

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 12 (Private Mass)

Birthday and Thanksgiving of Stephanie Dollete

Tuesday, July 13 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Healing for Frederick Lopez (*Wife & Children*)

✠ Gregory & Michael Ali (*Catherine Ali & family*)

✠ Romeo Barroso (*Roderick Barroso & family*)

Wednesday, July 14 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm ✠ Nelita Ancheta

Thursday, July 15 (Private Mass)

Saint Bonaventure

For the People

Friday, July 16 (Livestreamed)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:00 pm *Thanksgiving for Brigid and Michael McQuinn*

Birthday and Thanksgiving of Alexa Mogle

(*Bob & Jeanette Rosales*)

Saturday, July 17 (Livestreamed)

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

Sunday, July 18 (Livestreamed)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ✠ Salvador Daniel Franco (*Medeliene Franco*)

✠ Rosario Fe Benito (*Mering Mauricio*)

REGISTER TO ATTEND MASS THROUGH EVENTBRITE.

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

Pat Savella (Healing)

Ellen Sansait (In Memory of Felisa Nillo Sansait)

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

Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny and Pamela Dupley, Marisyl and Ariel Lagrason, Lilibeth Koochi, Rolando Abanilla, Salvacion Lingad, 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, Danny Gomes, Karlos Ebcas, Chona Sunico

For the Dead

Jane Corry, Vincenza Caruso, Agnes Brewster,
Basil Scala, William 'Bill' Austin, Romeo Barroso

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- JULY 11, 2021

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

A prayer for the Lord's salvation

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 (shorter form Ephesians 1:3-10)

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

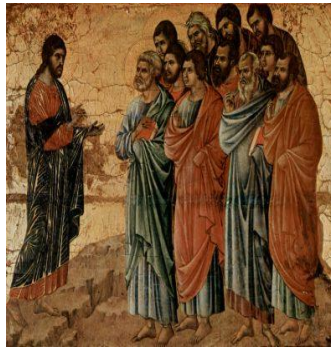
FAMILY CONNECTION

Families who work together to accomplish routine household tasks know that the benefits are more than efficiency. In sharing daily tasks, we accomplish more, but we also build relationships that last—and it is a lot more fun! Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to minister in his name. Perhaps the job was accomplished more effectively this way, but more importantly, Jesus' mission was accomplished more authentically. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

As you gather as a family, talk about some household tasks that are more easily accomplished when two or more people work together. Talk about how working together not only makes the job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 6:7-13. Ask: Why do you think Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs? Observe that Jesus continues to give us a community with which we share our life of discipleship—our family and the community of the Church. Conclude in prayer together that we will continue to rely on the support of the community of the Church in our life of discipleship. Pray together the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

(Taken from www.loyolapress.com)

The Church's Mission: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Appearance on the mountain in Galilee,
Duccio 1308-1311*

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see [Exodus 12:11](#); [Deuteronomy 8:2-4](#)). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not “professionals” who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see [Acts 14:15](#)) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

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



2021 ShareLife Parish Campaign

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation. By reaching this campaign goal, our agencies will continue to:

- ✓ offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- ✓ help victims of domestic violence
- ✓ ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- ✓ deliver food to children in developing countries
- ✓ form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes.

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. **Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need. Our parish has raised \$25,157.89 or 69% toward our goal of \$36,400.00.**

Thank You for Your Offering

Offertory: \$ 1597 Renovation: \$ 2650

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

You are Invited!

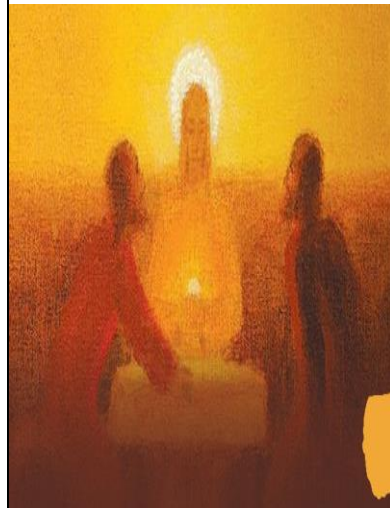
Have you thought about serving your parish as an usher, a cleaner, a lector, a catechist, an altar server, or a member of another ministry? St. Theresa's has volunteer roles that make our parish life truly vibrant.

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

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

Please bring your donations on the date of collection. Thank you.

2021 Parish Ministry Conference



4th ANNUAL PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

WITH BURNING HEARTS

OCTOBER 26-30, 2021

The account of the journey to Emmaus is one of accompaniment, recognition, and proclamation. The Risen Jesus walked with the two disciples, told them about Himself in the scriptures, and ate with them. "They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us...'" (Luke 24:32) After they encountered Jesus, they went back quickly to tell the good news of Jesus to the others.

The new Directory for Catechesis asks us to do the same to go out as those who 'echo the faith', to engage with people of all ages and at all stages of life through our words and actions, giving witness to the Good News.

The 2021 Parish Ministry Conference is a virtual, interactive place where all in parish ministry can gather to pray, learn, and be refreshed in understanding how every parish ministry is catechetical, and how we might go forward in the pandemic and post-pandemic context. With two engaging keynote sessions and speakers in four practical sessions, we will explore ways to help parishioners become more vibrant Christians who know their faith and live it to the fullest. The conference will feature ongoing ministry formation, networking, and Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins.

Save the dates and join our email list to receive updates

Link to Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/OFDFlocknote-SignUp>.

[Learn more about the Office of Formation for Discipleship here.](#)



“I am touched by the many caring messages received in these days. I thank everyone for their closeness and prayer.”

- Pope Francis

Related Article:

[Pope had severe narrowing of the colon, recovery continues](#) - CTV News (July 7, 2021)

“Do not give in to discouragement. If you are discouraged, it is a sign of pride because it shows you trust in your own powers. Never bother about people’s opinions. Be obedient to truth. For with humble obedience, you will never be disturbed.

- St. Theresa of Calcutta

Read Messages of Faith, Hope and Healing

[Robert Kinghorn: Finding light in the gloom of shame](#)

The Catholic Register (July 4, 2021)

This, I believe, is a reconciliation which calls all to move beyond justice to mercy. (Kinghorn is a deacon in the **Archdiocese of Toronto**.)

[Lacroix speaks of hope for healing at annual First Nations Sunday Mass](#)

By Philippe Vaillancourt, Catholic News Service (June 30, 2021)

Prayer for Tolerance, Forgiveness, Reconciliation

*O God, Creator and Father of all,
with humility we your children acknowledge the
relationship of all living things.*

*For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship
you.*

*We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh
— our teacher, prophet and brother —*

*to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters,
and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage
and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings.*

*Give us the vision and honesty to recognize
that the we are all brothers and sisters of one human
family,*

created and sustained by the One Creator.

*As we deal with many challenges, may we never give
way to fear and anger,*

*which can be the source of division and threat amongst
peoples.*

*We look to how God always gives to us,
as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance.*

*We see in God the Creator of all things,
One who always provides and is generous
— even given the abuses we have heaped on one
another and on the Earth.*

*We see in the Son, Jesus Christ
— the innocent Victim who pours His life blood out from
the Cross for all peoples.*

*We see how the Holy Spirit is God’s gift,
alive in our world today —*

*inspiring vision and hope that we can have
the same mind and heart of God!*

*May Your Spirit bless the souls
who died at the Kamloops residential school
and all souls who died at residential schools.*

*May this same Spirit also bring blessing and healing
to all families and communities affected in any way by
the schools.*

*O Creator, show us the way to healing,
forgiveness and reconciliation and a renewed
fellowship. Amen*

(Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)



Archdiocese of Toronto



Residential Schools – Information from the Archdiocese of Toronto

July 9, 2021

Dear friends of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

Over the past several weeks, there has been a painful national conversation on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada. The role of the Catholic Church in the residential school system has been a central part of that discussion.

We acknowledge the terrible suffering that took place and condemn the system, established by the federal government and operated by faith communities, which separated children, often forcibly, from their parents and attempted to strip away their language, culture and identity.

The Catholic Church must continue to atone for our involvement in this dark history. It is undeniable that some Catholic teachers (priests, religious men and women and lay staff) entrusted to care for children at residential schools assaulted the dignity of the students through mistreatment, neglect and abuse.

A recent poll suggested that only 10% of Canadians have a thorough understanding of the history of residential schools. We also know that many Catholics have asked for additional information, unsure of this history and wondering how to respond when asked about it. In addition to resources like the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report](#), we have prepared a webpage at: www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools with numerous resources, links and information.

We encourage you to access our latest document, "[Background for Catholics – Residential Schools](#)", which provides answers to eight frequently asked questions on recent topics of discussion.

We would also like to make you aware of the following recent developments:

- On June 29, 2021, it was announced that a delegation of Indigenous Elders/Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country will meet with Pope Francis from December 17-20 at the Vatican. There will be four days of meetings – focused on encounters with First Nations, Métis and Inuit participants – as well as a final audience with all delegates coming together on December 20, 2021. Pope Francis is deeply committed to hearing directly from Indigenous Peoples, expressing his heartfelt closeness, addressing the impact of colonization and the role of the Church in the residential school system, in the hopes of responding to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma.
- We have received numerous inquiries regarding financial support related to residential schools. A more detailed response on the settlement process, what has been paid and where we have fallen short, can be found in the latest “[Background for Catholics – Residential Schools](#)” document. Currently, dioceses across the country, including the Archdiocese of Toronto, are in discussions to determine how to best engage in a renewed financial effort to meet the goal of the \$25 million “best efforts” campaign. In addition, the archdiocese is developing a series of pastoral initiatives, with Indigenous participation, to engage parishioners and the broader community in a continued journey of prayer, listening and dialogue as part of ongoing reconciliation efforts.

We look forward to sharing more information with you on these plans in the days ahead.

Together We Pray

“For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those who continue on a journey through the darkness, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

God, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, continue to offer us correction so that your grace might change and transform us in our weakness and repentance.

Give us humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed and courage to love others as ourselves, mindful of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen.”

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

Thomas Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

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