

St. Theresa' Parish

Shrine of the Little Flower

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 25 (Private Mass)

✠ Benjamin Flores (*May Tiongson*)

Tuesday, October 26 (View Mass Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Special Intention for the Fanaras Family (*Betty Chan*)

✠ Robert Robertson (*Marian Robertson & Family*)

✠ Fe Isabelita de la Cruz (*Fe Pingol*)

✠ Laura Reprado (*Marcy Salmingo*)

Wednesday, October 27 (View Mass Livestreamed)

7:00 pm ✠ Eduardo Guevarra (*Guevarra Family*)

✠ Dennis De la Cruz (*Jovit de los Reyes & family*)

Thursday, October 28 (View Mass Livestreamed)

Saints Simon and Jude

7:00 pm ✠ Bruce Arthur Beard (*Madeleine Franco*)

✠ Gregoria Cahiles (*Jovit and Ivy de los Reyes*)

Friday, October 29 (View Mass Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Birthday and Thanksgiving for Fr Ben Ebcas, Jr.

Special Intention for Yin Yan Chan (*Betty Chan*)

✠ Joseph & Ann Lin

Saturday, October 30 (View Mass Livestreamed)

5:00 pm Wedding Anniversary & Thanksgiving of
Jovit and Ivy de los Reyes

✠ Henry & Lawrence Halder (*Milder Halder*)

✠ William "Bill" Austin (*Smith Family*)

Sunday, October 31 (View Mass Livestreamed)

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ✠ Basil Scala (*Margaret David*)

Healing of Teresa Duncan (*Krzysztof & Olga
Juchniewicz*)

All Saints Day will be celebrated on November 1 at 7 pm. Registration
is at the door. Mass will be live streamed at
<https://bit.ly/STP-Livestream>

Confessions

By Appointment Only

Baptisms

Every Second & Fourth Saturday 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

Office Hours (Subject to Change)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
9am – 12 noon & 1pm – 3pm



Let Us Pray for Our Sick

Linda Rodgers, Leticia Tan Ching, Tony
Burford, Hal McCullough, Valerie Trutwein, Anton & Bobby
Melchers, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny &
Pamela Dupley, 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,
Danny Gomes, Karlos Ebcas

For the Deceased

Eleanor (Burd) Pryor, Lilia Tiongson

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 24, 2021

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Christ was made high priest by God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

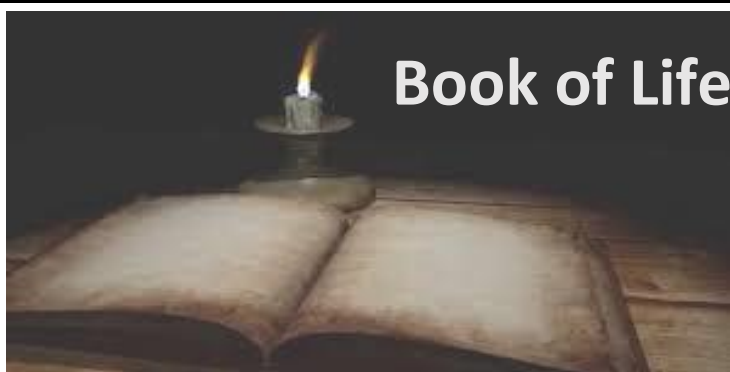
Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death. *(Text taken from www.loyolapress.com)*



Book of Life

The month of November is dedicated to the departed souls. It is our parish tradition to place the **Book of Life, candle and wreath** in front of the Altar starting November 1st. The names of your departed loved ones were entered in the *Book of Life* to be remembered in all masses celebrated in November.

This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are requesting parishioners to prepare the list of departed loved ones in advance. The forms are available at the vestibule. You may bring back the form when you come to church for Mass. You can send the list by mail, by visiting the parish office.

Attention Parents of First Holy Communicants and Confirmation Program

The Registration for Preparation for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (for Grade 2, 7 years, or older) & CONFIRMATION (for Grade 7 students) starts on November , 2021. Requirements to register:

REQUIREMENTS

First Holy Communion	Confirmation
Baptized in a Catholic Church	Baptized & have received the Sacrament of Communion
7 years or older (Grade 2 students)	13 years or older (Grade 7 students)
Regular Mass attendance	
Registration Deadline	
Tuesday, November 30, 2021	Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Registration forms are available at the parish office and downloadable from the [parish website](#).

For the students enrolled at St Theresa Shrine Catholic School, you may get the registration form through the school secretary. For those students at St Agatha and other schools, kindly obtain the registration form from the parish office or download the form from the [website](#).

Please Update Your Parish Record

The parish office is in the process of updating the parish database in preparation for the **offertory envelopes for next year and the tax receipts**. Please advise the parish office if any of the following occurs:

- You have a change of address or phone number.
- You are moving out of the parish.
- You would like to use (or no longer want to use) offertory envelopes.

Offering Envelopes for 2022



For our new and existing parishioners, the parish has reduced the number of offertory boxes ordered for 2022. **Holders of Offertory Box numbers 351 and up will be assigned a new number.** The Offertory Boxes will be available for pick up first week of December.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

Click [here](#) to register to online for the Saturday 5pm and the Sunday 10 am Mass. Registration ends on Friday at 3 pm. The parish office can assist those who do not have access to email or internet during office hours.

For the weeknight masses, registration is at the door. The church is open 30 mins before the mass. All Mass and Novena are livestreamed over our livestream channel.

[VIEW MASS LIVESTREAM](#)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING

Atlas Salvador Hughes into our Catholic community by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Congratulations to the Parents & Godparents.

Baptism in our parish is held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

Today is World Mission Sunday

There will be a special collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Our offerings are combined with those of other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Vaccination policy – Implementation as of October 22, 2021

We extend our thanks to all the staff and parish volunteers for their on-going assistance as we implement the Archdiocese of Toronto's Covid-19 Vaccination Policy, which is now in effect.

As we implement this temporary measure, we appreciate every effort to foster a safe environment, love for our neighbour and a shared desire to return to a workplace and worship space that are free of restrictions as soon as possible.

Download your enhanced vaccine certificate

- You'll need your proof of COVID-19 vaccination to access certain businesses and settings.
- To access these businesses and settings with your proof of vaccination, you must wait **at least 14 days** after getting your final dose (when you are considered fully vaccinated).
- For more information, visit [Ontario.ca/proofofvaccination](https://ontario.ca/proofofvaccination).

What you'll need

Green photo health card

- Expired cards are accepted.
- You'll need the numbers from both the front and back of the card.



ShareLife update: Your gift will be matched!

The ongoing pandemic has made life even harder for those who are poor and marginalized. A couple that has supported ShareLife for many years felt so moved by this unprecedented crisis that they wanted to do more to help – and are inviting you to join them.

For every dollar you give to ShareLife, they will do the same. From now through November 15, your gift will be matched up to a total of \$750,000.

The needs are greater than ever. And now your gift will go even further towards making our communities more caring and compassionate.

Next Sunday, October 31st is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021. Please give generously.

Parish Collection to date: **\$32,609**

Parish Goal: **36,400**



Offertory: **\$1841**

Pre-Authorized Giving (Monthly PAG)

Offertory: **\$1,105.50** Reno: **\$ 421.50**

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

*Tony & Gerry Loginow
Judy Romero*

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

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS 2021

Prepare the way to the Lord

This year, the Day of Confessions for Advent will be held on December 8-11 and December 15-18, 2021.

This is to allow for more opportunities for Confessions.

The time of Confessions will be announced soon.



ShareLife Speaker Series Building Caregiver Resiliency

Whether you are a parent caring for a child, a child caring for a parent, a spouse caring for a spouse, or a friend caring for a friend, **the pandemic has made the weight of caregiving heavier.** As such, caregivers have been burning out at extremely high rates. Supports (such as after after-school programs, day programs and respite care) have all but disintegrated because of COVID-19.

Now more than ever, **it is vital for caregivers to take care of themselves** so they can care well for others. But how is that possible in days like the ones in front of us?

The answer is resiliency. **In this free webinar on October 28 at 11 a.m.**, Jenna Wickens from Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County will define resiliency, remind you that you are already more resilient than you give yourself credit for, and give you tools to build up your resiliency muscles even further. Join us for this 45 minute webinar followed by a 15 minute question and answer period.

Note: You are welcome to participate in this webinar anonymously.

SIGN UP NOW

The Come and See – Day Retreat

St. Augustine's Seminary

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. **Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.** For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.