

# St. Theresa' Parish

## Shrine of the Little Flower

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### **Monday, November 1 (View Mass Livestreamed)**

##### **All Saints Day**

- 7:00 pm † For the Unborn (*Sanctity of Life*)  
† Ismael Sr, Erlinda, Christine Salmo (*Armi Salmo*)  
† Luis & Salvador Martinez (*Guadalupe Fuentes*)  
† Hugo Fuentes (*Guadalupe Fuentes*)  
† Jo and Vincenza Caruso

#### **Tuesday, November 2 (View Mass Livestreamed)**

##### **All Soul's Day**

- 7:00 pm Special Intention for the Fanaras Family (*Betty Chan*)  
† Harry, Inez, Frederick Seymour (*Rose Mary Garcia*)  
† Willie Paragas (*Belen Bayawa*)  
† Thersa Nwosisi (*Onyinye Nwosisi*)  
† Leandro & Francis Corpuz, Sr (*Grace Magtangob*)  
† Gloria Balagtas (*Grace Magtangob*)

#### **Wednesday, November 3 (View Mass Livestreamed)**

- 7:00 pm Healing & Special Intention for Basker Shelly  
(Lopez Family)  
† For all Souls in Purgatory (*Mering Mauricio*)  
† Felisa de Rosales (*Rosales & Beloso Family*)  
† Danilo Antonio (*Jovit & Ivy de los Reyes*)

#### **Thursday, November 4 (View Mass Livestreamed)**

##### **Saint Charles Borromeo**

- 7:00 pm Birthday & Thanksgiving of Ivy de los Reyes  
† Muriel "Lola" Barette (*Smith Family*)

#### **Friday, November 5 (View Mass Livestreamed)**

- 7:00 pm Special Intention for Yin Yan Chan (*Betty Chan*)  
† Joseph & Ann Lin  
† Willie Paragas (*Judy Romero*)

#### **Saturday, November 6 (View Mass Livestreamed)**

- 5:00 pm † Romeo Barrozo (*Roderick Barrozo & Family*)  
† Florencio Mesa (*Orquiola Family*)

#### **Sunday, November 7 (View Mass Livestreamed)**

##### **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 10:00 am † Ann Lampe (*Vic and Imelda Walker*)

### 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](http://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, Orlando Patawaran

# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 31, 2021

## First Reading

*Deuteronomy 6:2-6*

Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 18:2-3,3-4,47,51*

A prayer of praise to God our strength

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 7:23-28*

Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 12:28b-34*

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped ([chapter 11](#) and part of [chapter 12](#)), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

## November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day

This feast honours all the saints of the Church, known and unknown. The occasion provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the nature of sainthood and to celebrate the exemplary faithfulness of holy men and women of every place and time, whose lives and deeds continue to inspire us.

**All Saints Day Mass is on Monday, November 1 at 7 PM in church. Registration is at the door.**

## Remembering Our Departed Love Ones

Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, the **Book of Life, Wreath, Candle and a Memorial Box** will be placed in front of the Altar. Every Mass offered during the month of November is dedicated to the departed souls.



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 also send the list by mail, email [st-theresa@rogers.com](mailto:st-theresa@rogers.com), or by visiting the parish office.



## Annual Memorial Mass for Departed Parishioners

The annual Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for the repose of the souls of parishioners whose funerals were held at St. Theresa's Church from November 2020 to present.

Families of departed parishioners whose funerals were not held in our church are also welcome to join the memorial mass. Kindly call the office before Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> so that we can include the names of those deceased parishioners on the list.

## Continuation...

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further. (Text taken from [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

## 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 Monday, November 1, 2021.**

### REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER

| First Holy Communion                          | Confirmation  |
|---|---|
| Baptized in a Catholic Church                 | Baptized & have received the Sacrament of Communion |
| 7 years or older<br><i>(Grade 2 students)</i> | 13 years or older<br><i>(Grade 7 students)</i>      |
| Regular Mass attendance                       |   |
| Registration Deadline                         |   |
| 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.



## Today is Sharelife Sunday

*Sharelife* continues to experience unprecedented demand due to the pandemic. We thank our generous donors for continued support.

Parish collections as of October 25, 2021 amounted to \$32,609.00 or 89.59% of our parish goal of \$36,400 this year.

**This weekend is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021.** And it's a very special one: from now through Nov. 15 – including ShareLife Sunday – **your gift will be matched by a generous donor** up to \$750,000. That means your investment will make an even greater difference in your community.

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

*Thank You for Your Offering*



**Offertory: \$1610.00**

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

*Margaret David  
Luna Vince  
Florentina Harjadi*

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

## SIGN UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Recently, there has been a great increase in interest in Eucharistic Adoration. What a great sign of the love of Jesus, that people wish to be with Him, even to spend an hour with him!

Typically, two or more people, taking turns, spend an hour, in prayer and silence, before the Blessed Sacrament.

On Friday, November 5, Adoration will start at 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. Those who wish to sign up and join Adoration Ministry may call the parish office.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS: REGISTRATION TO ATTEND 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.

**IMPORTANT: Please contact the Parish Office IMMEDIATELY by phone 416-261-7498 or email [st-theresa@rogers.com](mailto:st-theresa@rogers.com) should you need to cancel your Mass registration.** "No shows" impact the attendance in church, and we want to ensure everyone who intends to attend Mass can do so.

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**

### ***Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Outreach 2021***



Our St. Theresa's SSVP is beginning our annual Christmas program, which will provide assistance to individuals and families in our community who are in need. We thank you sincerely for your very generous response to our past Christmas campaigns. With your help last year, we were able to assist 118 adults and 77 children in 2020.

In these COVID times, more people than ever need help with food and with a reminder that their neighbours do care about them. The Society cannot prepare and deliver Christmas baskets as is normally done, but will once again be mailing out in early December food vouchers for No Frills and gift cards for food.

Outside the church as you are leaving today, you will see on a table some information about how you can help SSVP by bringing in your donation of cash, a cheque or gift cards to the parish office or to the SSVP Christmas box at the back of the church. If you enclose your donation in the Society's grey envelope, we can issue you a tax receipt next February.

Thank you for helping SSVP respond to the needs of those in our community who are less fortunate.

## **Statement by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto re announcement of Papal Visit to Canada**

I am most grateful that Pope Francis has accepted the invitation of the Bishops of Canada for a pastoral visit to advance the healing and reconciliation journey with the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

I reiterate the unequivocal apology of the Canadian bishops from earlier this year as we sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. We affirm our commitment to walk with the Indigenous people on the lengthy path of healing and dialogue. I pray that the visit of the Holy Father will provide a space for that journey to continue through authentic encounters of compassion, understanding and reconciliation.

To assist in establishing the foundation for his pilgrimage to Canada, later this year, from December 17-20, the Holy Father will welcome a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people at the Vatican. Over the course of several days, through authentic listening and dialogue, Pope Francis will hear directly from those who have suffered.

I invite the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto to join me in prayer for all those who suffer from the legacy of the residential school system. We pray also for the delegates who will visit with the Holy Father in December. Finally, we keep Pope Francis close in prayer. May he be blessed with good health and strength to prepare him to join us at the appropriate moment to continue our journey of healing and reconciliation together.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

Cardinal Thomas Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto

## ***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.