

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 31 (Private Mass)

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, June 1 (Livestreamed)

Saint Justin

7:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Terry Vince (*Luna Vince*)

✠ Willy Paragas (*Belen Bayawa*)

✠ Jo Caruso (*Vincenza Caruso*)

Wednesday, June 2 (Livestreamed)

8:00 am For All Parish Volunteers

Thursday, June 3 (Private Mass)

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

For the People

Friday, June 4 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm For all the Priests and volunteers (*Judy Romero*)

Thanksgiving Mass for Joselito Monterey

Saturday, June 5 (Private Mass)

Saint Boniface

✠ Irene & Andrew Glaz (*Irene Durek*)

Sunday, June 6 (Livestreamed)

The Most Holy and Body of Christ

10:00 am ✠ Frank Tarone (*Carmela Aldorasi*)

✠ Juanito Villalon Bonifacio (*Laranang family*)

**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

Vincenza Caruso, Audrey Lovrick, Agnes Brewster, Ivania Maria Bonilla, Adam Jane Villalon, Shirley Baker, Daphne King, Madeliene Franco, 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, Chona Sunico

For the Dead

Emerson Villarante, Mary Bensics,
Jean Maiden, Stephen Callaghan, Arvin Bravo,
Jane Corry, Theresa Nwosisi

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY MAY 30, 2021

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Moses teaches the people that Yahweh is the only God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22

A prayer for the Lord's mercy

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

FAMILY CONNECTION

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity invites us to remember that God has revealed himself to us as one God in three Persons. As Jesus departed from his disciples, he shared with them the power to make disciples of all nations. He taught his disciples to invite others to share in the life of the blessed Trinity by sharing with others the gift of Baptism. This continues to be the mission of the Church. Each of us who has been baptized shares in the life of the blessed Trinity and also shares in the Church's mission of inviting others to share in God's love.

As you gather as a family, bring out pictures and other mementos of family celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism. Talk about the significance of Baptism with your family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Notice that Jesus taught his disciples to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. What else does this remind you of? (the Sign of the Cross) Recall that whenever we pray the Sign of the Cross, we are reminding ourselves that we are united with God through our Baptism and share in the life of the blessed Trinity. Conclude by thanking God for sharing his life with us. Pray together the [Glory Be to the Father](#).

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

Family of Love: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity



The Holy Trinity, Hendrick Van Balen (1920)

Last Sunday, we celebrated the sending of the Spirit, which sealed God's new covenant and made a new creation.

In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood (see [2 Peter 1:4](#)). This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season— Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

These feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how He chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be His children (see [Ephesians 1:4-5](#)).

Today's readings illuminate how all God's words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God's blessing in Jesus Christ—the blessing we inherited in Baptism, and renew in each Eucharist.

By God's word the heavens and earth were filled with His kindness, we sing in today's Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be His own people, Moses says in today's First Reading (see [Deuteronomy 4:20,37](#)). Through the Israelites, He revealed to the nations that He alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God's word took flesh as a son of Abraham (see [Matthew 1:1](#)). And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that He desires to make all people His own.

As He led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today's Epistle. As He adopted Israel (see [Romans 9:4](#)), He gives us the Spirit by which we can know Him as "Our Father."

As God's heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on Him, and to observe all that He has commanded. The Eucharist is His pledge—that He will be with us until the end, that He will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of His kingdom.

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

LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

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

The restrictions for places of worship (limit of 10 people inside the church at any time) still remain in place.

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

Our parish continues 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.

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

(o) ***Jolanta and Zibby Paszel***
LIVE ***Mary and Edward Cashel***

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



Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised \$10,241 toward our goal of \$34,600.

Rose of Sharon is an agency you support through ShareLife. It provides support and educational services to almost 300 young mothers each year.

Deanne Kukulewich is the Executive Director at Rose of Sharon. She says, "COVID-19 has forced many young single mothers into seclusion, not for themselves, but to protect their babies, or unborn infants. Through generous donors like you who support ShareLife, young mothers can receive weekly support. Your donations help the Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers to provide counselling services to help young women and their families cope through these uncertain times."

When you give to ShareLife, you support more than 40 agencies doing vital work that is truly living the Gospel message.

You can make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or sharelife.org. Please give generously.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: India's COVID-19 Outbreak

We continue to accept donations for India. **Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

- ✓ Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- ✓ By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- ✓ Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St Theresa Church – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from COVID-19 worldwide. Thank you for your continued assistance.

"The mystery of the Trinity in itself is inaccessible to the human mind and is the object of faith only because it was revealed by Jesus Christ, the Divine Son of the Eternal Father."

- Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 31, 2021

This Feast, commemorating the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, has been celebrated in Roman liturgy since the 8th century. Found in Luke's Gospel, this event is one of rejoicing in the wonders God has done, as both the barren Elizabeth and the young Virgin Mary find themselves with child. Each woman experiences an outpouring of the Holy Spirit; Elizabeth's response is to declare Mary and her child blessed; and Mary's response is the hymn of praise, the Magnificat.

Memorial of Saint Justin

June 1, 2021



Justin was of pagan Greek origin born in Samaria about the year 100. He trained as a philosopher but later converted to Christianity. Justin was a persuasive Christian apologist, traveling and teaching widely about Christianity. Denounced to the authorities, Justin and his companions were brought

to trial. Court records reveal how they declared themselves Christians, refusing to sacrifice to the gods. They were condemned to death and martyred about the year 165. Of his writings, two of his Apologies survive, as well as a Dialogue in which he tells of his conversion.

June is Seniors' Month

Seniors Month is a time to salute and appreciate the enormous contributions seniors and older adults have made and continue to make in our community.

Seniors have faced increased isolation due to the COVID pandemic. It may take a little longer before life returns to normal. Let us continue to pray for their spiritual and physical well being.

We thank all retired persons who contribute time as volunteers in our parishes and in outreach to the wider community

Congratulations to all those who are graduating from elementary school!

We wish you well as you begin



a new chapter in your life journey.



Sacred Heart Novena Retreat from St. Augustine's Seminary

Thursday, June 03, 2021 - Friday, June 11, 2021



Our online retreat is made up of a series of 30-minute video presentations. Each video is a short retreat conference and will feature a priest from the seminary community. To conclude the retreat, you are invited to join a livestream Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica presided by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

YOUTUBE

LINK: <http://bit.ly/StAugustineSeminaryYouTube>

Where Holiness is Found: Ordinary People Called to Extraordinary Lives

Saturday, June 5 – 9:30 a.m. to 12 pm

We invite you to register today and forward this invitation to your friends and family. It has been a stressful year for all of us – a year of unknowns and constant changes. Take a few moments to breathe, reflect and pray. This retreat, designed especially for women, looks at the everyday moments of our lives and asks: How can I live a life of extraordinary calling? Where is holiness found? Please join us as we consider how each of us, as ordinary women, are called to live extraordinary lives. Presenter: Dr. Anne Jamieson.

COST: \$25

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/DayOfReflectionForWomen>

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POSTER: <http://bit.ly/DayOfReflectionForWomenPoster>

Like Sheep with a Shepherd: A Daily 3-Minute Retreat

The daily 3-Minute Retreat is a short prayer break at your computer.

Reflect with Like Sheep with a Shepherd



Click the link below to start your retreat:

English: [Like Sheep with a Shepherd | Loyola Press](#)

Spanish: [Como ovejas con el pastor | Loyola Press](#)

A Journey into Exile (*Un voyage en exil*) *An interactive experience*

A Journey into Exile is a role-playing and a video conference activity that puts you in the shoes of refugees.

The goal of this interactive experience is to help people understand that refugees are human beings.

How? You will briefly step into the shoes of refugees. You will have to make decisions to survive. The activity cannot give you the full experience of being a refugee, but through refugee testimony videos, survey responses, statistics sharing and discussion, you will get a taste of what it's like to be a refugee.

Are you ready to go?

Sign up for our session in French on June 1st at 19:00! (Eastern Time)

This event is organized by the Jesuits of Canada and Jesuit Refugee Service Canada

When: June 1st, 2021 at 7 PM (EDT)

Language: French

Contact: Phone: 514-387-2541 ext. 228

Email: canjrs@jesuites.org

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.

Visit our "Parish Life" and "Get Involved" sections in our [parish website](#) to see the opportunities available in our parish.

Contact the parish office if you'd like to get started in one of our opportunities soon.

"Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbour."