

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 12 (Private Mass)

Tuesday, April 13 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Pasquale & Benedetta Nunno

(Incoronata Cornacchia)

† Rosaria Nunno & Michele

(Incoronata Cornacchia)

† Juliana Alline Rash *(Lysle Kintanar)*

Wednesday, April 14 (Private Mass)

For the People

Thursday, April 15 (Private Mass)

Friday, April 16 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Teresita Cabreta *(Ma. Margarita Flores & family)*

† Concepcion Flores *(Maria Palomo)*

† Victoriano Albano *(Albano Family)*

Saturday, April 17 (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm † Barbara Smith *(Mary Anne Hoyle)*

Sunday, April 18 (Livestreamed)

Third Sunday in Easter

10:00 am † Magdalena Yared

† Carmelo Cornacchia *(Incoronata & Family)*

† Arepagita Agorilla *(Claire Barozzo)*

MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE RECENT STAY-AT-HOME ORDER. REGISTER TO ATTEND MASS THROUGH [EVENTBRITE](#). NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.

Thank you to the Sponsors of this weekend's livestreaming of Mass



Margaret David
Jolanta and Zibby Paszel

Confessions

By Appointment Only

Baptisms

Every Fourth Sunday of the month
Preparation Class – By appointment only

Weddings

Couples planning to be married should contact the priest one year in advance.
A marriage preparation course is mandatory.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

(416) 261-7498 ext. 4

Parish Schools

St. Theresa's Shrine School – (416) 393-5248
St. John Henry Newman Catholic School (416) 393-5519
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Let Us Pray for Our Sick

Sophy McDonald, Bobby Melchers, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszal, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, Emerson and Angelica Villarante, Delio Pellicione, Madeleine Franco, Pat Savella, Elizabeth Callaghan, James Halder, Phyllis Randolph, John King, Karen Pinder, Jean & Caroline Maiden, Karlos Ebcas, Danny Gomes, Margaret David

For the Dead

Ken Sherman, Thaddeus & Thelma Villanueva, Rolando Pastoriza, Robert Robertson, Teresita Cabrera, Sabeniano Ebcas, Catherina Filazzola, Sierra Schaefer, Basilisa Ebcas, Jeffery and Nelson Dollete

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER APRIL 11, 2021

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

The Lord's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

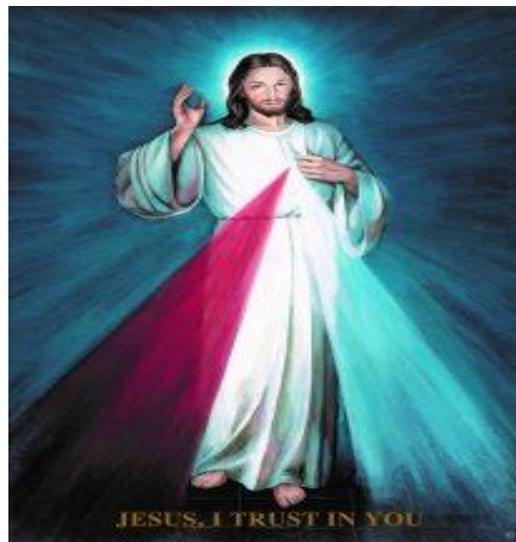
Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first..

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She [wrote in her diary that He said:](#)

I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it...

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

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disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe. *Loyolapress.com*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

For the week of April 19-24, let us all join, as a community, in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, religious or consecrated life. We also ask that you pray for our six soon-to-be priests, along with all who are discerning and who are currently in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Thank you for your continued support as we work and pray together to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into His vineyard. For more information, please email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Songs from the Seminary: An Evening of Music in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY
ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Thursday, April 15 – 7 to 8 p.m.

The pandemic prevents us from gathering in person, so the St Augustine's Seminary will bring this concert to your home! Join the virtual concert from the seminary for an evening of music in honour of Our Blessed Mother. Join online at: youtube.com/archtoronto

The concert aims to raise funds in support of the St. Augustine's Seminary Chapel Restorations project. To donate, please visit their website at www.staugustines.on.ca/donate and type "concert" in the comments field.

Thank you for your every act of spiritual and financial generosity. Please take a moment to watch this promotional video for the concert: <http://bit.ly/SongsFromTheSeminaryVideo>

NEXT WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

The goal for the 2021 ShareLife Campaign is \$13.8 million. Our parish goal is \$36,400.00



"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

Churches Remain Open During Stay-at-home Order

The Government of Ontario will launch a province-wide stay-at-home order starting on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Ontarians are asked to stay at home except for essential matters.

Acknowledging that religious practice is essential in the lives of many Ontarians, the provincial government has not changed the **current 15 per cent capacity limit for places of worship**, while maintaining two metres/six feet of physical distance between households.

Your local parish will continue to celebrate Mass as it has over the past several weeks.

Funeral Masses and services remain limited to 50 people, including the priest and those assisting him (but not including funeral home staff). In-person meetings in parishes remain cancelled. Parish staff are working remotely.

Stay Safe

This is a very serious moment in the pandemic. The province is running out of hospital beds and that jeopardizes the lives of not just COVID-19 patients, but those who get into accidents or who are sick from other illnesses.

Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto will continue to strictly enforce the [WorshipSafe protocols](#) that have kept our parishioners safe while in Mass. We ask that parishioners not congregate in or around the church before or after Mass.

The Archdiocese of Toronto strongly encourages those who are at an increased risk of COVID-19 to stay at home. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, continues his dispensation of the faithful's Sunday obligation at this time.

42nd Good Friday Annual Way of the Cross Walk

The St. Theresa's Cardinal Council #10435 would like to thank all the Pastors of the participating Parishes and to the Grand Knights of each participating Council for their help and assistance in organizing and promoting this virtual event. Thank you as well to the Readers and Cantors who made it a pleasant experience for everyone.

About 50-60 people participated in the Zoom session. You are invited to view the video at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2dWbNov8_3zx1cvsv9o2Nw

History of Good Friday Walk

In 1980, a few parishioners of St. Theresa's Shrine of the Little Flower, in Scarborough, decided to organize a Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk starting at St. Theresa's Church (Midland & Kingston Rd.) and ending at Our Lady of Fatima Church (St. Clair & Victoria Park). The first Walk was held on April 4, 1980 and along the way, Chapels at the following locations were visited: St. Augustine Seminary, Cardinal Newman High School, Scarboro Foreign Mission, Monastery of the Sisters of Precious Blood and Providence Villa. Two Stations of the Cross were done at each location.

The tradition continued every year until the Covid-19 Pandemic arrived last year. It was cancelled only once due to inclement weather conditions that year making the Walk unsafe, and instead the Stations were done at St. Theresa's Church.

The Good Friday Walk was open to everyone and attracted some 50-120 people every year, depending on the weather conditions. Some travelled from as far as Barrie to participate. Refreshments were served in St. Theresa's Parish Hall afterwards.

The route did not change much over the years, except that the stop at the Monastery of the Sisters of Precious Blood was omitted when the Monastery was closed several years ago. Also, over the past 10 years, security issues prevented participants from entering the premises of St. Augustine Seminary, Cardinal Newman High School and Providence Villa, requiring them to remain outside to recite the Stations of Cross.

The Knights of Columbus took over this event over 20 years ago, after the original organizers stepped down because of their age and failing health. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, last year's Way of the Cross Walk was done virtually using Zoom but did not include any other parishes.

"Bundle Up" Collection April 24 & 25, 2021



Spring is here! while clearing out, keep in mind the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's "Bundle Up" collection. Your donation of clothing & small household goods is greatly appreciated. Kindly bring your donations only on the designated date of collections.

Do you need help?

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. Single-session counselling is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples, or families to address a mental health or relationship concern.

To arrange for a session, please contact: info@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 or 416- 222-0048. Leave message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you. Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness, or group programs.

Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay fees.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Those who are interested in joining our team of volunteers can contact the parish office by email at st-theresa@rogers.com or by phone 416-261-7498. Due to the stay-at-home order, the parish office is closed. Messages are monitored regularly.

Continuation...

This year, the Knights were again forced to go virtual, and 4 other parishes allowed participants to make virtual stops at their Church, thereby giving the illusion of visiting these churches during our virtual walk. These churches are Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, St. Maria Goretti Church & St. Lawrence Martyr Church. Three Stations were done at each Parish and the final two Station done virtually at St. Theresa's Church. The Pastors of each Parish were given the opportunity to welcome the virtual visitors and provide a reflection. - *Michel Lafrance*