

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 30 (Private Mass)

For Peace & Reconciliation

Tuesday, August 31 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm Healing for Maria Corazon Buenafe

Special Intention of Amor Sefcik

✠ Orlando 'Dino' Peñafiel (*Melita Soriano*)

✠ Rosalina Antipuesto, Dhanmatee Lackan & Paulina Alfonso (*Melita Soriano*)

Wednesday, September 1 (Livestreamed)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

7:00 pm ✠ Erich Lobe (*Mara Lobe*)

✠ Rowena Trino (*Suzanne Orquiola & family*)

Thursday, September 2 (Private Mass)

Cesar Ortuoste (*Jose Ortuoste*)

Friday, September 3 (Livestreamed)

Saint Gregory the Great

7:00 pm Wedding Anniversary and Thanksgiving of William and Theresa Bryan

✠ Dino Peñafiel (*Judy Romero*)

✠ Felice Macri (*Iozzo family*)

✠ Paulita Vasquez and Gladys Segui (*Norma Segui*)

Saturday, September 4 (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm ✠ Dino Peñafiel (*Megan Festin*)

✠ Lucy Goddard & Blossom Hsiung (*Joyce Chen*)

Sunday, September 5 (Livestreamed)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ✠ Charles & Alice Brewster (*Frank & Margaret Brewster*)

✠ Maria Editha Rodriguez (*Mila Cassanova*)

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

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, Chona Sunico

For the Dead

Patricia Anderson, Dennis Horne, Muriel "Lola" Barrett, Lew Benvenuto, Lawrence Halder, Sr. Anna Haydee Librojo, Fr. Albert Macalipay, Fr Roque Ferriols SJ, Fr. Vince Heffernan SFM

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 29, 2021**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses tells the Israelites to observe the commandments that God gave them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 15:2-3,3-4,4-5

Those who do justice will find favor with God.

Second Reading

James 1:17-18,21b-22,27

James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Children have learned the importance of following rules. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they often bring to our attention the infractions of others. Even parents sometimes get caught off guard by their children's observations: "Why don't you have to go to bed at 8:00?" or "But I saw you eat a cupcake before breakfast once." Our rules for our children are not arbitrary. We establish and enforce family rules with the intention of helping our children grow to be healthy and mature adults. We foster this maturity when we also initiate conversations with our children about the purposes behind family rules and teach them the essential values that rules help us observe.

As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, try to write a single, positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus criticize the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God's Law. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be. Conclude in prayer together that we may always honor God's Law in our words and deeds. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 15. (Taken from www.loyolapress.com)

**Pure Religion:
Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see [Isaiah 29:13](#)). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions. The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see [Matthew 5:17](#)).

The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor.

"Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service?

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

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 weekday masses, registration is at the door. The church is open 30 mins before the mass.



CONFIRMATION

Recollection and
Confessions
(In church)
Sat., September 11, 2021

Confirmation Mass
(In church)
Sat., September 18, 2021



You can support our parish's ShareLife campaign by giving online or at the ShareLife Sunday collections on **October 2/3 and October 30/31, 2021.**

Parish Goal: \$36,400
Total Donations to Date: \$29,999

Ravaged by Earthquake and Storm, Haiti Needs Our Support

Our parish accepts donations for Haiti.

Those wishing to help may do so through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org; by phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411, or through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Theresa Church – Natural Disasters in Haiti – Disaster Relief.

Kindly use the yellow Humanitarian Relief envelope for your donations.

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

Patron Saint of Hopeless Cases, Desperate Situations, impossible causes



For several months now, Fr Ben has been receiving prayer requests from cancer patients, hopeless and helpless persons via the internet and email as well as from personal encounters. He did virtual pray overs and anointing many times over the internet.

Beginning Thursday, September 9 at 7pm, our parish will have a regular 7pm Thursday Mass with Novena to St. Jude Thaddeus, Patron of desperate and hopeless cases. Mass is livestreamed at <https://bit.ly/STP-Livestream>

As we are nearing the fall and into the depths of uncertainty of the 4th wave, we fervently pray for healing and peace.



Livestream of
Holy Mass, Rosary & Angelus
at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

STARTING MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:
Monday to Saturday at 12:10 p.m. Eastern Time
Sunday at 12 p.m. Eastern Time

www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live



Christianity. Pure and Simple.

By Fr Casey Cole

What does it mean to be a Christian? What is the essence of this faith we profess? More than rules to follow or beliefs to assent to, Christianity is about responding to an experience of love and healing by taking up the revolutionary mission of Jesus Christ.

The good news of Jesus came to make dead people alive.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

An Integral Part: An Introduction to Eastern Catholicism

A Webinar for those in Liturgical and Catechetical Ministries

Saturday, September 11, 2021
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Speakers:

Fr. Luis Melo

Director, Office for Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism

Fr. Alexander Laschuk

Judicial Vicar, Toronto Regional Marriage Tribunal

Moderated by Dr. Rebecca Spellacy, Office of Formation for Discipleship

This webinar will feature an exploration of the history of Eastern Catholicism and will address some frequently asked questions, including:

- Can an Eastern Catholic receive Holy Communion in my parish?
- What sort of considerations should be made for Sacramental Preparation?
- Does an Eastern Catholic have to go through RCIA to join my parish?

Register at bit.ly/FW-RegisterSept2021 by September 9, 2021.

For further information, contact Formation at formation@archtoronto.org.



"Since, in fact, we believe that the venerable and ancient tradition of the Eastern Churches is an integral part of the heritage of Christ's Church, the first need for Catholics is to be familiar with that tradition..." (Orientale Lumen, 1).



*Thank you to the Sponsors of this week's
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Carol & Pat Devine

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Offertory: \$1909 Renovation: \$265

The 2021 OFFERTORY

For those who have not yet picked up their 2021 envelopes, 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.



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.

Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!

Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship!

Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at

gerard.marge@rogers.com or

Phone: (905) 792-1925

Website: wwme.org



Join the event on **October 22-24,**

2021. Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

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.