

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 13 (Private Mass)

Saint John Chrysostom

Tuesday, September 14 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Healing & Protection for Guy, Tery & Aaron Chan (*Betty Chan*)

Special Intention for Divina Guieb (*Camen Donaldson*)

✠ Joby Colmenar & Jasmine Carbonel (*Dcn Bob & Jea nnette & Mendoza family*)

✠ Patricia Anderson (*Daphne King*)

✠ Erich Lobe (*Mara Lobe*)

Wednesday, September 15 (Livestreamed)

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 pm Thanksgiving of Villapando family

✠ Veronica Requirme (*Villapando family*)

✠ Aeropagita Agorilla (*Claire Barrozo*)

✠ Felipe Ampioico (*Ramil Ampioico & family*)

✠ Cesar Barameda (*Mering Mauricio*)

Thursday, September 16 (Livestreamed)

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

7:00 pm ✠ Eufemia Cerialles Duran (*Betsy Duran*)

✠ Gleceria Infante Cerialles. (*Betsy Duran*)

Friday, September 17 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm ✠ Barbara Smith (*Mary Anne Hoyle*)

✠ Fernando Del Prado (*Madeleine Franco*)

Saturday, September 18 (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm ✠ Ivanna Marie Bonilla (*June Chamberlain*)

Sunday, September 19 (Livestreamed)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Thanksgiving of Desiderio & Milagros

Casanova, Birthday & 58th Wedding Anniversary

✠ Annabel Villalon (*Laranang family*)

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

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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, CSSp, Brian Dossey, Susan Ryall, John Bass

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9a

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

A prayer of praise to God for his salvation

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Peter had expectations about what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Mark 8:31-35. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that we will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our imagination. Conclude by praying together today's psalm, Psalm 116.

(Taken from www.loyolapress.com)

**Following the Messiah: Scott Hahn
Reflects on the Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see [John 6:15](#)).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see [Daniel 7:13-14](#)). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see [Galatians 5:6](#)).

Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living. (Taken from *Breaking the Bread*, Sunday Bible Reflections – St. Paul Center (stpaulcenter.com))

CONFIRMATION
AT ST THERESA'S PARISH
Saturday, September 18, 2021



Let us include in our prayers the 11 Confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, Sept. 18th.

Holy Spirit, strengthen our Confirmandi with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord to serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that s/he may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill her/him with the joy of your presence. Increase in her/him the fruit of your Spirit. Help him/her to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that he/she can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

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

Tony and Geraldine Loginow
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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.

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

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

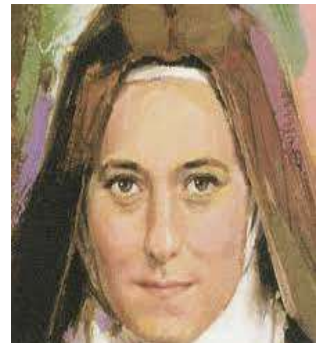
Schedule of Celebration for our Patron Saint's Feast Day:

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



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Reserve your seat to attend Sunday Mass.

Registration ends on Friday at 3 pm through Eventbrite. 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 – <https://bit.ly/STP-Livestream>

Sharelife

October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously. Parish Goal: \$36,400. Total donations as of September 4, 2021 is \$29,999.

2021 Offertory Envelopes

For those who have not yet picked up this year's envelope, they are available for pick up in church.

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.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for September 2021

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

WATCH POPE'S MESSAGE

“A prayer
for our
earth”

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

— Pope Francis, *Laudato si'*

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.

VIEW MASS LIVESTREAM

Webinar: Healing & Reconciliation (First part of a two-part series)

The abuse of Indigenous peoples is a dark chapter in the history of Canada and of the Catholic Church. This two-part webinar series is a brief reflection on the history of the residential schools and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the long road towards Healing and Reconciliation. It is presented by Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith, Deacon John Brown, Cardinal Thomas Collins - the Archbishop of Toronto - and Neil McCarthy, the director of communications for the Toronto Archdiocese.

WATCH THE VIDEO



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

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. A Sign-Up sheet is also available in the vestibule.

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