

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 26 (Private Mass)

Tuesday, July 27 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Birthday & Thanksgiving of Camryn Obieta

(*Bob & Jeanette Rosales*)

Healing of Anton Melcher (*Tomí Tarasuk*)

† Dora Kikiakou (*John & Carmela Aldorasi*)

† Dino Penafiel (*Lysle Kintanar*)

Wednesday, July 28 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Mary Morton (*Madeleine Franco*)

Thursday, July 29 (Private Mass)

Friday, July 30 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Dino Penafiel (*Judy Romero*)

Saturday, July 31 (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm 50th Wedding Anniversary of Joyce & Zainal

† Corazon Nastor and Susan Mose Cristobal

Sunday, August 1 (Livestreamed)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Birthday & Thanksgiving of Aldwin Jude

Valdez (*Valdez family*)

† Nelson Dollete (*Dollete family*)

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.
REGISTRATION IS THROUGH [EVENTBRITE](#).**

**CHURCH IS OPEN 30 MINS BEFORE THE MASS.
MASS TIME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES, REGISTRATION IS AT
THE DOOR.**

Dear God, we remember all the elderly in our community who have died in recent months as a result of the pandemic, including those who are not remembered by anyone. Welcome them all into your kingdom of peace and mercy

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

Parish Outreach

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

(416) 261-7498 ext. 4



Let Us Pray for Our Sick

Anton & Bobby Melchers, Dcn Bobby Rosales, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny and Pamela Dupley, Lilibeth Koochi, Rolando Abanilla, Salvacion Lingad, Adam Jane Villalon, Shirley Baker, Madeleine Franco, Sophy McDonald, 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

Basil Scala, William 'Bill' Austin, Romeo Barroso, Ivania Maria Bonilla, Dino Penafiel

**THIS SUNDAY, WE ARE LIGHTING CANDLES FOR
ALL THE ELDERLY IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
WHO HAVE DIED IN RECENT MONTHS.**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 25, 2021

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

The Lord feeds his people and answers their needs.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Parents may sympathize with the disciples' protests when Jesus asks Philip where food might be found for the crowd. In the responses of both Philip and Andrew, we hear feelings of inadequacy as they survey their limited resources in the face of such great need. We may sometimes share these feelings about our own material possessions or our emotional and spiritual resources in the face of our family's needs. This is a Gospel of hope for these times, which are all too frequent in parenting and family life. As Jesus made the five barley loaves and two fish sufficient to more than meet the needs of over five thousand people, Jesus will also work with what we have to provide for our family's needs. When we offer our efforts to God, we ask him to transform them so that they will be more than adequate to the tasks and needs before us. As you gather as a family, talk together about the things that your family needs, starting with the basics—food, shelter, safety, and so on. Continue by naming other things that a family needs to be happy and healthy—time together, cooperation, patience, and so on. Observe that sometimes we can feel like we don't have enough of the things that we need or want. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:1-15. Talk about how Jesus provided plenty of food for the crowd with just five barley loaves and two fish. We have faith that Jesus will also take what we have and make it enough to satisfy and fill all our needs. We ask for this blessing when we offer to God the work of each day in prayer in the Morning Offering. Pray together the Morning Offering, asking God to bless and make fruitful the work of each of our days. (Taken from www.loyolapress.com)

Bread Left Over: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people.

Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over.

The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see [Deuteronomy 18:15-19](#)). The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see [Psalm 23:1, 5](#)).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm—to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see [Psalm 81:17](#)).

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see [Matthew 26:26](#)). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.



These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body.

In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

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



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

Your donation of clothing & small household goods is greatly appreciated. Kindly bring your donations only on the designated date of collections.



2021 ShareLife Parish Campaign

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need. **To date, our parish has raised \$28,000 or 77% toward our goal of \$36,400.00.**

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

Judy Romero
Mary and Edward Cashel



Thank You for Your Offering

Offertory: \$1320 Renovation: \$385

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

Call for Volunteers!

Have you thought about serving your parish as an usher, a cleaner, a lector, a choir member, 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 in the vestibule.

LOVE IS EVERYTHING



St. Therese believed that Jesus was with her and loved her from her childhood. She learned of Jesus Christ from the stories read to her and from her own familiarity with scripture as she grew up. She also

felt love palpable in her reading of the Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis. Furthermore, at age seventeen she read St. John of the Cross and saw how much Gods love energized his life. She wanted that kind of fulfillment. St. John of the Cross had written: In the evening of life we will be judged by our love St. Therese believed that love was everything. She recognized the centrality of love when she read I Corinthians 13; she wanted to embrace that call.

She translated this desire for love by developing her relationship to Jesus Christ. She gave each day to him as a way of manifesting her love for him. When she discovered that life was not easy in the convent of Lisieux, that some of the nuns were coarse and difficult to live with, she came to the conclusion that the condition would be chronic. It was not going to go away. Therefore, she had to decide how she would live within this environment. She discovered her little way: to accept that each one came ultimately from the divine artist and thus each one is loved forever by God. Therefore, she would love them as best she could, a kind word, a smile, an assist when she was able. In fact, she learned in the process that there is deep down a union between love of God and love of neighbor. She wrote that the more my life is focused in Jesus Christ, the more I am able to love my Sisters.

Toward the end of her life St. Therese discovered that love could be tested in extraordinary ways. She had to go through an eighteen-month period of feeling nothing but temptation against all that she believed. Perhaps there is no heaven and her life had been a foolish gesture of commitment. She had little consolation and also had to suffer from tuberculosis, which had no cure in the late nineteenth century. But St. Therese refused to abandon her life of faith, hope and love. She would accept any difficulty and any test in order to give herself to love. In the end she left this world in great peace and in love. Her story continues to attract the restless heart seeking a way of being worthwhile in our world.

Rev. John F. Russell, O.Carm. Taken from St. Therese and Love - Reflections on St. Therese | Society of the Little Flower - US

Let us celebrate our grandparents and the elderly day today!

JULY 25, 2021: WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Let us pause for a moment and give thanks for the blessing that grandparents are to the family. Throughout our lives they are models who influence and inspire us in so many ways. Our grandparents are an extraordinary gift that must be treasured.

Many consider the grandparents' role to be a vocation – a calling from God. St. John Paul II said that our faith is not “taught,” it is “caught.” As grandparents living out our faith, we can offer the perfect opportunity to model authentic faith lived in our daily lives.

Today, we can no longer take the faith of our grandchildren for granted. Families are far more mobile and many secular activities seem to get in the way of families growing faith together. Work, social commitments and the change in the family dynamic all impact our growing faith as families.

Perhaps the most powerful means of transmission of the faith is through the lived experience of those who have travelled the journey before us. The witness of their lived experience is often the greatest means for transmission of the faith.

The most powerful gift we can bring our grandchildren is the understanding that prayer is a beautiful gift from God. It is the gift of communication, the way in which we grow in our relationship with our God. Helping our grandchildren to become comfortable with prayer will help them understand that God is always near and always ready to listen.

Pray with your grandchildren. Never have them pray for you. Always remind them that prayer is their personal time with God even though at times we pray together as one voice.

Teach them the importance of silence in their prayer life. **Prayer is a conversation, and any conversation has two parts. Someone speaks; someone listens.** It is often hard for young people to sit in silence and listen for the voice of God, but it is a necessary part of prayer.

Teach them the beautiful traditional prayers of our faith such as the Lord's Prayer and the Rosary but teach them the importance of thinking about and reflecting on what they are saying in these prayers or they will simply stay memorized words rather than heartfelt prayer.

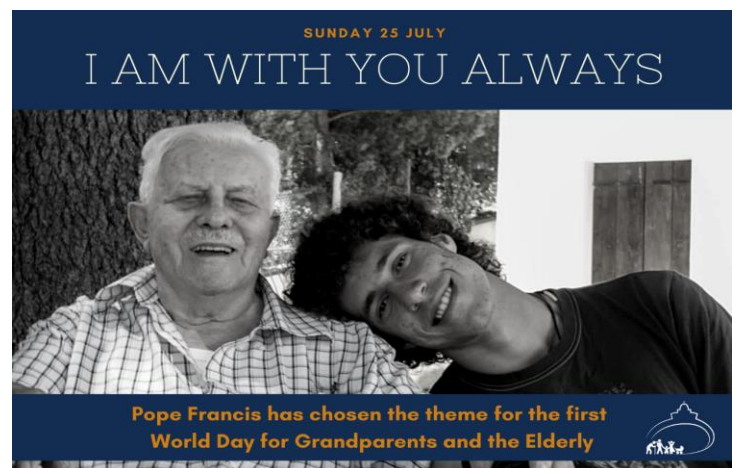


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Read Scripture with them so that they might see how prayer plays an important role in the lives of those who formed and shaped our lives as Catholic Christians.

When we see that prayer is an opportunity to connect with God on an on-going basis, our grandchildren will be encouraged to see prayer as part of who they are. Doing so will not only remind them of *who* they are but of *whose* they are!

David Dayler, Director of Catechesis, St Ann's Parish, Ancaster, ON, Taken from Living with Christ, July 2021.



On January 31, 2021, Pope Francis decided to institute throughout the Church the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It will be held every year on the fourth Sunday in July near the liturgical memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis said, "It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their grandparents."

[Read Pope Francis' full message - Angelus, 31 January 2021](#)