutido, Susan Tighe, Vivian Potter, Carmelina Aquino, Paul & Monica Brewster

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. **If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call:**

Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations  
Archdiocese of Toronto

416-968-0997: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Advent Prayer**



**Week 2: Hope**  
Light the 2<sup>nd</sup> Purple Candle

God, in faith we find hope.

As we light the candles of faith and hope, we remember and believe in your promises to us. We give you all our struggles this day. May we always find our hope and help in your Son, Jesus. Amen.

**Christmas and New Year Schedule**

DATE AND TIME	FEAST/ PARISH EVENT	NOTES
Tuesday <b>DEC. 19</b> 7:30PM	<b>Advent Parish Confessions</b> 9 Priests available	St Therese Novena is cancelled
Saturday <b>DEC. 23</b> 5PM Vigil Mass	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	12NOON Mass is cancelled
Sunday <b>DEC. 24</b> 10AM Mass		
Sunday <b>DEC. 24</b> 5PM Mass	<b>Christmas Eve Masses</b>	Holy Day of Obligation
10PM Mass		
Monday <b>DEC. 25</b> 10AM Mass	<b>Christmas Day Masses</b>	Parish Office is Closed.
12NOON Mass		
Tuesday <b>DEC. 26</b> 10AM Mass	<b>St Steven's Mass</b>	7PM Mass is Cancelled Parish Office is Closed.
Saturday <b>DEC. 30</b> 5PM Vigil Mass	<b>Solemnity of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	(No Dec 31, 5PM Vigil Mass for January 1)
Sunday <b>DEC. 31</b> 10AM Mass 12NOON Mass		
Monday <b>JAN. 1</b> 10AM Mass 12 NOON Mass	<b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>  <b>World Day Peace</b>	Holy Day of Obligation

We continue our Eucharistic Adoration schedule on Fridays from 12 Noon to 6 PM. Regular Mass Schedule begins on January 2.

# HAPPY 90th ANNIVERSARY!

FIRST OFFICIAL MASS AT ST THERESA'S CHURCH

December 10, 1933 - December 10, 2023



We are truly honoured to have His Grace, Archbishop Frank Leo this Sunday to celebrate the 12 NOON Mass in Thanksgiving, and to mark an important milestone in our parish.

Thank you and welcome to our church, Your Grace!

## The Beginnings

The original church which seated about 200 people was built with a Spanish motif and opened on December 10th, 1933 to serve about 25 families residing in the area. These families attended Mass at the chapel of St. Augustine's Seminary.

Archbishop Neil McNeil came to bless the Church and celebrated the first Mass on December 10, 1933 at 9:30 am.

Eye witnesses report that as the procession moved from Kelsonia Avenue to the Church that morning, they saw a single rose blooming in the snow beside the building. The Church was dedicated as a Shrine in honour of Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as St Therese the Little Flower, a very popular saint who had been canonized eight years earlier.

The Scarboro Foreign Missions looked after the church from July 1944 to November 1945.

The Parish Rectory was built in 1949, and the current Ave Maria Room was used as the Parish Hall.

## The New Church Building

The ongoing growth of the church community in the area necessitated building a larger Church. In May 1965, the original Church was demolished, and Masses and liturgical functions were moved back to St. Augustine's Seminary Chapel. It was built in the same Spanish-style as the original, seating 640, and was blessed by Archbishop Philip Pocock on June 12, 1966.

In October 2001, the church was honoured to be chosen to receive a visit from the Canadian Tour of the St. Therese Reliquary.

On December 13, 2015, the church was chosen to be one of the Holy Doors in the Archdiocese of Toronto during the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

## Present Days

Church attendance suffered in 2020 to 2021 due to coronavirus pandemic. It is slowly becoming a vibrant community again through strong spiritual traditions and devotional practices under St. Theresa's patronage.

## A Morning of Christmas Gift Wrapping with SSVP



St Theresa's SSVP invites all Confirmandi to join us in the Church Hall on **Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10:00 till 11:30 AM**, to help wrap gifts for those in our community who have asked for our assistance this Christmas.

Please call our SSVP Line (416-261-2498 ext. 4), leave your name and phone number and we will return your call with more details. **Parents are most welcome to join us as well, as are other students in the parish 13 years of age or older.**

## Donation Envelopes for 2024

The 2024 Donation Envelopes are now available for pick up at the back of the church. PLEASE NOTE THAT ENVELOPE HOLDERS NO. 301 TO 350 WERE ASSIGNED A NEW NUMBER. **PLEASE REMEMBER, DO NOT USE THE ENVELOPES BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024.**

Thank you for your constant generosity & support to our parish throughout the years. For those currently not using envelopes, but would like to use it for next year, please contact the parish office.

COLLECTION REPORT DECEMBER 2 & 3	
Offertory	2,522.40
Offertory Pre-Authorize Giving (PAG)	322.68
Renovation	897.25
Renovation Pre-Authorize Giving (PAG)	122.85
Online Donations	50.00
Candles	234.00
Mass Stipends	240.00
Flowers for Christmas	60.00
All Souls	45.00
Missals	56.00
Confirmation and First Holy Communion	75.00
Baptism	100.00
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$	4,725.18
Estimated Weekly Expenses	4,500.00
<b>Surplus: \$</b>	<b>225.18</b>
ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTIONS	
Shepherds' Trust	5.00
Marygrove	5.00

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Test: Month of November/December  
Contact Fr Simon for Test appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

First Test: Month of December  
Contact Fr Simon for Test appointment.  
Confession: Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30PM

### RECEPTION AFTER THE 12NOON MASS.

Kindly consider donating to help defray the cost of this event.

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