

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 19 (Private Mass)

Tuesday, April 20 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Healing for Xavier John Pulle

(Mary Tisseverasinghe)

For all the sick and the frontliners

Wednesday, April 21 (Private Mass)

For the People

Thursday, April 22 (Private Mass)

For All Parishioners of St Theresa Parish

Friday, April 23 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Annaliese Foth Tisseverasinghe

(Mary Tisseverasinghe)

Saturday, April 24 (Private Mass)

5:00 pm † Bogdan Durek *(Irene Durek)*

Sunday, April 25 (Livestreamed)

Fourth Sunday in Easter

10:00 am † Marjorie English *(Margaret David & family)*

**AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 19th,
PUBLIC MASSES ARE TEMPORARILY
CANCELLED**

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



Margaret David
Ahilia & Terence Thomas

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.

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

(416) 934-0606 • www.archtoronto.org

Parish Outreach

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

(416) 261-7498 ext. 4



Let Us Pray for Our Sick

Sophy McDonald, Bobby Melchers, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszal, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, , Emerson 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, Stephen Callaghan

For the Dead

Ken Sherman, Robert Robertson, Teresita Cabrera, Sabeniano Ebcas, Catherina Filazzola, Sierra Schaefer, Basilisa Ebcas, Jeffery and Nelson Dollete, Carmen Prezioso

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER APRIL 18, 2021



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

A prayer seeking God's favour

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5a

Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together [Tantum Ergo](#) or today's psalm, Psalm 4. [Loyolapress.com](#)

National Volunteer Week

Well done my good and faithful servant.

Matthew 25:23

Our parish is deeply grateful for the heroic work our volunteers do to keep our church safe and open for everyone. We honour them today as the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates National Volunteer Week from April 18 – 24, 2021



Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners selflessly give of their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the faith experience of the Catholic community and announce the Gospel. From the tireless work of volunteer coordinators, church cleaners, the team of ushers and greeters, lectors, altar guild members, to the faith-affirming efforts of Catechists, collection counters, sacristan, the maintenance team and the Digital Media Ministry, parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship, and all we do in our parish.

We would like to publicly acknowledge and applaud the amazing work you do.

You make a difference, and we thank you.

Get involved!

Have you thought about serving your parish as an usher, a cleaner, a lector, a catechist, among others? St. Theresa's has volunteer roles that make our parish life truly vibrant.

Visit our ["Parish Life"](#) and ["Get Involved"](#) sections in our parish website to see the opportunities available in our parish. Contact the [parish office](#) if you'd like to get started in one of our opportunities soon.



This weekend is the first collection in our parish's annual ShareLife Parish Campaign. The ShareLife mission of "living the Gospel by providing for those in need" is at the core of how we are called to live as Christians.

Our parish goal this year is \$36,400.00. On this ShareLife Sunday, please reflect on your ability to contribute to our campaign this year.

So many people – here in our parish, in our broader community, and around the world – have been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Agencies funded by your gift to ShareLife are continuing their work to meet the needs our brothers and sisters. With your help, as we emerge from the pandemic, ShareLife will continue to be there, living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Please deposit your envelope in the donation box. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call:

Fr. Matt McCarthy
Director of Vocations
Archdiocese of Toronto
Phone: 416-968-0997.
email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Archdiocesan 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.

PRAYER: <http://bit.ly/PrayerforVocations>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT NEW RESTRICTIONS IN PLACES OF WORSHIPS

On Friday, April 16, 2021, the provincial government announced further restrictions in an attempt to minimize the transmission of Covid-19, given the alarming increase in new cases over the past 10 days. The new measures have a direct impact on places of worship as part of an extended stay-at-home order, which will be in place until at least May 20, 2021.

Beginning Monday, April 19th, parishes must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priests hearing confessions or a staff member/volunteer required to monitor capacity restrictions. Due to these measures, **public Masses must be temporarily cancelled.** Priests are asked to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19.

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.

LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SUNDAY MASS

10:00 AM - Sunday Mass

TUESDAY

7:00 PM - Mass, Novena to St. Thérèse, and Eucharistic Benediction

FRIDAY (including First Fridays)

6:45 PM - Sacred Heart Novena

7:00 PM - Mass in Honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

We continue to livestream our Masses through our new parish website:

<https://sttheresassoc.archtoronto.org>

Check Out Our New Website!

"Bundle-Up" Collection

April 24 & 25, 2021

DO NOT ACCEPT	ACCEPT
Appliances, Dishes	Bedding, drapes and textiles
Books	Boots and shoes – Any and all!
Baby furniture items – cribs, highchairs, strollers etc.	Clothing and coats – Any and all!
Furniture – Small dressers are accepted	Towels
Mattresses	New Toys Only
Construction Material, Videos and Cassettes	

Kindly bring your donations to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's (SSVP) truck parked at the church's parking lot on the day of collection:

Saturday, April 24
10 am – 5pm

Sunday, April 25
10 to 11:30 am

Volunteers will be assigned at a certain time to load your donations.

To learn the Bundle-Up Collection schedule around Toronto, click the link below:

[Bundle-Up Events Schedule Toronto](#)

Thank You for Your Offering

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

January – March 2021

Offertory: \$ 3,350.50

Renovation: \$ 1,174.50

Online Donations

January – March 2021

Offertory: \$ 1,406.00

Renovation: \$ 397.00



St. Theresa's Parish is always grateful and appreciates your generosity and continuing support.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE CLASS

Lesson #4: We Share the Bread of Life

Sunday, April 18th from 11:30 am– 12:30 pm

CONFIRMATION ONLINE CLASS

Lesson #3: The Rite of Confirmation

Saturday, April 24th from 10:30 am – 12 noon

Regularly check you email for assignments and possible change in schedule. Direct all inquiries to both the Parish Office and the Sacramental Preparation Coordinators especially when it comes to using the virtual meeting platform for online classes.

Prayer in Times of Crisis

For our community
in this time of crisis:

Lord, sustain us with your strength
and guide us in the ways of wisdom.

Almighty God,
you are blessed throughout all ages
for your mercy and love.
Look upon us in our time of need
and give us the strength
to persevere in your love.

Protect your people from all harm
and guide us with the light of your face
until we overcome all dangers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(Excerpt from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family, CCCB Publications)