

# 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

### EUCCHARISTIC 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 - 6:50 PM; Saturday: 4:30 - 4:50 PM

Sunday: 9-9:50 AM & 11:20 - 11:50 AM

### 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.

### RCIA

If you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the office.

### 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.*

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 17**

7:00 pm Thanksgiving for Emmanuel Madrigal (*Belen Bayawa*)  
 † Tomas N. Hashim (*Maria Tiongson*)  
 † Claude & Dorothy King (*Daphne King*)  
 † Anne Monaghan (*Pat & Carol Devine*)

**Wednesday, December 18**

7:00 pm Thanksgiving for Emmanuel Madrigal (*Belen Bayawa*)  
 Thanksgiving for Lily Alfonso (*Redemcion Albano*)  
 † Julieta Gerochi (*Angelo & Virginia Salazar*)  
 † Emile & Austin Tisseverasinghe (*Mary Tisseverasinghe*)

**Thursday, December 19**

7:00 pm Thanksgiving for Anne Pamela Lopez (*Lopez Family*)  
 Thanksgiving for Lily Alfonso (*Lourdes Bambao*)  
 Thanksgiving of Ramil Ampico  
 Thanksgiving for Emmanuel Madrigal (*Belen Bayawa*)

**Friday, December 20**

7:00 pm Thanksgiving for Lily Alfonso (*Teresa Kath*)  
 † All Souls in Purgatory  
 † Emile & Marieliese Tisseverasinghe (*Mary Tisseverasinghe*)  
 † James McBrearty (*Marian Robertson*)

**Saturday, December 21 (Vigil Mass)**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 5:00 pm † Rafael Franco Balda (*Madeleine Franco*)

**Sunday, December 22**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 10:00 am † Jose Mari Franco (*Madeleine Franco*)  
 12:00 noon Parishioners of St Theresa's Church



*Let Us Pray*

**FOR THE SICK**

Paul Pinnington, Dorothy Belins, Jim King, Rita Wojick, Aida Go, Adrian & Marcelle Britto, Joe Santoro, Derek Dalton, Gordon Giblin, Valerie Trutwein, Ariel Lingad, Paul & Vivian Potter, Sheila & Cedric Wilson, Gloria Sunico, David Deeson, Carmelina Aquino, Colleen Mills, Earl Villareal, John Facchini, Sally Baker, Irene Barnes, Margaret Wilson, Norma Salmingo, Paul & Monica Brewster

*Light A Sanctuary Candle*

*Offering: \$20.00*

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024**

Blessed Sacrament: Intention for Carmela Aldorasi  
 Blessed Virgin Mary: For the Soul of Joseph Chen

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



**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

**Join Us for the Holy Rosary  
During Advent!**

We invite you to gather with us to pray the Holy Rosary on Saturdays and Sundays throughout Advent.

The Rosary will begin 30 minutes before all the Masses.

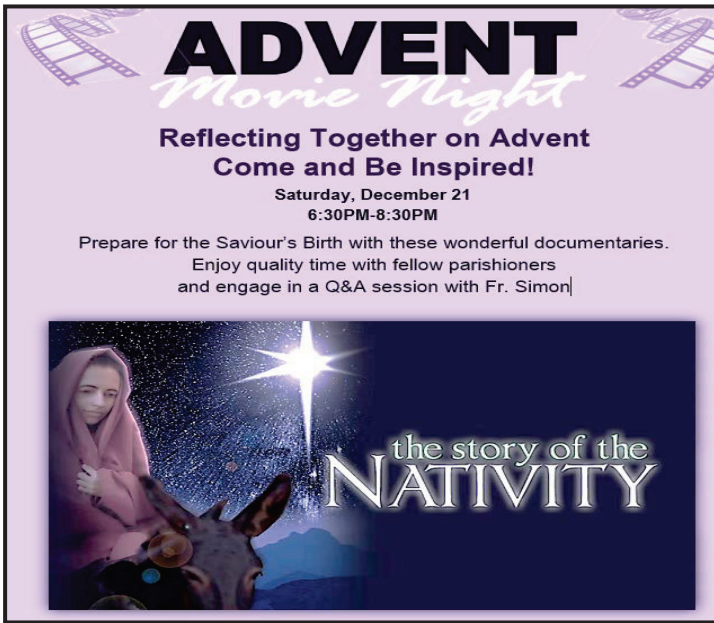
Let's come together in prayer and reflection. All are welcome!



**Christmas  
New Year Schedule**



DATE AND TIME	FEAST/ PARISH EVENT	NOTES
Tuesday <b>DEC. 24</b> 5PM Mass	<b>Christmas Eve Masses</b>	Parish Office is Closed.
10PM Mass		
Wednesday <b>DEC. 25</b> 10AM Mass	<b>The Nativity of The Lord</b> 	Holy Day of Obligation  Parish Office is Closed.
12NOON Mass		
Thursday <b>DEC. 26</b> 10AM Mass	<b>St Stephen's Mass</b>	7PM Mass is Cancelled. Parish Office is Closed.
Tuesday <b>DEC. 31</b> 5 PM Mass	<b>Solemnity of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	New Year's Eve Mass
Wednesday <b>JAN.1</b> 10AM Mass	<b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>	New Year's Day Mass No 12 NOON Mass Holy Day of Obligation




**ADVENT**  
*Movie Night*

**Reflecting Together on Advent  
Come and Be Inspired!**

Saturday, December 21  
6:30PM-8:30PM

Prepare for the Saviour's Birth with these wonderful documentaries.  
Enjoy quality time with fellow parishioners  
and engage in a Q&A session with Fr. Simon!



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**NATIVITY**

**Parish Jubilee Year of Prayer T-Shirts for Sale**

Support St. Theresa's Shrine Church by purchasing a Jubilee Year of Prayer T-shirt. To place an order or schedule a pick-up, call the parish office at 416-261-7498. Proceeds will help raise funds for the wall.



**Donation Envelopes for 2025**



The 2025 Donation Envelopes are now ready for pick up at the back of the church. PLEASE REMEMBER, DO NOT USE THE ENVELOPES BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025.

Contact the office if you wish to begin using envelopes or for more information on our **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)** or **online donations using credit card**.

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

**SSVP'S Annual Christmas Outreach**

St. Theresa Shrine's Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is still seeking donations to support our neighbors. Needed items include:

- ✓ **Cash or cheque donations**
- ✓ **\$25 PC or Walmart Gift Cards**

Please drop off your donation to an usher at any weekend Mass in November or return it to the parish office. Complete a grey Saint Vincent de Paul donation envelope for a tax receipt in February 2025. Thank you for your prayers and support!



**ADVENT CONFESSION  
AFTER 7PM MASS**

**This Tuesday, December 17**

**9 priests available  
Novena to St Therese  
Is canceled**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
and SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**First Test**  
Month of December  
Contact Fr Simon for Test appointment.

**The Spiritus Ministry**

Spiritus Ministry is a regional Young Adult Ministry serving those ages 19-39 in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Spiritus Ministry hosts monthly ministry nights centred on prayer, theology, social issues, fellowship, and catechesis. Our young adult ministry also has a focus on community building including social activities and outreach initiatives. We are currently in 6 regions of the archdiocese: **Central** (Downtown Toronto, Midtown, North York), **Durham** (Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby), **East** (Scarborough, East York), **North** (Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Newmarket), **West** (Brampton, Etobicoke, Mississauga), and **York** (Markham, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Vaughan). Please email [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) to find out more about Spiritus Ministry and other young adult initiatives.

**COLLECTION REPORT DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2024**

Parish Income	
Offertory	\$2,209.05
Pre-Authorized (Offertory & Renovation)	497.50
Mass Stipends	\$20.00
Renovation	\$125.00
Flowers for Christmas	\$815.00
Candles	\$341.00
<b>Total Weekly income</b>	<b>4,007.55</b>
Estimated Weekly Expenses	4,500.00
<b>Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-\$492.45</b>
Shrine Wall Project	
Weekly donation	\$70.00
Filipino Night Fundraiser	3,589.80
<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>28,453.05</b>
Archdiocesan Collections	
Sharelife	\$35.00



**Thank  
You**

Your generous offering for the Christmas Flowers will make our church beautiful and present a very festive spirit this Christmas. Thank you for your support.

Please help us reduce the spread of colds and flu this season. Please do not leave used tissue in the pews!  
Your co-operation in keeping our church clean will be greatly appreciated.



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