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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 24 (Private Mass)

Tuesday, May 25 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Birthday and Thanksgiving of Paolo Kintanar
(Kintanar family)

Birthday and Thanksgiving of Janette Rosales
✠ Benjamin Mendoza, Sr. (Janette Rosales)

Wednesday, May 26 (Livestreamed)

8:00 am Birthday and Thanksgiving of Joyce Dowlat

Thursday, May 27 (Private Mass)

For the People

Friday, May 28 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm ✠ Carmen S. Tiongson (Maylu Tiongson)
✠ Gino Marroccoli (Cora Buggea & family)
✠ Carole Sicotte (Cora Buggea & family)

Saturday, May 29 ((Private Mass)

✠ Willy Paragas (Belen Bayawa)
✠ Giovanni Civello (Joanne Buggea)

Sunday, May 30 (Livestreamed)

The Most Holy Trinity

10:00 am ✠ Willy Paragas (Judy Romero)
✠ Jessica and Angeline Dalliday (MEDD Staff
at the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

**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

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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

Audrey Lovrick, Agnes Brewster, Ivania
Maria Bonilla, Adam Jane Villalon, Shirley
Baker, Daphne King, 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

For the Dead

John King, Juanito Villalon-Bonifacio,
Emerson Villarante, Mary Bensics,
Maria Das Dores Ferreira De Faria e Silva
Jean Maiden, Stephen Callaghan, Arvin Bravo,
Jane Corry

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

Pentecost

"PENTECOST" IS FROM THE GREEK **PENTEKOSTOS** WHICH MEANS **FIFTIETH**

We celebrate Pentecost on the 50th day after Easter.

On Pentecost, "the mission of the Christ and of the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity."

After the example of Mary and the disciples on the first Pentecost on which "the Church came to birth," we pray and wait for the same Spirit graciously promised by Jesus and listen with quiet hearts to the Word of the Lord.

"There is no freedom greater than letting yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to lead you wherever he wishes." POPE FRANCIS, MAY 14, 2018

SOURCES: ROMAN MISSAL AND COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation. As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the Sign of Peace. Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

A NEW WIND

Scott Hahn Reflects on Pentecost Sunday

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see [Leviticus 23:15–21](#); [Deuteronomy 16:9–11](#)).

In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see [Acts 1:14](#)).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see [Jeremiah 31:31–34](#); [2 Corinthians 3:2–8](#); [Romans 8:2](#)).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see [1 Corinthians 15:45, 47](#)).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also [John 7:37–39](#)).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [Galatians 6:15](#)).

Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see [1 Corinthians 10:4](#)), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

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



We continue to pay tribute to our Blessed Mother Mary with flowers. The congregation is welcome to bring flowers for the month of May.

For more information about the offering of flowers and the Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help, please call the parish office

Feast Days of Mary

- January 1 — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God *
- January 8 — Our Lady of Prompt Succor
- February 2 — Presentation of the Lord
- February 11 — Our Lady of Lourdes
- March 25 — Annunciation
- May 13 — Our Lady of Fatima
- May 31 — Visitation
- June 27 — Our Mother of Perpetual Help
- July 16 — Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- August 15 — Assumption *
- August 22 — Queenship of Mary
- September 8 — Birth of Mary
- September 12 — The Most Holy Name of Mary
- September 15 — Our Lady of Sorrows
- October 7 — Our Lady of the Rosary
- November 21 — Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 8 — Immaculate Conception *
- December 12 — Our Lady of Guadalupe

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 Province of Ontario extended the stay-at-home order until at least June 2, 2021. Current restrictions for places of worship (limit of 10 people inside the church at any time) remain in place.

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

Our parish continue 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

(☉) Ahilia & Terrence Thomas
LIVE Margaret David

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

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.



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– Cardinal Thomas Collins

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**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.

**Sacred Heart Novena Retreat
Thursday, June 3 to Friday, June 11**

The 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>

**‘Stop the clamour of arms!’ Pope tells
Israeli, Palestinian leaders**

Pope Francis appeals for calm in the Holy Land as escalating violence threatens to degenerate “into a spiral of death and destruction.”

Pope Francis appealed “in the name of God” for calm in the Holy Land, after seven days of fighting that has left scores of people dead and hundreds more wounded.

The deaths of dozens of children among them are particularly “terrible and unacceptable,” the Pope said. “Their death is a sign that people do not want to build the future, but to destroy it.”

He warned that the ongoing violence in Israel and the Gaza Strip risks degenerating “into a spiral of death and destruction,” with wounds to “fraternity and peaceful coexistence” that will be difficult to heal without an immediate return to dialogue.

The Pope urged Israeli and Palestinian leaders “to stop the clamour of arms and to walk the path of peace, with the help of the international community.”

He called for “unceasing” prayer for Israelis and Palestinians to “find the path of dialogue and forgiveness, to be patient builders of peace and justice, opening up, step-by-step, to a common hope, to coexistence between brothers.”

Pope Francis then asked the faithful to pray for the victims of the conflict, “especially the children.”

“Let us pray for peace to the Queen of Peace,” he said, before leading them in the recitation of a Hail Mary. (Christopher Wells, Vatican News)

**Global Week of Prayer for China
May 23 to May 30, 2021**

[A global grassroots Catholic movement](#) is offering prayer and solidarity with our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters who are living in China. We encourage you to join in this Global Week of Prayer for China from Sunday, May 23 to Sunday, May 30, 2021.

An international coalition of lay Catholics has been working during these past months to actively support this very important initiative by Cardinal Bo.

Please consider joining in this movement and spreading the word to others. You can find many helpful resources at the [Global Prayer for China website](#).

To learn more about this issue, you can [read this profile on the persecution of Christians in China](#). Thank you for your prayers for the people of China.