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ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

Special Intention for Xavier Nihal JohnPulle (*Mary Tisseverasinghe*)

Thanksgiving for Lily Alfonso (*Albano Family*)

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 pm For the People of St Theresa's Church

10:00 pm For the People of St Theresa's Church

Thursday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am For the People of St Theresa's Church

12:00 noon For the People of St Theresa's Church

Friday, December 26

Saint Stephen

10:00 am Thanksgiving of Mary Tisseverasinghe

Thanksgiving for Lily Alfonso (*Teresa Kath*)

Saturday, December 27 (Vigil Mass)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 pm † Jimmy & Shirley McBrearty (*Robertson Family*)

Sunday, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:00 am † All Souls in Purgatory (*Racquel Diaz*)

12:00 noon Parishioners of St Theresa's Church



Let Us Pray FOR THE SICK

Emily Cooper, Carmelina Aquino, Teresa Kath, Ashley Brewster, Jim King, Trina Ryan, Sophy McDonald, Sean Hayes, Baby Corazon de Villa, Emily Cooper, Margaret Swain, Minda Elehino, Jan Melchers, Adrian & Marcelle Britto, Gordon Giblin, Paul Potter, Sally Baker, Norma Salmingo

Light A Sanctuary Candle

Offering: \$20.00

DECEMBER 21-27, 2025

Blessed Sacrament:

† Anna Recinto

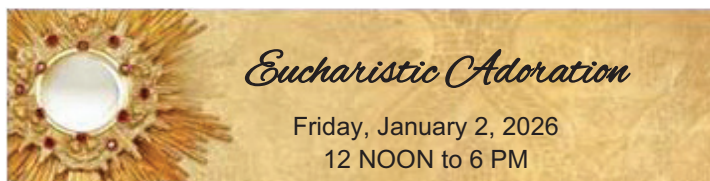
Blessed Virgin Mary:

Thanksgiving of Baby San Juan & Family



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 2, 2026
12 NOON to 6 PM



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.



Christmas & New Year Schedule



DATE AND TIME	FEAST/ PARISH EVENT	NOTES
Wednesday DEC. 24 5PM Mass	Christmas Eve Masses	 Holy Day of Obligation
10PM Mass		
Thursday DEC. 25 10AM Mass	Christmas Day Masses	Holy Day of Obligation
12NOON Mass		
Friday DEC. 26 10AM Mass	St Stephen's Mass	Exposition & 7PM Mass are Cancelled
Saturday DEC. 27 5PM Vigil Mass	Solemnity of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
Sunday DEC. 28 10AM Mass 12NOON Mass		
Wednesday DEC. 31 5PM Vigil Mass	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God <i>World Day Peace</i>	Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday JAN. 1 10AM Mass (No 12NOON Mass)		




Closing Mass

for the Holy Year of Jubilee

You're Invited! Join the Closing Mass of the Holy Year of Jubilee on Sunday, **December 28, 2025, at 5:00 PM at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:30–4:45 PM. Details on local and regional celebrations at designated pilgrimage churches will be announced soon.

Marriage Sunday 2026

Join us for a special Mass with **Bishop John Boissonneau** honoring married couples, especially those celebrating **25, 40, 50, 60+ years** in 2026.

 **Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026** |  **2:30 pm**

 **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto**

Couples will renew their marriage vows during the Mass. Reserved seating for milestone anniversaries. Register and learn more at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Donating Securities to St Theresa's Shrine Church

One of the most financially sound ways to support St Therese Parish is the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of your Parish.

To learn more about gifting securities and how you can make an impact for the tax year, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 or visit bit.ly/ArchTOGiftsofSecurities.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. 2026 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2026 are available at the church entrance. Please pick up the box labeled with your name. To request for envelopes, **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), or online donation options, kindly contact the parish office.**

2. TIPTAP Debit/Credit Card Giving

If you would like to make a gift to the parish using your debit or credit card, a donation device is available in the foyer. Simply tap your card on the device—quick and easy!

3. Let's Keep Our Church Healthy and Welcoming

As we enter cold and flu season, please dispose of used tissues properly—do not leave them in the pews. Kindly refrain from bringing food or drinks into the church.

4. Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The parish office will be **closed** on the ff dates:

- **December 24** (closing at noon)
- **December 25 & 26**
- **December 31** (closing at noon)
- **January 1, 2026**

MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our parish conference of the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul is **most grateful to all of you who through your prayers and generous donations have helped us to make Christmas brighter this year for 93 households** in need in our local community, including families with a total of 36 children. 15 of these families received Christmas baskets of food and gifts donated by the students and staff of our two parish schools - St. Theresa Shrine Elementary School and St. John Henry Newman Secondary School. Our SSVP took care of the remaining families, as well as the many adults-only households. In addition, 6 families who needed help right away received a regular home visit and SSVP vouchers this month. None of this would have been possible without your help.

We at SSVP wish all of you and your loved ones a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

COLLECTION REPORT DECEMBER 13 & 14

Offertory (<i>incl. \$120 TipTap</i>)	2,854.20
Pre-Authorized (<i>Offertory & Renovation</i>)	600.00
Renovation Fund	315.00
Mass Stipends	220.00
Candles (<i>Incl. \$95 TipTap</i>)	299.25
Christmas Flowers	740.00
Christmas Offering	410.00
Total Weekly income \$	5,438.45
Estimated Weekly Expenses	4,500.00
Deficit/Surplus \$	938.45
Archdiocesan Collection	
Shepherd's Trust	10.00
Humanitarian Relief	40.00
Shrine Wall Project	
Week's Collection (<i>Incl. Tip Tap 40</i>)	340.00
Total Collection to date \$	180,695.49

Merry Christmas!

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas filled with peace, joy, and hope. May the light of Christ guide you throughout the New Year!

With prayers and gratitude,
Fr. Simon and the Parish Staff

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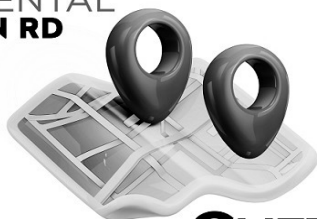
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