

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 21 (Private Mass)

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Tuesday, June 22 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Birthday and Thanksgiving of Rene Sagolili
Birthday and Thanksgiving of Eyse Mogle &
Ruben Mendoza (Jeanette Rosales)
Thanksgiving of the Silo Family

Wednesday, June 23 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm For the People

Thursday, June 24 (Private Mass)

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

✠ Corazon 'Manang Cora' Nastor (*Margarita Enriquez*)

Friday, June 25 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm ✠ Hilarion Pepito, Sr. & Cleotilde
(*Lysle Kintanar*)

✠ Caridad Mendoza (*Jeanette Rosales*)

Saturday, June 26 (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm Thanksgiving of Leopoldo Ariel Presto
(*Evelyn Chia-Tameta*)

Sunday, June 27 (Livestreamed)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Birthday and Thanksgiving for Kim & Nynke
✠ Jeffrey and Nelson Dollete (*Kooh family*)

**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
St. John Henry Newman Catholic School (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

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, Theresa Nwosisi, Vincenza Caruso,
Agnes Brewster, Lino Celajes, Arnel Abner,
Fr John Alcantara

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 20, 2021

First Reading

Job 38:1,8-11

The Lord answers Job's complaints.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 107:23-24,25-26,28-29,30-31

A song of praise to God for rescue

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Those in Christ are a new creation.

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus calms the storm.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Worries and concerns are part of human life. Jesus teaches us, however, that we ought not to let worries and concerns consume us. Jesus teaches us that our faith ought to lead us to trust in God's protection and love, no matter how strong the whirlwind going on around us. Like the disciples, we can bring our worries and concerns to Jesus in prayer. Jesus will hear our cries for help. He knows that our faith can be fragile and he will act so that our trust in God will be strengthened. As you gather as a family, invite each family member to talk about something that might be worrying them. Talk about how important it is to share worries and concerns with other people. When we do this, we learn to see our worries from a different perspective.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead, he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

When we bring our worries to Jesus in prayer, Jesus can help us see things from God's perspective. Invite family members to name again a worry or concern and pray together that Jesus will help us have faith in God's love and protection. Conclude in prayer together by praying the Lord's Prayer. (Loyolapress.com)

In the Storm: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Storm in the Sea of Galilee, Rembrandt, 1633

"Do you not yet have faith?" Our Lord's question in today's Gospel frames the Sunday liturgies for the remainder of the year, which the Church calls "Ordinary Time."

In the weeks ahead, the Church's liturgy will have us journeying

with Jesus and His disciples, reliving their experience of His words and deeds, coming to know and believe in Him as they did.

Notice that today's Psalm almost provides an outline for the Gospel. We sing of sailors caught in a storm; in their desperation, they call to the Lord and He rescues them.

Mark's Gospel today also intends us to hear a strong echo of the story of the prophet Jonah. He, too, was found asleep on a boat when a life-threatening storm broke out that caused his fellow travelers to pray for deliverance, and then to marvel when the storm abated (see [Jonah 1:3-16](#)).

But Jesus is something greater than Jonah (see [Matthew 12:41](#)). And Mark wants us to come to see what the Apostles saw—that God alone has the power to rebuke the wind and the sea (see [Isaiah 50:2](#); [Psalm 18:16](#)). This is the point of today's First Reading. If even the wind and sea obey Him, shouldn't we trust Him in the chaos and storms of our own lives?

As with the Apostles, the Lord has asked each of us to cross to the other side, to leave behind our old ways to travel with Him in the little ship of the Church.

In their fear today, they call Him, "Teacher." And it is only faith in His teaching that can save us from perishing. We should trust in Christ, and trust like Christ—who was able to sleep through the storm, confident that God was with Him (see [Psalm 116:6](#); [Romans 8:31](#)).

We should live in thanksgiving for our salvation, as today's Epistle tells us—as new creations, no longer for ourselves but for Him who died for our sake. (*Taken from Breaking the Bread, Sunday Bible Reflections – St. Paul Center* (stpaulcenter.com))

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

While we may head into the next stage of the reopening plan for Ontario where churches are allowed public indoor Mass up to 25% capacity, Fr Ben always reminds us that we need to sustain our vigilance today to protect each and everyone by not letting our guard down – sanitizing our hands and keeping 6 feet (2m) physical distancing. We make sure that the church is safe and clean during your visit.

Gentle reminders:

1. Please register to attend the Sunday Masses. No walk-ins allowed. Registration is through [EventBrite](#). The parish office can assist the registration of those who do not have access to the internet or a computer.
2. **Please do not leave used facial tissues on the church pews.**

Your co-operation in keeping our church clean will be greatly appreciated.

We continue to livestream all Masses through our livestream channel: <https://bit.ly/STP-Livestream>

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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 (New schedule)	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>)

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.

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 funerals please contact us by email or phone.

Parishes cannot re-issue marriage records. Marriage is a civil record; thus, the official record of marriage should be sought at the Ontario government record.

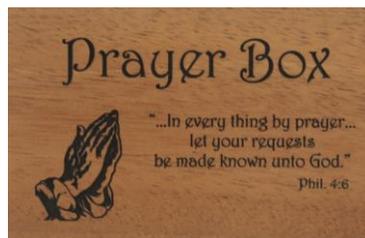
This weekend is ShareLife Sunday!

“These uncertain times are especially difficult for addiction clients. Our programs would not be open without ShareLife donors; through your support we are able to dramatically reduce social isolation for men and women living with mental health and addictions.”

— Robin Griller, St. Michael's Homes

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

PRAYER PETITIONS ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE



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

Let us pray for you throughout the month of June! We place 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.

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

*Agnes and Jude Valdez
Jolanta and Zibby Paszel*



Thank You for Your Offering

Offertory: \$1,553.00 Renovation: \$447.00

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

How has St. Therese interceded in your life?



The lives of St Therese's devotees have been blessed through her intercession as she continues to "shower her roses" upon us. Her love for us is immeasurable. If you would like to share your experiences and stories about how St Therese's intercession has changed your lives, please tell us. Your testimonies of gratitude and appreciation for our patron saint will help inspire our parishioners and other devotees.

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.

Get involved!

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

SIGN UP! We encourage parishioners to sign up in our parish website to receive electronic copy of the parish bulletin or get notified on important parish announcements.

Going Paperless Is Better for the Environment.

Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord. As we know God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.

-- Mother Theresa



A Reflection about Faith

Fr. Wilson Andrade, in his homily titled "Growing into What God Dreams Us to Be" reflected on our need to grow in faith to bear spiritual fruits and to hold onto the promise that we will continue to flourish every day, so that God's plan of salvation is fulfilled.

Fr. Wilson is the pastor of St. Ann Parish and the Native Peoples' Mission, both in Toronto. Full text of his homily is available at the Archdiocese of Toronto's website.

READ

Bishop and Indigenous Leader in Dialogue on Residential Schools



Chief J. Wilton "Willie" Littlechild and Edmonton's Archbishop Richard Smith recently came together in Maskwacis, Alberta to discuss reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples in Canada, and the response to the finding at the Kamloops Residential School site.

Chief Littlechild is a former Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations. He was also a commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a member of the 1977 Indigenous delegation to the United Nations and worked on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He is a recipient of the Order of Canada, Alberta Order of Excellence and Queen's Counsel.

Archbishop Smith has been Archbishop of Edmonton since 2007. He serves as President of the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories and is past president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Joint statement: <https://youtu.be/fPtpgvlsPAw>

Interview with the two leaders: <https://youtu.be/9OXW395L2dU>

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO MORE THAN APOLOGISE

Homily of Deacon John Brown on Residential Schools

"I have seen first-hand the terrible and tragic consequences of Canada's treatment of Indigenous people in the residential school system. My family on my father's side is Sto:lo from the Fraser River Valley in BC. My grandmother was a residential school survivor...

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission describes the establishment and operation of the residential schools as cultural genocide, and rightly so. The schools were created to forcibly separate Indigenous children from their families, to destroy their cultural and spiritual ties, and to assimilate them into the "white" culture.

Full text of his homily was featured in the Archdiocese of Toronto's website.

READ

Hope, Love and Compassion: Torah of Possibility for an Uncertain Future

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

The Shalom Hartman Institute is a leading centre of Jewish thought and education. The institute has planned a free virtual public symposium that will feature lectures, conversation, study seminars and learning opportunities. Participants will interact with many leading Jewish scholars who will explore the meaning of hope, love, compassion, the dynamics of power and privilege, Jewish identity, understanding antisemitism and the role of the community during uncertain times, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

SCHEDULE: <http://bit.ly/TorahOfPossibilitySchedule>

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/TorahOfPossibility>

New Beginnings

New Beginnings is an online Bereavement and Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

Program Goals

- Understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning
 - Explaining the transitional dynamics of loss
 - Developing skills for emotional management and practical care
 - Renewing faith and rediscovery of personal spirituality
- Program Access.

Bereavement Program

Start date & time: Wednesday July 7, at 7:00 pm

Separated/Divorced Program

Start date & time: Thursday July 8, at 7:00pm

The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education which assists and accompanies the bereaved and separated/divorced in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program is free. For more information and to register Contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225 alimanni@cfstoronto.com

Online Quick Access Single Session Counselling For Individuals, Couples & Families

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering Online Quick Access Single Sessions.

To arrange for a session, please email info@cfstoronto.com or call 416 921-1163 or 416 222-0048. Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is a Catholic Charities member agency supported by ShareLife.



Canadian Catholics to pray Novena to St. Joseph

The faithful in Canada are invited to pray a Novena in honor of St. Joseph from 22 – 30 June, as part of initiatives to mark the Year of St. Joseph. The year marks the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX.

In keeping with celebrating the Year of St. Joseph announced by Pope Francis in December 2020, the Canadian faithful are invited to pray a Novena in honor of the guardian of the Holy Family.

The Novena begins on 22 June and ends on 30 June, and it is followed by an Act of Entrustment on 1 July, which is also the annual commemoration of Canada Day.

During the nine days of prayer, the faithful are encouraged to pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic, for those who have died, for the family – the domestic Church, for peace and unity in the country, for an end to racism and discrimination, for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for youth and the elderly, for frontline workers and the unemployed, and for the needy, addicted and excluded.

To aid the faithful to participate in the prayer, the National Liturgy Office of the Canadian Bishops' Conference (CCCB) has made available some [catechetical resources, devotions, and prayers for adults and children](#), including the Novena prayers and the Act of Entrustment to St. Joseph. (www.vaticannews.va)

NOVENA GUIDE:

<https://www.cccb.ca/.../2021/06/St.-Joseph-Novena-EN.pdf>

READ ALSO

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

What Is Father's Day? Everything to Know About the Holiday's Rich History, Including When It First Started

No matter how hard you try to stay ahead of the game, Father's Day always finds a way to sneak up on you. The next time you're wondering when you have to have your Father's Day gifts, homemade cards and activities ready for your #1 guy, keep this fact in mind: Father's Day is *always* celebrated on the third Sunday in June in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and other countries, which means this year's holiday will take place on June 20, 2021.

The annual holiday was started by Sonora Smart Dodd a few years after Mother's Day was first celebrated, to "establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents," (per History.com). It was a success from the start: The first-ever Father's Day (called Fathers' Day at the time) was celebrated on June 19, 1910 in Washington state, although it wasn't named a national holiday until President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

The way that we celebrate dad, grandpa and the other men who shape us continues to evolve from one year to the next. Here, take a look at the rich history of the holiday, starting with the **Feast of Saint Joseph in the Catholic church**. Who knows, you may even feel inspired to incorporate past traditions into this year's festivities. ([Amanda Garrity](#) And [Selena Barrientos](#), *Goodhousekeeping*)



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!