

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 14 (Private Mass)

Tuesday, June 15 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Rosaria and Adele de Michele

(Incoronata Cornacchia)

† Amy Ruth and Wilfredo Kintanar

(Lysle Kintanar)

† Rosario Fe Benito *(Amelia Fe Benito)*

Wednesday, June 16 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Barbara Smith *(Mary Anne Hoyle)*

† Rosario Fe Benito *(Amelia Fe Benito)*

Thursday, June 17 (Private Mass)

For the People

Friday, June 18 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm For peace, reconciliation, and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic

Saturday, June 19 (Private Mass)

5:00 pm † Michael Tarone *(John & Carmela Aldorasi)*

Sunday, June 20 (Livestreamed)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am † Salvador Franco, Jr *(Madeline Franco)*

Thanksgiving of Agnes & Jude Valdez

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND THE MASS. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED. 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

Angel, Salvacion Lingad, Audrey Lovrick, Ivania Maria Bonilla, Adam Jane Villalon, Shirley Baker, Madeliene Franco, Sophy McDonald, Bobby Melchers, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszal, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, Delio Pellicione, Elizabeth Callaghan, James Halder, Phyllis Randolph, Caroline Maiden, Karlos Ebcas, Danny Gomes, Chona Sunico

For the Dead

Jean Maiden, Stephen Callaghan, Arvin Bravo, Jane Corry, Theresa Nwosisi, Vincenza Caruso, Agnes Brewster, Lino Celajes

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 13, 2021

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22–24

I, the Lord, bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92:2–3, 13–16

They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6–10

The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26–34

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Church documents call the Christian family the “domestic church.” This is both a compliment and a call to commitment. Because the family is a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of its members, it is a miniature version of the Kingdom of God on earth. This Sunday’s Gospel Reading, Mark 4:26–34, consists of two parables that Jesus used to help us discern the mystery of the Kingdom of God. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it’s these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God’s kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith.

Read aloud together the Gospel of Mark 4:26–34. Consider how your family’s concerns reflect the Church’s concerns for those members who are poor, forgotten, hungry, ill, shunned, or lonely. Together think of a specific action that you can do to assist a person in your extended family, neighborhood, or parish. Now pray together the Lord’s Prayer, pausing briefly to consider the import of the words “thy kingdom come.” Each evening this week as you gather for supper, share with one another the simple acts of love you witnessed within the family that day.

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

Tree of Righteousness: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord’s coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the

Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would “put forth branches and bear fruit.” Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to “birds of every kind”—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will “take wing” through their new life in Christ. God indeed will “lift high the lowly tree,” as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity’s most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: “Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.” It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather “flourish” in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. **Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: “so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.”**

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

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

Welcome Back to the Parish!

This weekend, we start Stage 1 of the reopening plan for Ontario allowing public indoor Masses up to 15% capacity, with the Worship-safe Guidelines in place.

Please register to attend the Mass. No walk-ins allowed.

Registration is through **EventBrite** or by calling the parish office. **Click [here](#) to register.**

We continue to livestream all Masses through our livestream channel: <https://bit.ly/STP-Livestream>

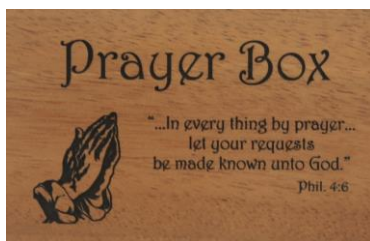
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday	5 pm Holy Mass
Sunday	10 am Holy Mass
Tuesday	Mass at 7 pm followed by Novena to St Therese
Wednesday <i>(New schedule)</i>	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7 pm followed by Holy Mass
Friday	Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 6:45 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm

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.

The Parish office is still closed to the public - limited essential appointments only. Please contact us by email or phone at 416-261-7498.

PRAYER PETITIONS ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE



We pray for peace, reconciliation, and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Let us pray for you throughout the month of June! We will be placing a box in front of the altar for your prayer petitions, which will be remembered in all Masses this June. Please mail in your prayer petitions to the Parish Office.



Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday!

Next Sunday, June 20 is ShareLife Sunday. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$36,400.00**. Thus far we have received **\$17,532.89**. We encourage you to donate at the parish or online at sharelife.org.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. To enroll please contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411.

ShareLife Sunday is next weekend, June 20. Please give generously.

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



*Tomi Tarasuk
Margaret David*

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



Throughout the world, lighting candles is a sacred ritual. We light a candle for many purposes: to illuminate darkness, dedicate prayers, solidify intentions, offer blessings, evoke the Spirit, and/or to nourish grateful living.

Fr Ben and the parish staff can light the candle for you. For more details call the parish office.

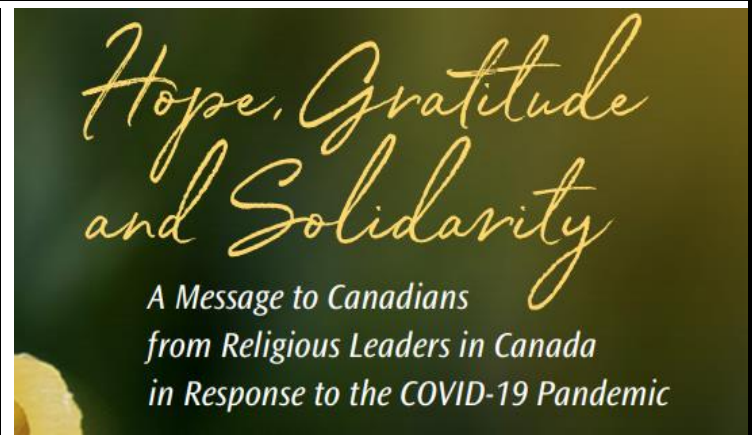
**Statement issued by the Canadian Conference of
Catholic Bishops on June 10, 2021 regarding a
delegation to the Holy See – Healing &
Reconciliation**

CCCB Statement Delegation to the Holy See

The Catholic Bishops in Canada have genuinely heard the sincere invitation to engage wholeheartedly with the past and are deeply committed to take truly meaningful active steps together with Indigenous Peoples in view of a future filled with greater respect and cooperation. The recent discovery of children's remains at a burial site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia reminds us of a tragic legacy still felt today. With the strong encouragement of Pope Francis, the Bishops of Canada have pledged true and deep commitment to renewing and strengthening relationships with Indigenous Peoples across the land. In recent years, regional and diocesan listening circles have taken place across the country in order to hear the stories from local Indigenous communities and their hopes for the future. Mutual listening is the beginning of our common efforts to bring about shared and long-lasting reconciliation, authentic healing and bridge building.

In conversation with Indigenous people and communities, both at the local and national levels, and bilaterally with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit national organizations, the Bishops, sponsors of this project, have been preparing, for over two years now, a delegation of Indigenous people to meet with the Holy Father to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing. This pastoral visit will include the participation of a diverse group of Elders/Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country. The event will likewise provide Pope Francis with a unique opportunity to hear directly from Indigenous Peoples, express his heartfelt closeness, and to address the impact of colonization and the implication of the Church in the residential schools, so as to respond to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma.

The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has stalled this project; however, the Bishops remain committed to moving forward with the delegation prior to the end of 2021, in compliance with international travel guidelines.



“In spite of present sufferings, which can seem overwhelming at times, the flames of hope cannot be extinguished. Let us witness hope to each other and so become beacons of light during these uncertain times.”

Religious leaders in Canada bring forward a message of hope, gratitude and solidarity to all people who call Canada home.

[Learn More](#)

Continuation...

The delegation to the Holy See represents an important step on the journey of reconciliation and shared healing for Indigenous Peoples and the Church in Canada. Pope Francis, in his 6 June 2021 Angelus message, spoke about the shocking discovery of children's remains at the former Kamloops residential school and, while conveying sorrow and solidarity, emphasized the importance of “walking side by side in dialogue and in mutual respect in the recognition of the rights and cultural values of all the sons and daughters of Canada”. It is our hope that these forthcoming encounters – and the important collaboration and partnership that has supported the planning – will lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada.

SIGN UP! We encourage parishioners to sign up on our parish website to receive an electronic copy of the parish bulletin or be notified of important parish announcements.

Get involved!

Have you thought about serving your parish as an usher, a cleaner, a lector, a catechist, 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.