

St. Theresa's Parish

Shrine of the Little Flower

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 23 (Private Mass)

Healing for Maria Corazon Buenafe

Tuesday, August 24 (Livestreamed)

Saint Bartholomew

7:00 pm Birthday Blessing and Thanksgiving of

Priscilla Vega

Health and Protection of Gui, Aaron & Terry

Chan (*Mering Mauricio*)

† Erich Lobe (*Mara Lobe*)

Wednesday, August 25 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Dale Lafrance (*Michel Lafrance & family*)

† Romeo Cueto (*Bobby & Belen Cueto*)

† Fernando Catre (*Jovy Esguerra*)

Thursday, August 26 (Private Mass)

For the People

Friday, August 27 (Livestreamed)

Saint Monica

Healing for Lourdes & Maricol Cruz (*Madeleine Franco*)

Saturday, August 28 (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm † Paulo and Olmina Stramiello (*Lucy Perri*)

† Ivania Maria Bonilla (*Peter & Helen Quirke*)

Sunday, August 29 (Livestreamed)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Thanksgiving Mass of Margaret David

Thanksgiving Mass of Jacob Rumball

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.

REGISTRATION IS THROUGH [EVENTBRITE](#).

REGISTRATION ENDS FRIDAY AT 3 PM.

CHURCH IS OPEN 30 MINS BEFORE THE MASS.

MASS TIME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES, REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR.

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

Fr Albert Macalipay, Lawrence Halder, Anton & Bobby Melchers, Dcn Bobby Rosales, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny and Pamela Dupley, Lilibeth Koochi, 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, Chona Sunico

For the Dead

Dino Penafiel, Benigna Vizcara, Patricia Anderson, Dennis Horne, Maureen Bridglalsingh, Muriel "Lola" Barrett, Lew Benvenuto

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 22, 2021**

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

The Lord hears the cries of the just.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32 (or shorter form Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32)

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

FAMILY CONNECTION

When a child is baptized, the parents speak on behalf of the child in professing the faith in which the child is to be baptized. The parents promise to teach their child this faith so that they may one day accept this faith as his or her own. In the example of Simon Peter, we learn that each person must also make his or her own profession of faith in Jesus as the one sent by God to save us. We pray for our children as they mature in the faith that they may learn that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life and that they may choose to follow the way of Christian discipleship.

As you gather as a family, talk about promise that parents make at their child's baptism to teach their child about Jesus and the faith of the Church. Talk about the importance of this promise to your family and about some of the things that you are doing to try to honor this commitment. In today's Gospel we hear Simon Peter speak about what he has come to believe about Jesus. Together read today's Gospel, John 6:60-69. Pray together that each person in our family will grow in his or her faith that Jesus is the one sent by God who alone has the words of eternal life. Pray together the [Apostles' Creed](#) or the [Nicene Creed](#).

(Taken from www.loyolapress.com)

**A Choice to Make: Scott Hahn
Reflects on the Twenty-First
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading. Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see [Genesis 12:1-9](#)). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us. It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

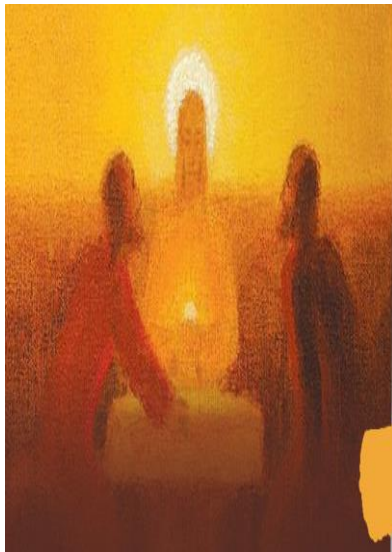
(Taken from *Breaking the Bread*, [Sunday Bible Reflections – St. Paul Center \(stpaulcenter.com\)](#))

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS OF THE CONFIRMANDI

- **Saturday, August 28** - Parents and Sponsors' meeting (via Zoom)
- **Saturday, September 11** - Confirmation Recollection and Confessions (in the church)
- **Saturday, September 18** - Confirmation Mass (in the church)

All events are currently slated for 10:00 AM. Details on how to register for the August 28th meeting was sent to parent's email.

2021 Parish Ministry Conference



4th ANNUAL PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

WITH
BURNING
HEARTS

OCTOBER 26-30, 2021

The 2021 Parish Ministry Conference is a virtual, interactive place where all in parish ministry can gather to pray, learn, and be refreshed in understanding how every parish ministry is catechetical, and how we might go forward in the pandemic and post-pandemic context. The conference will feature ongoing ministry formation, networking, and Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins.

To join the email list and receive updates about the conference, please click or go to <https://bit.ly/OFDFlocknote-SignUp>

To register for the conference, please click or go to https://whova.com/portal/registration/archd_202109/

To learn more about this workshop visit: www.archtoronto.org/conference

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need



Give a helping hand to those who need it most, right here at home. By donating to Sharelife, you help support over 40 agencies to serve the most vulnerable people in our community – regardless of their faith, age, or background.

Parish Goal: \$36,400

Total Donations to Date: \$ 28,769

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR HAITI



Photo from www.caritas.org

Parishioners of the Archdiocese of Toronto are asked to assist Haiti, which in recent days has been struck by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will direct donations to Caritas, a Catholic organization with a long history of disaster relief. Caritas is already on the ground assisting Haitians, as it has been after other disasters have struck the country.

Donations to Caritas will be used for food, water, shelter, clothing, and medical supplies.

Learn more and find out how you can help at <https://bit.ly/HaitiReliefInfoAoT>
[#catholicTO](https://twitter.com/catholicTO) [#PrayForHaiti](https://twitter.com/PrayForHaiti)

Healing and Reconciliation Fund

As we journey with the Indigenous community, this fund will support healing and reconciliation efforts, recognizing the trauma experienced from the residential school system. We recognize the journey to reconciliation is one that will continue for years to come.

For more information and additional resources visit:

www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools.

Thank you for your support.

'Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable.'

- Pope Francis

Pope Francis called getting vaccinated an **"act of love"** in a video message on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 adding his voice to a campaign to dispel vaccine skepticism and assure that they are safe and effective.

WATCH THE VIDEO

Vatican appointments in August feature two Canadian women

(Catholic Register)

Vatican appointments in August feature two Canadian women – Anne Jamieson and Donna Strickland.



READ

Why Are We So Divided Right Now?

By Fr Mike Schmitz

Is it just us, or does the world seem a bit divided right now? Human beings were not only created with a unique purpose, but also created to live in community. However, there are two things that can disrupt this call: division and distraction. Why these two? Well, distractions are things that take us away from a given task or goal, taking us away from living with a purpose. Likewise, division takes away from living in community with those around us.

SHORT VIDEO

Toronto's Native Peoples' Mission: Serving, Learning, Accompanying

A Personal story of Fr. Wilson Andrade, administrator of the Native Peoples' Mission in Toronto.

READ

STEWARDSHIP

We are all invited to become more involved in the many different ways that we can serve others. Our goal of stewardship is to increase everyone's engagement in parish life.

Have you thought about serving your parish as an usher, a cleaner, a lector, a choir member, 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. A Sign-Up sheet is also available in the vestibule.

PASTORAL LETTER ON STEWARDSHIP

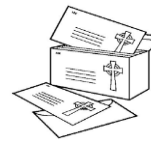
Thank you to the Sponsors of this week's livestreaming of Mass

Margaret David
Angela Iozzo



Thank You for Your Offering

Offertory: \$1607 Renovation: \$130



The 2021 OFFERTORY

For those who have not yet picked up their 2021 envelopes, they are available at the vestibule. You can also call the parish office for an appointment to pick up.

Join the parish's Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program by downloading the [Pre-Authorized Giving form](#) from our website, fill-out the application section, attach a void cheque, and then [submit it to the Parish Office](#).

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

RECTORY ROOF REPAIRS REPORT

Completed on August 6, 2021
\$9080 plus HST

- ✓ Removal & replacement of shingles
- ✓ Installation of 36" ice shield along eave & chimneys
- ✓ Cover remainder of roof deck with synthetic felt
- ✓ Reshingle with IKO Dynasty shingles in Monaco Red
- ✓ Installation of 5 roof vents & 1 flap exhaust vent & 1 pipe flashing
- ✓ Reseal chimney flashings