

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 2 (Private Mass)

For the Unborn (*Sanctity of Life*)

Tuesday, August 3 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Healing of Daniel Cola

✠ Willie Paragas (*Belen Bayawa*)

✠ Jo & Vicenza Caruso

✠ Romero Barrozo (*Roderick Barrozo family*)

Wednesday, August 4 (Livestreamed)

Saint John Vianney

7:00 pm ✠ Dominga Robles Albano (*Theresa Kath*)

Thursday, August 5 (Private Mass)

For the People

Friday, August 6 (Livestreamed)

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 pm ✠ Dino Penafiel (*Lysle Kintanar*)

Saturday, August 7 (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm Thanksgiving of Elizabeth Cruz

Sunday, August 8 (Livestreamed)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ✠ Desiree Joy Champion (*Joyce Champion*)

✠ Octavio Bulaong (*Ofelia Bulaong*)

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT TO ATTEND SUNDAY
MASS. REGISTRATION IS THROUGH EVENTBRITE.**

**CHURCH IS OPEN 30 MINS BEFORE THE MASS.
MASS TIME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES, REGISTRATION IS
AT THE DOOR.**

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

(416) 393-5519

TCDSB – (416) 222-8282 ext. 5314

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(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

Anton & Bobby Melchers, Dcn Bobby Rosales, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny and Pamela Dupley, Lilibeth Koochi, Rolando Abanilla, Salvacion Lingad, Adam Jane Villalon, Shirley Baker, Madeleine Franco, Sophy McDonald, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszal, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, Delio Pellicione, Elizabeth Callaghan, James Halder, Phyllis Randolph, Caroline Maiden, Danny Gomes, Karlos Ebcas, Chona Sunico

For the Dead

Basil Scala, William 'Bill' Austin, Romeo Barroso,
Ivania Maria Bonilla, Dino Penafiel

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUG 1, 2021

First Reading

Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:3–4, 23–24, 25, 54

A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20–24

Christians become a new creation in Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 6:24–35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”

FAMILY CONNECTION

In today’s Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that he has come from God. This is a curious request, because Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognized the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don’t recognize the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of his love and care. We pray that God will remove our blindness so that we can receive with thanks and praise all the wonderful things that God accomplishes in our lives.

Together as a family, name the wonderful gifts that God has given you and some of the remarkable deeds that God has accomplished in our world. Observe that it is important to stop to count our blessings because we can easily miss recognizing all of the wonderful things that God does for us. Read together today’s Gospel, John 6:24–35. Ask: Why are the people seeking out Jesus? (because he has fed them) What do they want from Jesus? (a sign that he has come from God) What does Jesus tell them? (He says that he will give them something greater and more important than the bread that fed their physical hungers; he will give them bread that will give them eternal life.) Recall that we have this gift from Jesus in the Eucharist. Pray together, thanking God for all that he has given to us, especially for the gift of eternal life and the Eucharist. Pray together the [Magnificat](#). (Taken from www.loyolapress.com)

Endurance Test: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gathering of the Manna, c. 1460-

The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life.

The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week’s First Reading.

We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith ([Deuteronomy 8:2–3](#)).

As Paul reminds us in this week’s Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week’s Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.

Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him ([Wisdom 16:20, 26](#)).

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God’s Providence—that we should trust that He will provide.

These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week’s Psalm.

This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don’t ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need.

We have to trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well ([Matthew 6:33](#)) (Taken from *Breaking the Bread*, Sunday Bible Reflections – St. Paul Center (stpaulcenter.com))



2021 ShareLife Parish Campaign

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need. **To date, our parish has raised \$28,480 or 78% toward our goal of \$36,400.00.**

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

**Dollete Family
Pat Savella**



Thank You for Your Offering

Offertory: \$1525 Renovation: \$995

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

Call for Volunteers!

Have you thought about serving your parish as an usher, a cleaner, a lector, a choir member, an altar server, or a member of another ministry? St. Theresa's has volunteer roles that make our parish life truly vibrant.

Contact the parish office if you'd like to get started in one of our opportunities soon. A Sign-Up sheet is also available in the vestibule.

**August 7 - 8, 2021
Bundle-Up Collection
for the Society of Saint
Vincent de Paul**



Your donation of clothing & small household goods is greatly appreciated. Kindly bring your donations only on the designated date of collections.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed August 18, 2021

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in-person services for the 2021 Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed have been cancelled at the seven locations of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto.

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate a special livestreamed Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be [viewed on the cathedral's website](#).

We hope you can join us in prayer for the faithful departed. Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services.

Update on the Ongoing Journey to Healing and Reconciliation

As Canadians reflect on how we can respond to the pain and suffering experienced by survivors of residential schools and their loved ones, the Archdiocese of Toronto is committed to being directly engaged in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.

While the archdiocese did not operate residential schools, we have a responsibility to take genuine and meaningful steps to journey with Indigenous communities on the path to reconciliation, and to assist in healing the trauma experienced from the residential school system.

READ

Serving Toronto's Indigenous Peoples

Learn more about how the Native Peoples' Mission in Toronto ministers to the city's Indigenous communities.

LEARN MORE

We will continue to keep you updated on the initiatives related to Residential Schools.

Additional information and resources can be found by visiting:

www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools.