

St. Theresa's Parish

Shrine of the Little Flower

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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
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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.

Name: _____
Address: _____
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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, January 2

Saint Basil

7:00 pm † For the Unborn (*Sanctity of Life*)
 † Rita King (*Judy Romero*)

Wednesday, January 3

7:00 pm † Anicia Bambao (*Bambao Family*)

Thursday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 pm Thanksgiving of Judy Romero

Friday, January 5

Saint John Newman

7:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Morena Albulin
 † Joan Summers (*Mary Anne Hoyle*)
 † All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 6

5:00 pm For All Parishioners at St Theresa's Church

Sunday, January 7

10:00 am Thanksgiving for the Support and Generosity of Parishioners
 12:00 noon Thanksgiving for the Support and Generosity of Parishioners



Today is the Feast of the Holy Family

Christians are urged to make of their home a *family church* in which the family members would find their sanctification. That is to be accomplished by putting Christ at the center of all individual and family life, by working and praying together. Let us again listen to the appeal made by Pope Paul VI to parents, in *Familiaris Consortio*, 60:

- ✓ Do you teach your children the Christian prayers?
- ✓ Do you prepare them, in conjunction with the priests for the sacraments that they receive when they are young: Confession, Communion & Confirmation?
- ✓ Do you encourage them, when they are sick, to think of Christ suffering, to invoke the aid of the Blessed Virgin and the saints?
- ✓ Do you say the family Rosary together...?
- ✓ Do you pray with your children, and with the whole domestic community, at least sometimes?

Your example of honesty in thought and action, joined to some common prayer, is a lesson for life and an act of worship of singular value. In this way you bring peace to your homes: *Pax huic domui*. Remember, it is thus that you build up the Church.

"A united family that follows these principles will more easily overcome the trials and difficulties it encounters on its way. In the faithful love of the parents, a gift ceaselessly to foster and safeguard, children can find the best conditions for their growth, helped by Jesus who 'increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man' (Luke 2:52)." - Pope John Paul II



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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org



New Year Schedule

DATE AND TIME	FEAST/ PARISH EVENT	NOTES
Sunday DEC. 31 10AM Mass 12NOON Mass	Solemnity of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	No Dec 31, 5PM Vigil Mass for January 1
Monday JAN.1 10AM Mass 12 NOON Mass	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God World Day Peace	Holy Day of Obligation Parish Office is Closed.

Best Wishes for a Blessed New Year of Happiness, Peace, and Prosperity!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2024

Of all the Marian feasts of the Church, this day dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, is the greatest. Drawing on scriptural and patristic sources, it celebrates Mary's role in the incarnation and in redemption. In this role, her special relationship with her son is emphasized and she is acknowledged as model of the Church.



Thank you!

- ♥ Thank you to Deacon Peter Lovrick, Deacon Peter Tram, the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ushers, and those who actively participate in the liturgies.
- ♥ Thank you to our Choir groups who provided beautiful music during our mass.
- ♥ Thank you to the Altar Guild who cleaned and decorated the church for Christmas. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for putting up the Creche & Christmas trees.
- ♥ Thank you to John Aldorasi, and the custodians Frank & Margaret for taking care of the church and ensuring that parish premises are clean and safe.
- ♥ Thank you to the Eucharistic Ministers who minister to the residents at Midland Gardens Care Community and Craiglee Nursing home.
- ♥ Thank you to the Office Volunteers, Eucharistic Adoration Group, and the Religious Store volunteers who have been very generous with their time and talent.
- ♥ Thank you to the Women's Group for organizing special events for the St. Theresa's community and for raising funds for the church.
- ♥ Thank you to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for helping St Theresa's community reach out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our community. We also thank the Knights of Columbus for their charity work.
- ♥ To all our parishioners and visitors of St. Theresa's Church, Thank You very much for celebrating Christmas with us, and for your generous Christmas offerings!

Fr. Simon will be away for the next two weekends of January 7 & 14.

Kindly welcome the supply priests for these weekends: Fr. Michael Corpus and Fr. Walter Werbylo from St Augustine Seminary.



2023 Charitable Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be available first week of February at the back of the church. The tax receipt you receive each year will result in charitable income tax credits. Unfortunately, most individuals and families do not use this annual tax credit which could result in a larger tax return. For more detailed information on tax credits from your charitable donations, please contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-934-3411.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes for 2024

Kindly start using your 2024 envelopes next weekend. Make sure to write your name and phone number on the envelopes, at least in the month of January. Always indicate the amount of your donation.



"Tolkien's Little Way"

Mass // Talk // Fellowship

Spiritus East Young Adult Ministry (Ages 19 - 35)

Our next ministry night will be at **St Barnabas Catholic Church (10 Washburn Way) on Wednesday, Jan 3rd, 2024 at 7pm**. Please join us for 7pm mass followed by a talk from Eden O'Brien. The talk will explore why Tolkien entrusts the central mission of the Lord of the Rings novel – the guarding and destruction of the Ring – to the most seemingly incapable characters: the Hobbits. For instance, why wasn't the ring entrusted to Aragorn, the skilled warrior and King? Or to any number of the immortal and powerful Elves? Indeed, why didn't the Great Eagles simply drop the ring into Mount Doom? Tolkien's decision to call on the powers of the littlest movers of middle-earth reflects a deep understanding that the circles of the world are often turned in a hidden way and by unexpected heroes. In addition to exploring these questions, this discussion will also reflect on Tolkien's approach in relation to the Catholic Tradition. Bring your friends and see you there!

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