

# St. Theresa's Parish

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, June 7 (Private Mass)

For the Unborn (*Sanctity of Life*)

### Tuesday, June 8 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving for Alysa Kath, Zoe Hunter and Chabeli Albano (*Tess Kath*)  
✠ Rocchina & Antonio Nunno (*Incorronata Cornacchia*)  
✠ Pablo & Juana Elegino (*Lysle Kintanar*)

### Wednesday, June 9 (Livestreamed)

8:00 am Thanksgiving for Leopoldo Arnel Presto  
✠ Erlinda Salmo (*Armi Salmo*)  
✠ Amor Mallari Tagle (*Evenlyn Chia*)

### Thursday, June 10 (Private Mass)

For the People

### Friday, June 11 (Livestreamed)

#### **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

7:00 pm Healing of Marcial Cruz (*Madeliene Franco*)  
For peace, reconciliation, and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic

### Saturday, June 12 (Private Mass)

#### **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### Sunday, June 13 (Livestreamed)

#### **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Thanksgiving of Margaret David  
Thanksgiving of Shirly McBrearty

**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

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Parish Outreach

### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

(416) 261-7498 ext. 4



### Let Us Pray for Our Sick

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, Vincenza Caruso,

## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**JUNE 6, 2021**

### First Reading

*Exodus 24:3-8*

The covenant is established between God and the people.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 116:12-13,15-16,17-18*

God brings salvation.

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 9:11-15*

Christ is the mediator of the new covenant.

### Gospel Reading

*Mark 14:12-16,22-26*

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

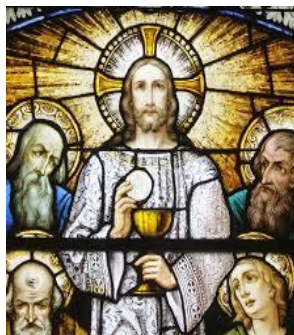
## FAMILY CONNECTION

In the beginning of today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to prepare for the Passover meal. Like most meals, the Passover meal required planning and preparation. Our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist also requires planning and preparation. Certainly, the ministers at the Eucharist prepare for their roles: the person presiding prays and prepares the homily; the prayers of petition are written; the music ministers prayerfully select music and practice it before Mass; Eucharistic ministers, lectors and altar servers prepare carefully for their roles. As the worshipping assembly, we can also prepare for the Mass through our prayer during the week, by reading the Scripture before Mass, and by making ourselves present to the Eucharistic celebration.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things that are required to prepare for your family meals. Plan together a special Sunday meal by choosing the menu, preparing the shopping list, and assigning duties for cooking, setting the table, preparing decorations, leading the prayers, and cleaning. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 14:12-16,22-26. Notice how Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare for their Passover meal. All meals require some kind of planning and preparation; so, too, our Sunday Eucharist requires planning. What might we do as a family to better prepare for our celebration of the Eucharist? Choose one or more ideas to begin to implement together as a family. Pray together that God will help your family make your celebration of the Eucharist the highlight of your week. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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

## Blood of the Covenant: Scott Hahn Reflects on Corpus Christi



All of today's readings are set in the context of the Passover. The First Reading recalls the old covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and the Exodus.

In sprinkling the blood of the covenant on the Israelites, Moses was symbolizing God's desire in this covenant to make them His family, His "blood" relations.

Quoting Moses' words in today's Gospel, Jesus elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the new covenant made in the blood of Christ, we truly become one with His body and blood.

The first covenant made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humankind in that upper room (see [Hebrews 10:1](#)).

The Passover that Jesus celebrates with His Twelve Apostles "actualizes," makes real what could only be symbolized by Moses' sacrifice at the altar with twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish His Church as the new Israel and His Eucharist as the new worship of the living God.

In offering Himself to God through the Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in today's Epistle, by His blood He purified us and made us capable of true worship.

God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to Him, offered as a living sacrifice. This is the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist.

What we do in memory of Him is to pledge our lives to Him, to renew our promise to live by the words of His covenant and to be His servants.

There is no other return we can offer to Him for the eternal inheritance He has won for us. So let us approach the altar, calling upon His name in thanksgiving, taking up the cup of salvation.

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

## CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS AT ST. THERESA'S PARISH

Friday, June 11th is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please join us virtually for this solemn feast of our Lord.



### 2021 Sacred Heart Feast Day Activities

NOTE: All Feast Day activities will be done VIRTUALLY, i.e. through our livestream channel, <https://bit.ly/STP-Livestream>

1:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Virtual Eucharistic Adoration
6:45 PM – 7:00 PM	Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 PM	Solemn Feast Day Mass

### [VIEW MASS LIVESTREAM](#)

### Prayer Petitions Accepted Throughout June

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.

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

### Online Sacred Heart Novena Retreat from St. Augustine's Seminary

Lastly, join the priests of St. Augustine's Seminary in its special 9-day online retreat on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Novena videos go live at 6:00 AM on their [YouTube channel](#) and will also be posted on St. Theresa's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

## JOIN OUR LIVESTREAM MASS

<b>Sunday</b>	10 am Holy Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass at 7 pm followed by Novena to St Therese
<b>Wednesday</b>	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 8 am followed by Holy Mass ( <i>Mass time is subject to change</i> )
<b>Friday</b>	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.

**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.



Thank you for your support of our 2021 ShareLife Parish Campaign.

We have all been affected in many ways by the Covid-19 pandemic. Many communities, as we know, have been severely impacted.

Did you know that, at most, only 40 per cent of families with a signing Deaf family member use sign language in their homes? That has left Deaf people at home during the pandemic particularly isolated.

Silent Voice is one of ShareLife-funded agencies that you support. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, staff there have continued to work hard for all of their clients, working remotely as mentors, and providing access to critical government health and education information.

As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not leave those in the Deaf community behind.

**Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised \$11,486.00 toward our goal of \$36,400.00. Our next collection for ShareLife will be on the weekend of June 20. Thank you for your generosity!**

*Thank you to the Sponsors*

*of this week's livestreaming of Mass*

*Rebecca and William O'Reilly  
Theresa and Bill Bryan*



*Thank You for Your Offering*

**Offertory: \$3,154.00 Renovation: \$ 345.00**

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

## Pope Prayer Intention for June

### The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience.

### Pope Francis invites everyone to pray for those preparing for marriage, which is "a vocation born from the heart."



"Is it true, what some people say—that young people don't want to get married, especially during these difficult times?"

Pope Francis opens a video accompanying his prayer intention for the month of

June with that question.

He goes on to admit that marriage is a "demanding journey" which can be complicated at times. But he adds that "getting married and sharing one's life is something beautiful."

"And on this life-long journey, the husband and wife aren't alone," says the Pope. "Jesus accompanies them."

#### Vocation of love

Pope Francis then reflects on the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage, and its centrality in the life of the Church and of those who undertake this path.

"Marriage isn't just a 'social' act," he notes. "It's a vocation that's born from the heart, a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation."

And the Pope urges everyone to remember that God has a dream for us, which is love.

#### Community support

Finally, the Pope invites Catholics to pray for young people preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community.

"May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience," he prays. "Because a great deal of patience is necessary in order to love."

He closes his video with a brief reminder: "But it's worth it, eh?" (Devin Watkins, Vatican News)

**Click the video below to watch a short message from Pope Francis (21) [The Beauty of Marriage – The Pope Video 6 – June 2021 - YouTube](#)**

**Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins,  
Archbishop of Toronto re Discovery of  
Children's Remains at former Kamloops  
Residential School**

***"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it." (1 Cor 12:26)***

In recent days, the country has been shocked, saddened and angered by the discovery of the remains of 215 children in unmarked graves who attended a residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. We pray for the children who died in Kamloops and in residential schools throughout the country – they must not be forgotten. We must also recognize the betrayal of trust by many Catholic leaders who were responsible for operating residential schools, abandoning their obligation to care for young and innocent children.

We all seek the truth, and this tragic discovery provides yet another opportunity for us to learn more about this dark chapter in our history and the painful journey experienced by so many of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

There is much more work to be done. Since the 1990's, many of the Catholic entities responsible for the operation of residential schools have apologized publicly for their actions and have journeyed together with victims on the path to truth and reconciliation. This includes the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the religious order that operated the residential school in Kamloops, which over the weekend again apologized for its role in the residential school system. Pope Benedict XVI also had the chance to meet with Indigenous leaders in 2009 to personally express his sorrow and anguish.

These actions do not erase our history; they acknowledge our past, force us to face the consequences of our behaviour and compel us to ensure that our sins are not repeated.

While the Archdiocese of Toronto did not operate residential schools, we join with the Indigenous peoples, the Catholic community, and Canadians from coast to coast to coast in a period of collective grief for those who are physically, emotionally and spiritually wounded. This Sunday, I will offer Mass for those who died or were abused at residential schools and for all those who deal with the intergenerational trauma caused by this system. We must also continue to build on the tangible initiatives present throughout the country, like the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, where



bishops and priests, women religious, laity and Indigenous peoples are committed to walking together on a path to reconciliation.

As I have stated previously when speaking of abuse in the Church, the real scandal is when evil festers in the darkness. Once in the open, evil can be rooted out. That must happen. Then new life can begin. Let us journey together to find light through the darkness once again. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

**Thomas Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto**

*O God, we praise and thank you for the blessings of life in  
Canada, from your natural bounty  
and from the work of human hands.*

*We ask you to open our ears to the truths about our  
collective history shared with the Truth and Reconciliation  
Commission by survivors of residential schools.*

*We ask you to open our minds to the complex and subtle  
ways that past mistakes, arrogance, misuse of authority and  
sinfulness have damaged our social fabric in ways we have  
barely begun to redress.*

*We ask you to open our hearts that we may continue to  
listen even when the truth challenges us; that we may  
understand that we are heirs to a system that has shown  
itself capable of domination and cruelty,*

*whether or not we personally contributed; that  
we may commit ourselves in all humility to do what we can  
and support the efforts of  
others to restore our ruptured social fabric. Amen.*

Source: Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon

**Statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) following the recent discovery at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation**

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), I express our deepest sorrow for the heartrending loss of the children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation.

The news of the recent discovery is shocking. It rekindles trauma in numerous communities across this land. Honouring the dignity of the lost little ones demands that the truth be brought to light.

This tragedy profoundly impacts Indigenous communities, with whom many people across this land and throughout the world now stand in solidarity.

As we see ever more clearly the pain and suffering of the past, the Bishops of Canada pledge to continue walking side by side with Indigenous Peoples in the present, seeking greater healing and reconciliation for the future.

We lift up prayers to the Lord for the children who have lost their lives and pledge our close accompaniment of Indigenous families and communities.

May our Creator God bless all of us with consolation and hope.

**Richard Gagnon**  
Archbishop of Winnipeg and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

To find more resources from the CCCB on the residential school system and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, please click here: <https://www.cccb.ca/indigenous-peoples/indian-residential-schools-and-trc>.

## Related Readings

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Residential Schools – June 2021

**READ**

Canada's bishops express 'deepest sorrow' over loss of 215 children found buried at former residential school

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*If God is the God of life – for so He is – then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in His Name.*

*If God is the God of peace – for so He is – then it is wrong for us to wage war in His Name.*

*If God is the God of love – for so He is – then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.*

- *Pope Francis*

**Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto Regarding Conflict in the Middle East, Local Cases of Hatred and Anti-Semitism**

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East is a painful moment for both the Palestinian and Israeli people. In the words of the Holy Father, Pope Francis:

*"I appeal for calm, and for those responsible to end the clamour of weapons and to take the path of peace... Many innocent people have died, amongst them there are also children. This is terrible. Unacceptable. Their death is a sign that (people) don't want to build a future, but destroy it ... I wonder where hatred and revenge will lead?"*

We pray that the ceasefire recently agreed to will bring a sustained period of peace.

Locally, we have seen protests from both sides of this conflict. Peaceful protests are an important part of the democratic process. However, sadly, in our country and local community, there are an increasing number of anti-Semitic threats and even violence against the Jewish community. This is unacceptable and I appeal to all people to treat one another with care and respect. Hatred against any member of our community should be strongly condemned by all.

# Solemnity, Feast, Or Memorial?

## How To Tell The Difference

By Chloe Langr

It is the new year, and that means cracking open a new calendar. If you are Catholic, you may have received a calendar from your Church. But upon opening it, you'll not only find the holidays that you're used to celebrating, but all sorts of celebrations in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. Days of the week may be marked "memorial", "optional memorial," or "solemnity". What do those terms mean? What is the difference between an "optional memorial" and a "feast day"? Why are some days "ordinary" and others are not?

Except for commonly known celebrations (like Easter and Christmas), most of us Catholics group all liturgical celebrations together and call them 'feast days'. And while feast days are an important part of the liturgical calendar for the Catholic Church, feast days are only one of three different categories of celebrations throughout the year.

These celebrations are not random days that the Church sets aside to honor saints, devotions, and holy days, though. Instead, the Church has a regular schedule divided into three categories: solemnities, feast days, and memorials. Here is a quick explanation of those terms and what they mean for lay Catholics.

### **Solemnities**

Solemnities hold the highest degree of Catholic celebrations. They celebrate the most important mysteries of the Catholic faith. Some commonly known Solemnities include Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, and Christ the King. Some days that honor Mary are also Solemnities, like the Assumption, the Immaculate Conception, and the Annunciation. Saints that played an important role in salvation history also are celebrated with a Solemnity (think Saint Joseph, Saint John the Baptist, and Saints Peter and Paul).

Some Solemnities are always celebrated on the same calendar date – for instance, Christmas will always be celebrated on December 25. Others will change from year to year based on other celebrations. For example, Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

What does that mean for those of us who sit in the pews? Mass on a Solemnity will remind you a lot of a Sunday Mass. The Gloria is sung, three readings will be read, petitions will be offered, and in most cases, a specific preface will be prayed. Although Solemnities are beautiful parts of the Catholic liturgy, most of them are not holy days of obligation.

### **Feast days**

Second in line of importance in the liturgical calendar are feast days. These are special days set apart on the liturgical calendar to celebrate the lives of the saints and other events in the life of Christ. Some of the most well-known feast days are the feasts of the apostles, the feast of the Holy Angels, the Visitation, the Presentation, and the Baptism of the Lord. What does this mean if you find yourself in the pews on a feast day? The priest may include a reflection on the life of the saint in his homily. Also, the Gloria is a requirement of these days, but the Creed will not be said.

### **Memorials**

Memorials are of third importance in the liturgical calendar. They are classified as either obligatory or optional. Memorials are a celebration of the lives of saints. Some saint memorials are obligatory – which means the memorial must be observed. For instance, the memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, celebrated on January 28, is an obligatory memorial.

Other memorials are optional. An example of an optional memorial is that of Saint Pope John Paul the Great, celebrated on October 22. The new Roman calendar has ninety-five optional memorials.

For a full list of saints feasts and memorials this year, [check out this list](#) from Carol D'Annunzio at Simple Catholic Living.

How did the Church decide which memorials were obligatory and which were optional? The Church only observes obligatory memorials for saints who are of "universal significance" in the liturgical calendar.

What does this mean for us as Catholics? Unlike Solemnities and feast days, the Gloria does not have to be sung during Mass. But if you are pumped about attending a daily Mass and your patron saint just happens to have an optional memorial, don't get your hopes up too high. Chances are that the priest could choose to not celebrate the optional memorial. But if you are excited for an obligatory memorial, you'll be sure to hear about the saint whose memorial is being celebrated that day.

### **Wait . . . what?**

If you're more of a visual learner, you'll love this info-graphic that was designed by [Jonathan Teixeira from the FOCUS blog!](#)

The confusion that can sometimes ensue over celebrations in the liturgy is why the Bishops's Committee on the Liturgy of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops publishes the *Ordo* every year. In it, you'll find an outline for the celebrations throughout the liturgical year.

Source: [Solemnity, Feast, or Memorial? How to Tell the Difference - Epic Pew](#)