

# St. Theresa's Parish

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, August 16 (Private Mass)

### Tuesday, August 17 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Healing of Maria Corazon Buenafe

✠ Barbara Smith (*MaryAnne Hoyle*)

### Wednesday, August 18 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm ✠ Dennis Horne (*Daphne King*)

### Thursday, August 19 (Private Mass)

For the People

### Friday, August 20 (Livestreamed)

#### Saint Bernard

7:00 pm Healing for Arlyn Franco (*Madeleine Franco*)

### Saturday, August 21 (Livestreamed)

#### Saint Pius X

5:00 pm Thanksgiving and Wedding Anniversary for

Jim and Rita King

Thanksgiving and Special Intention Mass

of Mildred Halder

### Sunday, August 22 (Livestreamed)

#### Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ✠ Samuel & Catherine Rochol

(*Margaret David*)

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT TO ATTEND SUNDAY  
MASS. REGISTRATION IS THROUGH EVENTBRITE.**

**REGISTRATION ENDS FRIDAY AT 3 PM.**

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

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

### 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

Anton & Bobby Melchers, Dcn Bobby Rosales, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny and Pamela Dupley, Lilibeth Koochi, Salvacion Lingad, Adam Jane Villalon, Shirley Baker, Madeleine Franco, Sophy McDonald, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszal, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, Elizabeth Callaghan, James Halder, Phyllis Randolph, Caroline Maiden, Danny Gomes, Karlos Ebcas, Chona Sunico

### For the Dead

Basil Scala, William 'Bill' Austin, Romeo Barrozo, Ivania Maria Bonilla, Dino Penafiel, Benigna Vizcara, Patricia Anderson, Dennis Horne, Maureen Bridglalsingh, Muriel "Lola" Barrett,

# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUGUST 15, 2021



Jan Frans Bescheij, *Assumption of the Virgin*, 1750-1767

## First Reading

*Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab*

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 45:10-12, 16*

The queen takes her place next to God.

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:20-27*

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 1:39-56*

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. *Continued next page..*

## Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On this feast, we praise God who has taken the sinless Virgin Mary, body and soul, into His glory.

In our first reading, from Revelation, we find God's temple in heaven opened and the Ark of the Covenant revealed. The most sacred item in Israel's history, the Ark had been missing since the Temple's destruction in 586 B.C. Thus, John reports some startling news. Even more startling is his revelation that the sacred vessel is now a woman, who is mother of the royal Son of David, the Messiah.

Of this woman, then, we sing to God as the ancient Israelites sang: "The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold." In the court of King Solomon, we glimpse Israel's traditional arrangement: Solomon's mother, Bathsheba, takes her place at the king's right hand (see [1 Kings 2:19](#)).

At Mary's Assumption, as we see in Revelation, the queen once again takes her place at the right hand of the Son of David.

Our second reading shows us why this is fitting: "in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order." What is implicit in St. Paul's statement is revealed in Revelation. The consummation of Christ's work has begun, as is proper, with the Assumption of the queen mother.

John's Apocalypse shows also the fulfillment of our Gospel. There, Mary, pregnant with Jesus, retraces the steps of David as he brought the Ark to Jerusalem (see 2 Samuel 6). Mary "arose and went" into the hill country, just as David "arose and went" to that region. Upon Mary's arrival, Elizabeth is awestruck, just as David was before the Ark. The encounter causes the baby John to leap with excitement, as David leapt before the Ark. And Mary stayed in the "house of Zechariah" for "three months," as the Ark remained in the "house of Obed-edom" for the same period.

Mary is the vessel of God's presence, and she is queen mother. She reigns now in splendor with Jesus in the heavenly Jerusalem.

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

# ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18, 2021 - 7:00 PM



St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
Celebrant: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Livestreamed: [stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://stmichaelscathedral.com/live)

*Continuation...*

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation. (Taken from [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

## Healing and Reconciliation Fund

As we journey with the Indigenous community, this fund will support healing and reconciliation efforts, recognizing the trauma experienced from the residential school system. We recognize the journey to reconciliation is one that will continue for years to come.

For more information and additional resources visit [www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools](http://www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools).

Thank you for your support.

### STEWARDSHIP

**One goal of stewardship is to increase everyone's engagement in parish life.**

**We are all invited to become more involved in the many different ways that we can serve others.**

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.

We invite you to read Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.

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.

**PASTORAL LETTER ON STEWARDSHIP**

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

Margaret David  
Jolanta and Zibby Paszel



*Thank You for Your Offering*

Offertory: \$2550 Renovation: \$140

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