

# St. Theresa's Parish

## Shrine of the Little Flower

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*Deacon: Rev. Mr. Peter Lovrick*

*Secretary: Maria Ciela Sarmiento*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, July 5 (Private Mass)

For the Unborn (*Sanctity of Life*)

### Tuesday, July 6 (Livestreamed)

#### Saint Maria Goretti

7:00 pm Birthday Blessing and Thanksgiving for Judy

Romero, Daphne King & Marie Perera

(*Carmen Donaldson*)

✠ Willie Paragas (*Belen Bayawa*)

✠ Jo & Vincenza Caruso

✠ Isidra, Romeo, Jaime Cueto

(*Bobby & Belen Mendoza*)

### Wednesday, July 7 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm ✠ Rita Lawrence (*Michel Lafrance, John &*

*Carmela Aldorasi*)

✠ Benjamin Mendoza, Jr. (*Mendoza family*)

✠ Felicitas Beltran (*Mendoza family*)

### Thursday, July 8 (Private Mass)

For the People

### Friday, July 9 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Birthday & Thanksgiving for Colm Baszun

(*Grandpa & Grandma*)

✠ William Austin (*Vince & Gillian Haugley*)

### Saturday, July 10 (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm ✠ Amon Mallari Tagle (*Evelyn Chia*)

### Sunday, July 11 (Livestreamed)

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ✠ Antonio Tiongson (*Maylu Tiongson*)

✠ Alicja Profirule Chadzynska

(*Juchniewics Family*)

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND THE SUNDAY MASS.  
MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

### 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

### Archdiocese of Toronto

(416) 934-0606 • [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

Parish Outreach

### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

(416) 261-7498 ext. 4



### Let Us Pray for Our Sick

Marisyl and Ariel Lagrason, Lilibeth Koochi,  
Rolando Abanilla, 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, Danny Gomes, Karlos  
Ebcas, Chona Sunico

### For the Dead

Jane Corry, Vincenza Caruso, Agnes Brewster,  
Fr John Alcantara, Fr Hector Villamil,  
Basil Scala, William 'Bill' Austin

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- JULY 4, 2021

### First Reading

*Ezekiel 2:2-5*

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 123:1-2,3-4*

A prayer to God for mercy

### Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

### Gospel Reading

*Mark 6:1-6*

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

### FAMILY CONNECTION

Our family plays an important role in shaping us and forming our self-identity. In family life, we find a safe place to discover who we are and who God calls us to be. But sometimes the influences from outside our family can make us unrecognizable to those who know us best. These outside influences can lead us away from God, or they can lead us toward a deeper relationship with God. In today's Gospel, we see that the people of Nazareth could not recognize Jesus as the Son of God. They could know him only as the son of Mary. We hope that through our family life we will be encouraged to filter the many influences on our lives through the lens of faith so that we will become the person that God calls us to be. As you gather as a family, talk about the people and events that are influencing members of your family. Acknowledge that many of these people and events are positive influences, helping us be better people and leading us to a deeper relationship with God. Also acknowledge, however, that there are negative influences in our lives that risk pulling us away from God. Observe that Jesus was a person who allowed his relationship with God to be the most important thing in his life. This led many people to have faith in him as the Son of God. However, not everyone could recognize this about Jesus. Read today's Gospel, Mark 6:1-6. Ask: Who does not recognize Jesus as God's Son in this Gospel? (some of his kinfolk in Nazareth) Observe that because of the people's lack of faith, Jesus could not perform many miracles in Nazareth. Conclude by praying together that our families will continue to help us follow God in our lives. Pray together the [Prayer for Vocations](#).

## Son of Mary: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead.

But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbor, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham (see [Romans 9:3, 7](#)).

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master (see [Matthew 10:24](#)). As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace.

Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him (see [Luke 7:23](#)). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

The First Holy Communion celebration is always a wonderful and important occasion for the First Communicants and for our parish community. Just as last year, this year's celebration is exclusive to the candidates' families -- safety procedures are in place following the Worship-safe Guidelines. The health and safety of our candidates, their families and guests are our foremost priority as we celebrate these important sacraments in our parish.



Let us continue to pray for the children who receive their First Holy Communion in our parish on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021. Some of these children were deferrals from last year's program.

*“Lord Jesus, Bless the children who received their Holy Communion for the first time.*

*May it be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.*

*Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. Amen.”*

### Thank You to the Catechists!



We would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation our First Holy Communion volunteer teachers **Jeffrey Barnard, Yvonne D'Souza and Cora Buggea**. Thank you for sharing your time and for preparing the children to receive their First Holy Communion this year.

### Get involved!

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.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Keep the Parish Office Informed

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please contact the parish office to inform them of the change and provide the updated information. It is important to keep our records accurate.

### Pre-authorized giving

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). In the light of COVID 19, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. For more details, please contact the parish office.

### Parish Registration

Registration significantly help several parish processes including Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding. It also enables the parish office to give you letters of reference and tax receipts.

If parishioners have children who are now 18 years of age or older and working, we encourage them to register under their own name.



### ShareLife agencies are there for you, too

Please remember that ShareLife organizations are also there to help you. If you, your family or other loved ones are in need of support from the services of a ShareLife funded agency, visit [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org) and click on the "Need Help?" button.

**Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Our parish has raised \$25,157.89 or 69% toward our goal of \$36,400.00.**

**For those who are able, please give to ShareLife through the parish office or [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).**



## **Blessings on your 38<sup>th</sup> Priestly Ordination Anniversary, Fr Ben!**



Our pastor is celebrating his 38<sup>th</sup> Year of Priestly Ordination on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Let us keep him in our prayers.

O Jesus, Eternal Priest,  
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.  
Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.  
Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.  
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.  
Let Your holy love surrounds them and shield them from the world's contagion.  
Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown.

- St Theresa of Lisieux

## **Announcement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops - Delegation to the Holy See – Healing & Reconciliation – Dec. 17 – 20, 2021**



On June 29th, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops announced that the delegation to the Holy See to foster meaningful dialogue and healing with Indigenous Peoples and the Holy Father will take place December 17 – 20, 2021. The full statement is attached.

An excerpt of the statement reads as follows:

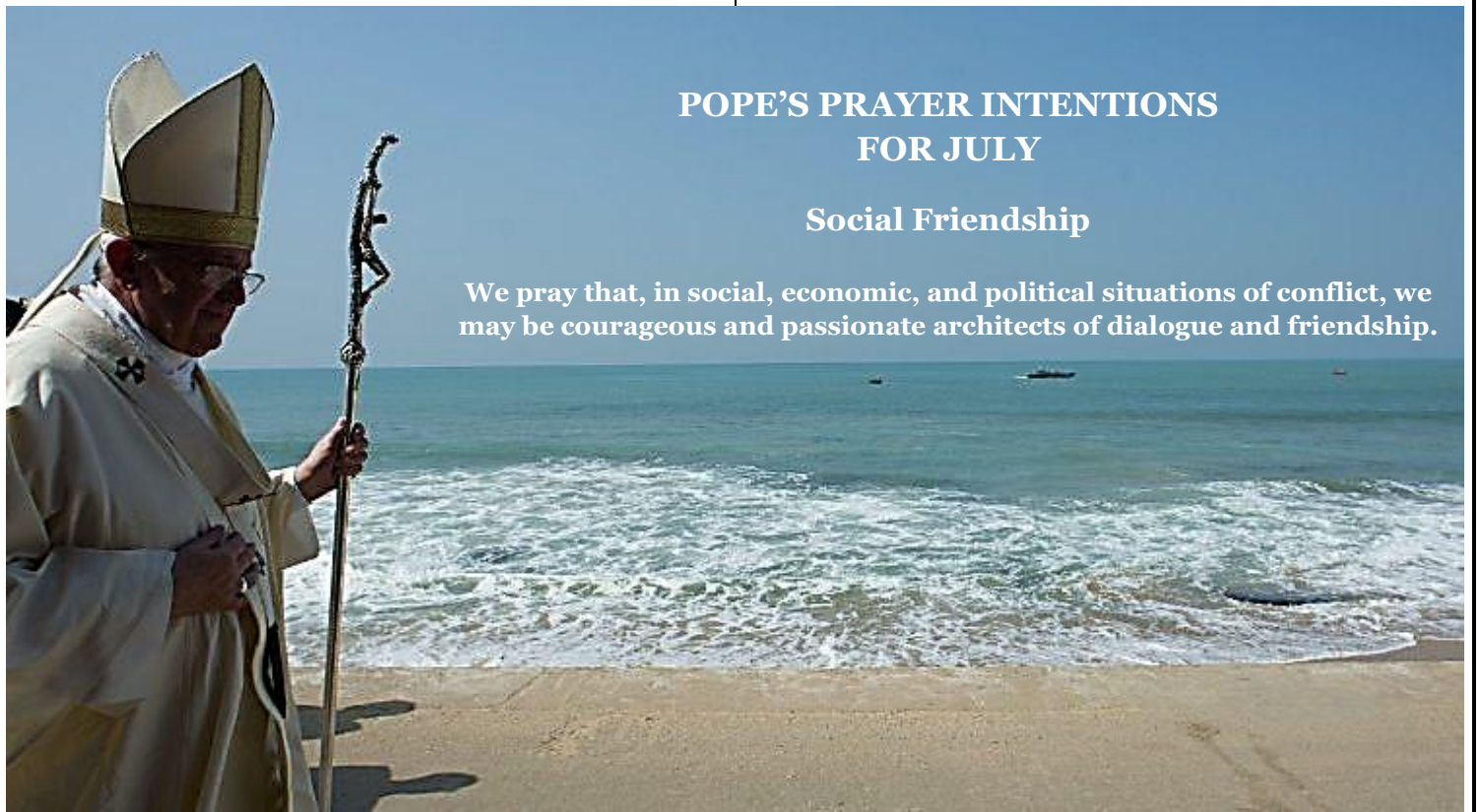
*“Pope Francis is deeply committed to hearing directly from Indigenous Peoples, expressing his heartfelt closeness, addressing the impact of colonization and the role of the Church in the residential school system, in the hopes of responding to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma. The Bishops of Canada are deeply appreciative of the Holy Father’s spirit of openness in generously extending an invitation for personal encounters with each of the three distinct groups of delegates – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – as well as a final audience with all delegates together on 20 December 2021.”*

we have resources available at: [www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools](http://www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools)

## **POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY**

### **Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



## *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your  
love

Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life let me bring  
hope

Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace  
is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men let we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

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[Listen to the music](#)

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

## **Bundle Up Collection**

August 7 and 8, 2021

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is pleased to accept clothing, linens, draperies, and house wares for use in the Society's [programs and services](#), to help those in need.

Donated goods are provided to our neighbours in need in communities across the GTA and to those whom we serve through our supportive housing and outreach programs. This work is facilitated through the [Society's Stores Division](#), which has a warehouse and two stores.

### **Donation Guidelines**

<b>DO NOT ACCEPT</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>
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	

Our steel floored and enclosed collection bin will be placed at St Theresa's parking on August 7/8 to receive your donations. We appreciate your support!

To learn when and where you can drop-off your donation in Toronto, click the link below:

[Upcoming EventsSSVP - Toronto Central Council \(svdptoronto.org\)](#)

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



**Judy Romero  
Jolanta & Zibby Paszel**

*Thank You for Your Offering*

**Offertory: \$647.60 Renovation: \$710.00**

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