

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 10 (Private Mass)

65th Birthday and Thanksgiving of Evelyn Chia Tameta

Tuesday, May 11 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Special Intention of Emil and

Mary Tisseverasinghe

† Abella Fajardo Austria (*Evelyn Reyes*)

† Jaime Cueto (*Mendoza family*)

Birthday and Thanksgiving of Jesus Obleta

(*Bob & Janette Rosales*)

Birthday Blessings for Liam Baszun

(*Grandparents*)

Wednesday, May 12 (Livestreamed) **NEW**

8:00 am For the People

Thursday, May 13 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm **Our Lady of Fatima**

Friday, May 14 (Livestreamed)

Saint Matthias

7:00 pm † Carmen Prezioso (*Carmela & John Aldorasi*)

Saturday, May 15 ((Private Mass)

Thanksgiving for the Holy Father (*Mildred Halder*)

† Teodora Lily Balbuena (*Mel Galeon*)

Sunday, May 16 (Livestreamed)

The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am † Bianca Cornacchia (*Incoronata Cornacchia*)

† Maria Das Dores Ferreira De Faria e Silva
(*Wendy Hooker*)

**PUBLIC MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.
MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Click the link below for Daily Readings. [Living with Christ](#)

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

Jacob Rumball, Margaret David, Sophy McDonald, Bobby Melchers, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszal, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, Delio Pellicione, Pat Savella, Elizabeth Callaghan, James Halder, Phyllis Randolph, Karen Pinder, Caroline Maiden, Karlos Ebcas, Danny Gomes

For the Dead

Jeffery and Nelson Dollete, Carmen Prezioso,
John King, Juanito Villalon-Bonifacio,
Emerson Villarante, Mary Bensics,
Maria Das Dores Ferreira De Faria e Silva
Jean Maiden, Stephen Callaghan

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 9, 2021

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

A song of praise for God's salvation

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

Family Connection

In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make. If we are people who have practiced showing our love for others with generosity, we will also be people who are willing to lay down our lives for those we love.

As you gather as a family, talk about the meaning of the word *generosity*. Ask each family member to describe an action that shows generosity. To be generous is to give freely to others without counting the cost. Recall that generosity is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Introduce today's Gospel reading by saying that Jesus taught us to be generous in showing our love for one another. Read together today's Gospel, John 15:9-17. What examples did Jesus give to us that show this kind of love? (washing his disciples' feet; accepting death on the cross) Jesus helps us to show this kind of love to others. In today's Gospel, Jesus promised that God will give us whatever we ask for. One of the things we can ask for from God is a generous spirit so that we can love others as Jesus did. Conclude in prayer together by praying Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

BEGOTTEN BY LOVE

Scott Hahn Reflects On The Sixth Sunday Of Easter

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see [Genesis 22:16-18](#)).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see [Acts 2:5-11](#)).

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see [Galatians 3:7-9](#); [Ephesians 2:12](#)).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him.

Taken from Breaking the Bread,
Sunday Bible Reflections – St. Paul Center
(stpaulcenter.com)

WEDNESDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



In this novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (also known as Our Mother of Perpetual Help from this icon pictured above) we pay tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary in asking for her assistance. This picture of the Blessed Mother with her Divine Son above has helped her provide strength, comfort and even miracles to the faithful for centuries!

Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favor I confidently ask of you.
(Then say three Hail Marys).

First placed in the Church of San Matteo in Rome in 1499, the picture was thought to be lost at one point after Napoleon's armies sacked that church in 1798. Fortunately, however, it was in the care of the Augustinian fathers until Pope Pius IX ordered that the icon be given to the Redemptorist order at the Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome in 1866 for public viewing once again. Since then it has been copied and venerated in churches and homes all over the world.

Note in this picture how Jesus, while safely cradled in his mother's arms, looks anxiously at St. Gabriel the Archangel, who holds the cross and nails for His Crucifixion. (St. Michael the Archangel, at left, holds the lance, spear, and the vessel of vinegar and gall for our Lord's Passion as well.) The Blessed Mother looks at us solemnly, perhaps as if in contemplation of her beloved Son's future Passion and death for our salvation!

JOIN THE LIVESTREAMED MASS

Sunday	10 am Holy Mass
Tuesday	Mass at 7 pm followed by Novena to St Therese
Wednesday	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 8 am followed by Holy Mass
Friday	Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 6:45 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm

Click <https://bit.ly/STP-Livestream> to join the Mass via online.

Our parish continue to offer Communion Services for those who wish to receive Holy Communion. Registration is through **EventBrite** or by calling the parish office. **Click [here](#) to register.**

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., 5:00 PM • Sun, 11:30 AM & 12:30 PM

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.

Please check the website regularly. Mass and Communion Service schedule may change.

Continuation...

Remember that when we pray this novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help, that we are not choosing to worship her over her Divine Son. She is "our Mother on the order of grace," according to a Vatican II document, and all the graces Mary gives us come directly from our Lord. She is always ready to intercede with Him on our behalf, but never for anything contrary to His wishes.

As long as we approach her as we do Him, with sincerely humble and contrite hearts, we can count on her aid and guidance. Mary's last spoken words in the Gospels concerned her Son when she said at the wedding feast at Cana "Do whatever he tells You" (John 2:5). If we persevere in our intentions to do Christ's will for us, we are doing hers as well. (<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/>)

You may download the Perpetual Help Novena Guide by clicking this link below:

[Microsoft Word - STP Perpetual Help Novena Guide \(V2\).docx \(archtoronto.org\)](#)

The Month of May is Dedicated to Mother Mary

We continue to pay tribute to our Blessed Mother Mary with flowers. The congregation is welcome to bring flowers for the month of May.

For more information about offering of flowers and Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help, please call the parish office.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Postponed Until Further Notice

First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation are postponed until further notice.

For the Confirmation program, there will be a second online parents' meeting on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 10:30 am to discuss the next steps in our Confirmation program. Attendance is mandatory. On Saturday, May 8, 2021, Fr Ben Ebcas will give a Special Confirmation Class.

For parents of candidates, please check your emails regularly for updates from your Sacramental Preparation Coordinator. They will be updating you on next steps for your children's sacraments, including potential/future dates for First Reconciliation, Holy Communion.



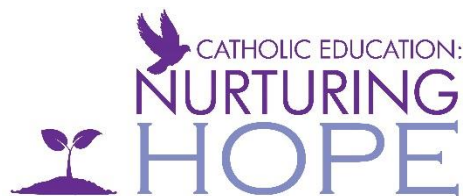
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"ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve.

"We can help alleviate the suffering of those whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. Let us say yes to Jesus' call to live the Gospel by providing for those in need."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

Our parish goal this year is \$36,400. If you have not yet made your donation this year, please do so. Thank you!



Catholic Education Week 2021 began on Sunday, May 2, 2021. The Catholic schools in our parish engaged in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Nurturing Hope."

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021 was inspired by the following considerations:

- Recognition of the special Year of Laudato Si' which will run through May 24, 2021, announced by Pope Francis on May 24, 2020, the fifth anniversary of his papal encyclical, "On Caring for Our Common Home."
- In the face of the ongoing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, a strong desire by the planning committee, along with those consulted, and supported by feedback from the survey, for continuity with the theme for Catholic Education Week 2020, *Igniting Hope*, which has served so well during the spring recess from in-school instruction.
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.
- Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the relevance of Indigenous culture and spirituality to the spirit of Laudato Si.

The CEW biblical quote is, "Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:31)

We invite you to watch Bishop Crosby's message.

https://youtu.be/yOp1_29axXY

**New Beginnings:
Online Bereavement and
Separated/Divorced
Introductory Programs**

Program Goals

Understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning
• Explaining the transitional dynamics of loss •
Developing skills for emotional management and
practical care • Renewing faith and rediscovery of
personal spirituality

Program Access

The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in
a group setting. Each candidate will be screened prior,
to being considered for admittance into the program.
The program welcomes people from all ethnic, cultural
and religious backgrounds.

Online Bereavement

The program provides 4 weeks of psycho education,
which assists and accompanies the bereaved in
exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing
faith. Start date & time: **Wednesday May 12, 2021 @
7:00 pm**

Online Separated/Divorced

The program provides 4 weeks of education which
assists and accompanies the separated/divorced in
exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing
faith. Start date & time: **Thursday May 13, 2021 @
7:00 pm**

For more information and to register contact:
Arcangelo at (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225
alimanni@cfstoronto.com.

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

Margaret David
Jolanta and Zibby Paszel



Thank You for Your Offering

April 20 – May 7, 2021

Offertory: \$ 3,160.00 Renovation: \$ 240.00

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

**Reclaiming Love 2021:
Theology of the Body
for Everyone with Jason Evert**
Thursday, May 20, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

The realities of masculinity, femininity, and gender, and
the relation of these to our identity, are being
questioned like never before. Jason Evert is an
internationally known Catholic speaker and author,
who will lead the discussion beyond feelings to help us
embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of
our identity. Speaking the truth in love, he shows how
the recognition of what our biology reveals helps us to
understand who God created us to be and accompany
others on their life's journey.

This FREE online event is hosted by the Archdiocese
of Toronto's Office of Formation for Discipleship and
Office of Catholic Youth. Leading us in praise and
worship is Chico Nuguid, Worship Leader in the
Archdiocese of Toronto.

We celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday.

Mother's day is a celebration honouring the mother of the
family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the
influence of mothers in society.

Happy Mother's Day!

