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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 27 (View Mass Livestreamed)

Saint Vincent de Paul

7:00 pm Edmundo & Teresita Satorre (*Josefina Villapando*)

Tuesday, September 28 (View Mass Livestreamed)

7:00 pm For the spiritual well-being of Guy, Erin & Terry Chan (*Betty Chan*)

For Special Intentions of Frederick Lopez

✠ Rogelio Victoriano Averion (*Ivy & Jovy de los Reyes*)

Wednesday, September 29 (View Mass Livestreamed)

Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:00 pm Birthday & Special Intention for Edna Lamando (*Mendoza family*)

✠ Marilou Estrada (*Ivy & Jovy de los Reyes*)

Thursday, September 30 (View Mass Livestreamed)

Saint Jerome

7:00 pm Birthday & Thanksgiving for Edna Lamando (*Bob & Jeanette Rosales*)

Special Intention for Rosie Jane Rocha

Special Intention for Guy, Erin & Terry Chan (*Betty Chan*)

✠ Rosario & Emmanuel Fe Benito (*Amelia Fe Benito*)

Friday, October 1 (View Mass Livestreamed)

Saint Therese Feast Day

7:00 pm For All Parishioners & Devotees

Saturday, October 2 (View Mass Livestreamed)

The Holy Guardian Angels

5:00 pm ✠ Connie McDonald (*Margaret David & Rumball family*)

✠ Fr Albert Macalipay (*MME & Lorie Llarinas*)

Sunday, October 3 (View Mass Livestreamed)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ✠ Greg Crombie (*Crombie 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
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Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

(416) 261-7498 ext. 4



Let Us Pray for Our Sick

Nieves family, Tony Burford, Hal McCullough, Valerie Trutwein, Anton & Bobby Melchers, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny & Pamela Dupley, 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, Danny Gomes, Karlos Ebcas

For the Dead

Sr. Anna Haydee Librojo, Fr. Albert Macalipay, Fr. Vince Heffernan, SFM, Fr. Gerald Fitsgerald, CSSp, Brian Dossey, Susan Ryall, John Bass

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

First Reading

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8,10,12-13,14

The Law of the Lord brings joy.

Second Reading

James 5:1-6

James chastises the rich.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

FAMILY CONNECTION

The second part of today's Gospel contains a strong message for those who share the responsibility of fostering faith. It is indeed an awesome responsibility. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith is a lifelong journey toward God. We don't always get it all or even get it right. But we pray for the grace to acknowledge and build upon even the smallest signs of faith, in ourselves and in others. There are plenty of obstacles that might prevent the growth of faith. Let us pray that we are not contributing to the obstacles that might hinder another person's faith in Jesus.

As you gather as a family, observe that there are things in our lives that nurture our faith and things that can hinder it. Talk about some of the things that nurture our faith—healthy family relationships, healthy friendships, good literature, and so on. Name some of the things that might be an obstacle to faith—unhealthy relationships, scandals, and so on. Observe that Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we are to do everything we can to help one another have faith in Jesus and do all that we can to avoid creating obstacles that might hinder another person's faith. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48. Conclude by praying together that we will be a family that helps each other grow in faith. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 19, or the Lord's Prayer.

(Taken from www.loyolapress.com)

**To Belong to Christ:
Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-sixth
Sunday Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see [John 3:8](#)), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see [Acts 2:5, 38](#)).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see [Mark 3:14–15; 6:7, 13](#)).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church.

But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see [Ephesians 1:4](#)).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

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

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to attend a special livestream Mass on the occasion of the 107th

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, September 26, 2021
5:00 p.m.

Celebrant & Homilist
Thomas Cardinal Collins

Web Link:
www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live

Following the livestream, the Mass, along with a number of videos, including from Archbishop Saldanha (Archbishop Emeritus of Lahore Pakistan) and the Vatican's Migrants & Refugees Section, will be available on ORAT's website at www.orat.ca and on ORAT's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ORAT-Office-for-Refugees-Archdiocese-of-Toronto-324051570821



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Reserve your seat to attend Sunday Mass.

Click [here](#) to register to online for the Saturday 5pm and the Sunday 10 am Mass. Registration ends on Friday at 3 pm. The parish office can assist those who do not have access to email or internet during office hours.

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



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.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Sept. 30, 2021

On Thursday, September 30, 2021, across the country, Canadians will be observing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The ongoing journey to healing and reconciliation has a particular relevance for Catholics throughout Canada given the church's involvement in operating many residential schools and recognizing the suffering and intergenerational trauma that remains for many survivors to this day. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools and commit to working for truth and reconciliation in the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

All are welcome to join Cardinal Thomas Collins for a virtual prayer service on September 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – you can access the prayer service through the St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica livestream at: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. In addition, spiritual and educational resources relating to Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation can be accessed by visiting:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

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

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2021 FEAST OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

Let us come together to celebrate the Patronal Feast of our Parish
and receive many blessings through her intercession!

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Pray for us!



Feast Day Solemn Mass **Friday, October 1st at 7 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Ben Ebcas, Jr.

Homilist: Fr. Peter Turrone, IMC

Veneration of Sacred Relic

Blessings and distribution of Roses

Mass and Novena to St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Wednesday, Sept. 22 to Thursday Sept. 30

Reserve your spot to attend the Feast Day Mass through Eventbrite:

<https://bit.ly/STP-Events>

Mass is livestream through - <https://bit.ly/STP-Livestream>

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Once again, we celebrate the Feast Day of our beloved patroness, St Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower. First and foremost, the feast days of Saints are opportunities for us to remember and reflect on their lives. They are invitations to exemplary qualities and virtues as Christians.

Secondly, it is also a time to examine and challenge ourselves in relation to our vocation of followers of our Lord Jesus. Have we been good examples of good Christian Life? St Thérèse once said, *“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing. Miss no single opportunity of making small sacrifice, here by smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing small things right and doing it all for love.”* Lastly, feast days of Saints are days of thanksgiving for their intercession for our personal and communal needs. They were ordinary human beings like us who made use of their blessings and gifts to glorify the Lord. They help build communities of faith by their words and examples. This is our mission. St Thérèse is the patroness of the missions even if she didn't leave their convent and embarked on missionary journeys like St Francis Xavier. But her love of Jesus inspired many Christians to live the values in the Gospel.

My special thanks to our parish staff, all parish ministries, donors of flowers, volunteers and prayer warriors who helped us in our simple celebration this year. St Thérèse, continue to intercede for our protection from this pandemic. God bless you dear parishioners and devotees. HAPPY FEAST DAY!

How has St. Therese interceded in your life?

*The lives of St Thérèse's devotees have been blessed through her intercession as she continues to “show her roses” upon us. Her love for us is immeasurable. If you would like to share your experiences and stories about how St Thérèse'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.*



“It is love alone that counts.”

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Our Guest Homilist: Fr. Peter Turrone, IMC

Fr Peter Turrone, IMC is currently the Pastor at the Holy Rosary Church in Toronto. He was the Executive Director of the Newman Centre at the University of Toronto from 2016-2021.



On February 2021, Fr Turrone did an extensive spiritual life series online based on the book *The Story of a Soul* by St Therese of Lisieux.

Fr Turrone grew up Catholic but did not take ownership of his faith until a Confirmation retreat experience drew him to a personal encounter with Christ. After his undergraduate studies at York University, he later earned his neuroscience doctorate at the University of Toronto,

Fr. Peter always expresses in words and deeds how he loves his ministerial responsibilities. In a faith formation program he conducts, he emphasizes on the importance of being committed to the vocation that God calls each one of us to. "I love what I do everyday. Some days are more wearisome than others; some days are more rewarding than others. Nonetheless, I love being a priest. Standing at the altar and saying the words of consecration remain for me the most moving and sacred part of my day. They remain for me the most challenging too."

Also Fr. Peter has touched the lives of people, especially young people, who he mentored, to reflect and to take their vocation seriously. In one of his talks, Fr. Peter reflected that the Lord is never outdone in generosity. As we give ourselves to Him, as priest, religious or even as a lay person, He takes what we give Him, blesses it, and gives it back to us.

*Feast Day Novena Prayer
to St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

SEPTEMBER 22 to 30

St. Thérèse, Flower of fervor and love, please intercede for us. Fill our hearts with your pure love of God.

As we approach and celebrate your Feast Day, make us more aware of the goodness of God and how well He tends His garden. Instill in us your little way of doing ordinary things with extraordinary love.

Give us the heart of a child who wonders at life and embraces everything with loving enthusiasm. Teach us your delight in God's ways so that divine charity may blossom in our hearts.

Little Flower of Jesus, bring our petitions before God, our Father: **(mention in silence here)**. With your confidence, we come before Jesus as God's children, because you are our heavenly friend.

As we celebrate the Feast Day of your homecoming in heaven, continue to shower roses and grace upon us. **Amen.**

V. St. Thérèse, Little Flower of Jesus.
R. Pray for us.

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For more details about this year's Feast Day Celebration, please click [here](#).

ShareLife Sunday is next weekend



Your gift to ShareLife facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto last year. They are among the 150,000 people helped by generous donors like you.

As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not forget the plight of those facing hardship and persecution, and continue our efforts to welcome them to Canada.

Next Sunday, October 3 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

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.

September 27: Feast of St Vincent de Paul

Vincent de Paul was a priest of the Catholic Church who dedicated himself to serving the poor. De Paul was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity and is known as the "Great Apostle of Charity".

Vincent started the Order of the Daughters of Charity who worked for the poor and sick. He built homes for the needy, sick, aged and abandoned children. He also started the Congregation of the Mission, a society of priests, and missionaries called the Vincentians.

Vincent died in Paris at the age of 84. The St. Vincent de Paul Society continues his work for the poor.

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