

# St. Theresa's Parish

## Shrine of the Little Flower

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, September 20 (Private Mass)

**Saints Andrew Kim, Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang**

† Albert Yulo-Uy (*Nerissa Flores*)

### Tuesday, September 21 (Livestreamed)

**Saint Matthew**

7:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Celina Tordesilla and

Linaflor Villanueva (*Villanueva family and Mendoza family*)

Health & Protection of Terry, Aaron & Guy Chan (*Letty Chan*)

† Cresencia Guevarra (*Nerissa Flores*)

### Wednesday, September 22 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Precila & Benedictor Boiser (*Josefina Villapando*)

### Thursday, September 23 (Livestreamed)

**Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

7:00 pm Special Intentions for Aletha Corpuz and family

(*Carmen Donaldson*)

† Shelly Lopes

### Friday, September 24 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Blessing for Christopher Forster's First Communion (*Grandparents*)

### Saturday, September 25 (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm † Paul Bronsveld (*June Chamberlain*)

† Rev. Fr. Gerald Fitsgerand, Cssp (*Cathy Wrencliffe*)

### Sunday, September 26 (Livestreamed)

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am † Rev. Fr. Albert Macalipay (*Judy Romero*)

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### 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

Tony Burford, Hal McCullough, Valerie Trutwein, Anton & Bobby Melchers, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny and Pamela Dupley, 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

### For the Dead

Sr. Anna Haydee Librojo, Fr. Albert Macalipay, Fr. Roque Ferriols SJ, Fr. Vince Heffernan, SFM, Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, CSp, Brian Dossey, Susan Ryall, John Bass

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

**First Reading**

*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

The just one is put to the test.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8*

A prayer for God's protection.

**Second Reading**

*James 3:16—4:3*

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 9:30-37*

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

him must take up his or her cross.

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

Conversations such as the one described in today's Gospel are common in family life. Perhaps these examples are familiar: "I should get the first piece of cake because I am the youngest;" "I did the dishes yesterday; someone else should do them today." How might we respond if Jesus asked about our family arguments? What would Jesus say to us in reply? All of us need the reminder found in today's Gospel: To be great in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all.

As you gather as a family, recall a recent family argument about household chores or an example of bickering among family members. Talk about what was at issue in the argument. Together imagine that Jesus entered the room just as the argument ended. What would you tell Jesus your argument was about? What might Jesus say in reply? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:30-37. How was your family argument like the argument among Jesus' disciples? What might your family do to remember that those who are great in God's kingdom are those who willingly serve others? Pray together that your family life will reflect your commitment to serve one another with love. Pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's [Prayer for Generosity](#).

(Taken from [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

**Servant of All: Scott Hahn Reflects on  
the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see [Mark 8:31](#); [10:33–34](#)).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him . . ." (compare [Matthew 27:41–43](#)).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings (see [Mark 8:33](#)). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless—symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us (see [Philippians 2:5–11](#)). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.

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

## TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Cardinal Thomas Collins has announced the institution of **Stewardship Sunday** as an annual occurrence across the entire Archdiocese on the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time. As such, Stewardship Sunday will be on **September 19, 2021**.

The Cardinal has prepared a homily for Stewardship Sunday 2021 and asks that parishes share it at all Masses this weekend.

The homily comes in video or written formats, including translations into nine languages, and is now available at: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship-sunday](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship-sunday).

Parishioners are invited to take a copy of Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship booklet after the Mass. We ask that you read it and prayerfully reflect upon it in light of the Cardinal's homily.

### CARDINAL'S HOMILY



You are invited to become more deeply engaged in parish life.

Have you thought about serving your parish?

We need ushers, cleaners, lectors, choir members, altar servers. St. Theresa's has volunteer roles that make our parish life truly vibrant.

Contact the parish office by email if you'd like to get started in one of our opportunities soon.



### PRAYER PETITIONS ACCEPTED

Let us pray for you!

During this time of uncertainty and chaos, we fervently pray for healing and peace.

We will be placing a petition box in front of the altar for your prayer petitions. Drop your prayer petitions at the back of the church during weeknight Mass or mail it to the parish office.

## CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDI!

*"May these sons and daughters of God, confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, give witness to Christ with lives built on faith and love."*



Let us continue to pray for those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday, September 18th

### Note of Appreciation to our Confirmation Catechists

Preparing your children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is not an easy task. It takes time, dedication, knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Thus, we would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation our Confirmation volunteer teachers, namely: **Jem Rosario, Tony Loginow and Janet Jansen**.

*many thanks*

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Reserve your seat to attend Sunday Mass.

Eventbrite registration to attend the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 10 am Masses ends on Friday at 3 pm. The parish office can assist those who do not have access to email or internet.

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

### ShareLife Sunday on October 3rd

Total donations as of September 4, 2021 is \$29,469 or 81% of our Parish Goal is \$36,400.





### 2021 Offertory Envelopes

For those who have not yet picked up this year's envelope, they are available for pick up in church until the weekend of September 25/26.

If you are moving or no longer want to use an envelope, or if you have not been assigned an envelope but would like to use one, please call the office at 416-261-7498. Next Year's offertory envelopes will be available in December.

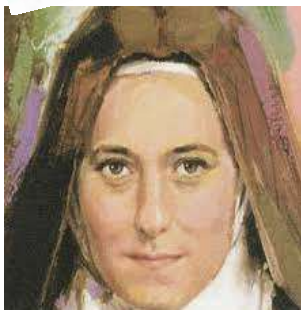
## The Feast Day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux Friday, October 1, 2021

Let us celebrate our Patroness' Feast Day on October 1, 2021.

-  9-Day novena and Masses will be celebrated from September 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>
-  Feast Day Solemn Mass on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm
-  Veneration of Sacred relic of St. Theresa after Feast Day Mass.
-  Blessing and distribution of roses



### Novena and Mass Schedule



Sept. 22, Wednesday – 7 pm  
 Sept. 23, Thursday – 6:45 pm  
 Sept. 24, Friday – 6:45 pm  
 Sept. 25, Saturday – 5 pm  
 Sept. 26, Sunday – 10 am  
 Sept. 27, Monday – 7 pm  
 Sept. 28, Tuesday – 7 pm  
 Sept. 29, Wednesday – 7 pm  
 Sept. 30, Thursday – 6:45 pm

Mass intentions are accepted.

Click on the link below for more details about [St. Theresa's Parish, Shrine of the Little Flower, Scarborough - St. Theresa's Feast Day 2021](http://www.archtoronto.org/St-Theresa's-Parish-Shrine-of-the-Little-Flower-scarborough-St-Theresa's-Feast-Day-2021) ([archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org))

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

*Margaret David  
 Tony and Gerry Loginow*

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



**Thank You for Your Offering**

**Offertory: \$1425    Renovation: \$175**

**Donate online!**

Monthly donations by credit card are processed on the first business day of the month. Monthly donations using your banking information are processed on the 20th of the month. Monthly donations can be cancelled at any time by sending an email to: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

## St. Theresa's Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP): Summer 2021 Report

During the Months of June, July, and August our SSVP Helpline received a total of 109 calls (an average 36 calls per month).

Every message left on our machine received a call, returned by one of our Vincentians who listened to the caller's need, offered current information on other services available in our area and to 95% of those callers, mailed out personalized food vouchers since that was the primary need.

### Expenses from June to August

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Food                          | \$5189.14        |
| Beds                          | \$312.00         |
| Clothing Gift Card            | \$25.00          |
| Bank Charge (Paper Statement) | \$10.50          |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$5536.64</b> |

We are most grateful for your prayers and support. We believe that 'together we can and do make a difference'.

### Lectio Divina Resources Available Online

In recent days, the Archdiocese of Toronto received numerous inquiries regarding the 2021-22 season of Lectio Divina. After 20 years of leading monthly Lectio Divina evenings from September through June (during his time in both Edmonton and Toronto), Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will not be moving forward with a new season this fall.

The Archdiocese of Toronto expressed appreciation to His Eminence for his commitment and dedication in leading Lectio Divina over the past two decades as this prayerful meditation has been a tremendous support for parishioners throughout the archdiocese and beyond. They also extend their gratitude to the staff of [St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica](#) and [Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation](#) for their faithful assistance in supporting Lectio Divina over so many years.

Archived recordings of Lectio Divina along with supporting resources [remain available here](#), which can be accessed anytime.

## Sign up for the ONLINE Christopher Leadership Course

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Sundays, 6:00-9:00 pm – Starting October 3  
Tuesdays, 7:00-10:00 pm – Starting October 5  
Thursdays, 7:00-10:00 pm – Starting October 7

For more information, visit us at [www.clctorontoeast.com](http://www.clctorontoeast.com) or call 416-410-7776.



## Life Chain 2021



**Sunday, October 3rd from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**  
**Intersection for St. Theresa's:**  
**Danforth/Victoria Park**

Once again, everyone is invited to participate in the annual Life Chain. Participants stand in witness for one hour on sidewalks along major streets, peacefully and prayerfully holding "Pro Life" signs before passers-by and motorists. Let's join!

For more information call: 1-800-730-5358.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Subject to change)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Closed on Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 19, 2021

## WATCH

### PADRE PIO BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Filmed on location in Italy, starring Michele Placido in a moving performance, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now annually visit Padre Pio's grave.



## LEARN

### FORMED FOR MISSION EPISODE 20: AN APOSTOLIC SPIRITUALITY

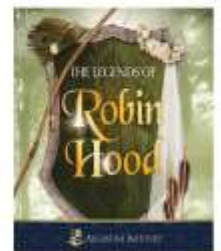


Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down for a weekly show on evangelization and mission. "Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize" (EN, 14). We pray that these discussions may help all the faithful be further conformed to Christ and become powerful evangelists in the world today.

## LISTEN

### THE LEGENDS OF ROBIN HOOD AUDIO DRAMA

The child of a reputable family and a faithful son of the Church, Robert of Locksley had no intention of becoming an outlaw. But the relentless cruelty and tyranny by the elite nobility of England demanded that someone rise up to give answer. And so Robert of Locksley became Robin Hood – a man thrown into a fierce struggle to balance his deep faith with a call to action in a violent age.



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