

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 28 (Private Mass)

Saint Irenaeus

Thanksgiving for AJ Valdez (*Agnes & Tony Valdez*)

Tuesday, June 29 (Livestreamed)

Saints Peter and Paul

7:00 pm Thanksgiving of Nathan Romero

(*Judy & Rene Romero*)

Thanksgiving of John Aldorasi

Wednesday, June 30 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Andrew & Robert Vince

(*Luna Vince*)

Thursday, July 1 (Livestreamed)

Canada Day

8:00 AM † Teodorica Romero (*Judy & Rene Romero*)

Friday, July 2 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Special Intention for Vicitacion Perez

Saturday, July 3 (Livestreamed)

Saint Thomas

5:00 pm Thanksgiving of Aldwin Judy Valdez

(*Agnes & Tony Valdez*)

Sunday, July 4 (Livestreamed)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am † Remedios Hashim (*May Tiongson & family*)

† Sophy Manalo (*Belen Bayawa*)

**PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND THE MASS. NO
WALK-INS ALLOWED.
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

(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

Rolando Abanilla, Salvacion Lingad, Audrey Lovrick, Ivania Maria Bonilla, Adam Jane Villalon, Shirley Baker, Madeliene Franco, Sophy McDonald, Bobby Melchers, 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

Jean Maiden, Stephen Callaghan, Arvin Bravo, Jane Corry, Vincenza Caruso, Agnes Brewster, Arnel Abner, Fr John Alcantara, Fr Hector Villamil, Basil Scala

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 27, 2021**

First Reading

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death entered the world through the work of the devil.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11,12,13

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for having rescued us

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

As Christ became poor for our sake, so must we share with those in need from our abundance.

FAMILY CONNECTION

There are many ways in which we can compare the request for healing made by Jairus and the request of the woman with the hemorrhage. One comparison helps us think about prayer. Jairus asked Jesus for healing on his daughter's behalf; the woman with the hemorrhage had no one to speak for her and bravely approached Jesus on her own initiative. In our prayers, we do both. We intercede for others' needs, and we also courageously express our own needs to God. We find hope in Jesus' response to both of these people, who sought him out in their hour of need. As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things you have prayed for this week. Notice that some of your prayers may have been for other people, and some of your prayers may have been for your own needs. In today's Gospel we find encouragement for both kinds of prayer. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 5:21-43. Talk about the similarities and differences between the two people who presented their needs to Jesus in this Gospel. Notice that both people received the healing they sought from Jesus. We want to pray for the needs of others and for our own needs with as much faith and hope as Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage did. Pray together in thanks and praise to God, who hears our needs and answers them, by praying today's psalm, Psalm 30. (*Loyolapress.com*)

*Oh Lord my God,
I called to you for help
and You healed me.*

Psalm 30:2

**Arise! Scott Hahn Reflects on the
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Visily Polenov, 1871

God, who formed us in His imperishable image, did not intend for us to die, we hear in today's First Reading. Death entered the world through the devil's envy

and Adam and Eve's sin; as a result, we are all bound to die.

But in the moving story in today's Gospel, we see Jesus liberate a little girl from the possession of death.

On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power over even the final enemy, death (see [1 Corinthians 15:26](#)). On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead, along with all our loved ones who sleep in Christ (see [1 Corinthians 15:18](#)).

Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!"—using the same Greek word used to describe His own resurrection (see [Mark 16:6](#)). And the consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. If we believe in Him, even though we die, we will live (see [John 15:25-26](#)).

We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel today—praying for our loved ones, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart. Notice the parents follow Him even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep (see [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)).

Already in Baptism, we've been raised to new life in Christ. And the Eucharist, like the food given to the little girl today, is the pledge that He will raise us on the last day.

We should rejoice, as we sing in today's Psalm, that He has brought us up from the netherworld, the pit of death. And, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should offer our lives in thanksgiving for this gracious act, imitating Christ in our love and generosity for others.

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

Step 2 of Provincial Reopening – June 30 – Implications for Churches

We are heading into Stage 2 of the reopening plan for Ontario beginning June 30th. Our parish continues to require parishioners to book tickets (register through Eventbrite) to attend Sunday Masses. This helps the church manage capacity restrictions and contact tracing.

While the percentage increased from 15% to 25%, our church can only accommodate a limited number of people due to the 6 feet (2m) distance requirement per individual or household.

REMEMBER, the pandemic continues to present a serious health threat to members in our society and beyond; the faithful are therefore reminded to **follow the direction provided by ushers for seating. Please do not to congregate in large numbers in or around the church before or after services. Do not leave tissues in the pews.**

Our safety protocol should be observed at all time. Your cooperation in keeping our church safe and clean will be greatly appreciated.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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| Saturday | 5 pm Holy Mass (<i>Eventbrite</i>) |
| Sunday | 10 am Holy Mass (<i>Eventbrite</i>) |
| Tuesday | Mass at 7 pm followed by Novena to St Therese (<i>Register through the parish office</i>) |
| Wednesday | Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7 pm followed by Holy Mass (<i>Register through the parish office</i>) |
| Friday | Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 6:45 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm (<i>Register through the parish office</i>) |

Livestream channel: <https://bit.ly/STP-Livestream>

We encourage those who are at an increased risk of COVID-19 to exercise extreme caution when deciding to leave home for any reason. The dispensation from Sunday Mass continues at this time.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new normal. Rest assured that the safety protocol in place is meant for a greater good – the health and safety of St. Theresa's parish community.

We WILL get through this together.

Fr Ben's Message to the Graduates of St Theresa's Parish Schools

Congratulations to our graduates this year – batch 2021!

I would like to wish you all the best for your future pursuits. I pray through the intercession of St Theresa, our patroness, that you will be successful in the future under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Jesus make you more humble, loving, and caring persons.

God bless you in the Name of the Father, of the Son and of The Holy Spirit. Amen.



St Theresa Shrine Catholic School



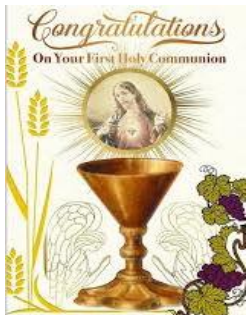
St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School

PARISH OFFICE OPERATIONS

The Parish office is still closed to the public - limited essential appointments only. For certificates, a Priest Reference, Mass intentions, drop of donations, inquiries about Baptism, or arrangements for confessions or funerals please contact us by email or phone.

Make sure that your parish registration is updated. Important announcements are sent by email and through ROBOCALL. If you have not registered yet, please visit our website to download the [registration form](#) and submit to: st-theresa@rogers.com

PRAYING FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES



Next weekend will be a joyous occasion as we celebrate the First Holy Communion for this year!

On Saturday, July 3rd, 10 of our children will receive their First Holy Communion. Our parish have scheduled the safe celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

and First Holy Communion based on the Worship-safe guidelines.

Please keep our First Communicants and their families in your prayers as they approach this joyful day.

Good and gracious God, you have invited these children to your table for the first time that you may carry to completion their sharing in the life of your family, the church. Help them to always live-in friendship and communion with Christ, as living members of his mystical body. Amen.

This year's celebrations are exclusive to the communicants' families. The Mass, however, will be livestreamed.

PRAYER PETITIONS AND CANDLES

We pray for peace, reconciliation, and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Let us pray for you throughout the month of June! We placed a box in front of the St Theresa's altar for your prayer petitions, which will be remembered in all Masses this June. Please mail in your prayer petitions to the Parish Office.

Light A Candle

Throughout the world, lighting candles is a sacred ritual. We light a candle for many purposes: to illuminate darkness, dedicate prayers, solidify intentions, offer blessings, evoke the Spirit, and/or to nourish grateful living.



Fr Ben and the parish staff can light the Hope Candle for you. The Hope candle is a 3-day candle placed in front of St Theresa's statue. For more details call the parish office.



Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Last week was our second collection. **Thanks to you, our generous donors, our parish has raised \$ 24,357.00 toward our goal of \$36,400.00.**

When you support ShareLife, you help clients at more than 40 agencies, including Rosalie Hall, founded by the Misericordia Sisters in 1914.

The agency appreciates your support. Jane Kenny is the agency's Executive Director and she says, "ShareLife donors make a difference every day in helping meet the needs of the most vulnerable young moms and children utilizing our agency. Thank you, you are helping change young families' lives!"

Please make your sacrificial gift to our ShareLife campaign through the parish office, on our website, or at sharelife.org. Please give generously.

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



Margaret David



Thank You for Your Offering

Offertory: \$1,660.00 Renovation: \$2,105

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

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

There were 37 calls to the St. Theresa's Shrine, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Helpline during the month of May. All those who called us received a visit by phone and your donations of \$1515 enabled us to mail out \$1600 in food assistance.

The much-awaited Bundle Up Collection is scheduled on August 7 & 8, 2021. Details to follow.

We are most grateful for your generous support. Together, 'we can make a difference'.

Canadian Catholics to Pray the Novena and Act of Entrustment to St. Joseph

The [Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) (CCCB) invites the faithful in Canada to pray a nine-day [Novena and Act of Entrustment to St. Joseph](#). The Novena runs from **Tuesday, June 22 to Wednesday, June 30**, and culminates with a solemn Act of Entrustment on **Thursday, July 1** (Canada Day).

Join us as we make this Novena and Act of Entrustment to Canada's principal patron. We will be praying this Novena on all of our weekday and weekend Masses and wrap up with a special Canada Day Mass and Act of Entrustment on July 1st at 8 AM.

How to Pray Canada's Novena and Act of Entrustment to St. Joseph

- 👉 [Download the Novena and Act of Entrustment to St. Joseph](#) from the CCCB website.
- 👉 **JUNE 22-30:** Join us on all of our [weekday and weekend Masses](#) ([in-person](#) or via [livestream](#)) where this novena will be prayed.
- 👉 **JULY 1:** Attend our special Canada Day Mass where we will make the solemn [Act of Entrustment to St. Joseph](#)



Prayer to St Joseph, Principal Patron of Canada

We turn to you, Saint Joseph, the guardian of Canada and patron for our times.

Inspire our leaders to dream, help them to hear God calling for justice and peace, Empower them to do brave things for Canada as you once dared to do for your own family.

Saint Joseph, the patron of expectant mothers, intercede for us at the beginning of life; by your example of love for the Virgin Mary on the road to Bethlehem, help us to support the holiness of every woman and every child waiting to be born.

In the flight into Egypt, you shared the life of refugees; even now you give us hope when we suffer want or have no place to go. Inspire us all to persevere in poverty and to share what we can for the sake of those in need.

Patron of families, ask for God's blessings on young families; help us to make Jesus the head of every household and to keep faith with your young family in Nazareth.

Saint Joseph the worker, guide us through our working years; our tools may not be like yours, but we share your dedication.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide our vocations so that we can build lives worthy of your example. As the years go by stay with us, Saint Joseph, the faithful and just; help us to give thanks for all our years as you kept faith all your life long.

Patron of the end of life, be present to us at the end of our days on earth, help us to embrace the promises Jesus makes to us all and give comfort as we follow the road you also journeyed.

For all our life, for our church, for our nation, for all our family and those we love; Saint Joseph be our friend and guide.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Glenn Byer @ Novalis)

NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Service Archdiocese of Toronto *Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed*

Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, this year's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate and livestream a special Mass in honour of our faithful departed on **Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**. The Mass can be viewed here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and for your continued prayers.

POSTER: <https://bit.ly/MassFaithfulDeparted>

Briefing On the Rising Tide Of Anti-Semitism With Dr. Michael Berenbaum

A VIRTUAL EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

Dr. Michael Berenbaum, a world-renowned scholar, historian, and a Professor of Jewish Studies at the American Jewish University, will explore the rising trends of racism and anti-Semitism around the world. The virtual event is scheduled on Wednesday, June 30 – 8 p.m.

For more details and to register, please click here: <https://bit.ly/DrBerenbaumTalk>.

Get involved!

Have you thought about serving your parish as an usher, a cleaner, a lector, a catechist, 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.

New Film Invites Us to Really Know the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dr. Josephine Lombardi is a faculty member at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. She recently released, "[The First Lady and Her Successors](#)," a film that explores the many ways that the Blessed Mother Mary can guide us today. She discussed this new film below.

1. What was the inspiration for the film?

All Christians know Mary of Nazareth is the mother of Jesus. Depending on their upbringing or catechetical background, Catholics and other Christians may not know a lot about her life or role in salvation history. The inspiration for the film was my desire for all people to know Mary of Nazareth with greater intimacy, using Scripture as the starting point.

2. What is the film about?

The film is about the life of Mary, beginning with the Book of Genesis and ending with the Book of Revelation. We journey with Mary as we reflect on mysteries, events, words and actions associated with her earthly life. Accompanying us along the way, we have the stories of nine amazing women, sharing how their own life experiences help them understand and relate to Mary's journey.

3. Is the film just for women?

No. Many men – including lay, religious and clergy – have watched it, sharing how the film touched them very deeply, giving them a greater insight into the life of Mary and the experiences of women. Some have shared how the insights they gained will influence the way they pray the rosary and preach.

4. Is the film just for Catholics?

No. The focus of the film is Mary in Sacred Scripture. Although Marian dogmas are implied throughout, the focus is the life of Mary as found in the Bible.

5. What is your hope for the film?

My hope is men and women will find Mary more accessible, relating to her life journey, knowing, with God's grace, they can be like her.

To watch the full film for free, visit [Dr. Josephine Lombardi's website](#). To watch a trailer of "[The First Lady and Her Successor](#)," [please click here](#).