

# *St. Theresa's Parish Shrine of the Little Flower*

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Oh Come  
Let us Adore Him



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Monday, December 25**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

10 am For Parishioners of St Theresa's  
12 noon For Parishioners of St Theresa's

**Tuesday, December 26**

**Saint Stephen**

10:00 am † Robert & Margaret Simpson  
(Margaret and Frank Brewster)  
† Tomas N. Hashim (Maria Tiongson)

**Wednesday, December 27**

**Saint John**

7:00 pm † Lucille & George Summers (Mary Anne Hoyle)  
† Leandra Santos Corpuz (Grace Magtangob)

**Thursday, December 28**

**The Holy Innocents**

7:00 pm Thanksgiving for Angel & Carlos Antor for  
their Wedding Anniversary (Grace Magtangob)  
† Paula Santiago Sipin (Megan Festin)  
† Agnes Ujjala Mondal (Alias Lanny Mondal)

**Friday, December 29**

7:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory  
† James & Shirley McBrearty (Robertson Family)

**Saturday, December 30 (Vigil)**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

5:00 pm Special Intention of Pam Yee

**Sunday, December 31**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

10:00 am † Rita King  
12 noon For Parishioners of St Theresa's



*Let Us Pray*

**FOR THE SICK**

Carmelina Aquino, Mitchell Giblin, 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, Paul & Monica Brewster

**DECEASED**

Rita King, Dr James McGarragle

**Advent Prayer**



**Week 4: Peace**

Light 3 purple candles & 1 pink  
& 1 white candle in the centre

Jesus, be born in our hearts today and fill us with your love. As we light these candles, we celebrate your birth. You came into a world of darkness and sin to save us. Because of you, we are now called children of the light. Help us to live lives worthy of your love.  
Amen.



**Schedule  
Christmas and New Year**



DATE AND TIME	FEAST/ PARISH EVENT	NOTES
Sunday <b>DEC. 24</b> 10AM Mass	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	12NOON Mass is cancelled
Sunday <b>DEC. 24</b> 5PM Mass 10PM Mass	<b>Christmas Eve Masses</b>	
Monday <b>DEC. 25</b> 10AM Mass 12NOON Mass	<b>Christmas Day Masses</b>	Holy Day of Obligation Parish Office is Closed.
Tuesday <b>DEC. 26</b> 10AM Mass	<b>St Stephen'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>  World Day Peace	Holy Day of Obligation  Parish Office is Closed.

The Parish office will be CLOSED on Dec. 22 (noon), Dec. 25, 26, 29 (noon) 2023, and on Jan. 1, 2024.

## Guidelines on the Use of Offertory Envelopes



**Offertory Envelopes for 2024** are still 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:

8. Always indicate the amount of your donation on the envelope.
9. At least, for the first month, always write your name and contact information on the envelope.
10. 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.
11. For Special Collections, always indicate your envelope number. If you do not have pre-numbered envelopes, make sure you write your name and address.
12. If you forgot to bring your envelope, you may use the pink or "Love" envelope and write your envelope number or your name, address, and donation amount.
13. Do not use staples or glue, nor too much tape or stickers.
14. **Starting January 2024 do not use any of your 2023 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.

For those giving online, to update your credit card or banking information, please contact the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-934-3400 x 540.

**Thank you for your generosity toward St Theresa's Parish community. Your charitable tax receipt will be available first week of February 2024.**

## Thank you from SSVP

This year of 2023, our St. Theresa's Shrine Society of Vincent de Paul has returned to 'In-Person' visits to our neighbours in need. Our members completed approximately 40 visits per month between January and November, distributing an average of \$2204 per month in food vouchers to homes in need. This help has truly come from all of you who have donated to SSVP.

As well, with additional support from the Students, Staff and Families of our 2 schools, St. Theresa's Shrine Elementary and St. John Henry Newman High School, SSVP will distribute your Christmas gifts to more than 80 homes.

All of this has been made possible by you, our parishioners and donors who responded so generously during these difficult times. We truly believe that together, we 'can and do make a difference'.

We and those we serve thank you for your prayers and support.

May you and yours be blessed with Peace and Joy this Christmas.

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## Update on Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF)

On December 12, 2023, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

**Recipients include Aboriginal Legal Services located in Toronto, Ontario, that will receive \$538,000 to help fund their Indigenous family dispute resolution program called *Giiwedín Anang*.**

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

To learn more, visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation)



*Merry Christmas  
and Blessed New Year!*



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