



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

**Sunday, February 1**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m.

*For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish*

10:30 a.m.

*For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.*

**Tuesday, February 3**

9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 4**

9:00 a.m.

†For the souls in purgatory.

**Thursday, February 5**

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

9:00 a.m.

**Friday, February 6**

*St. Paul Miki and Companions*

9:00 a.m.

†Margaret Vice, as requested by Peter.

**Saturday, February 7**

4:30 p.m.

*For the protection of Canada & for the well-being of all its citizens, by a parishioner.*

†Wayne Quan, by Martha Quan & family.

**Sunday, February 8**

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m.

*For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish*

10:30 a.m.

*For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.*

**Please remember these sick people in your prayers:**

Michelle Boyer, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Raechel McIntyre, Zygmunt Wysocki, Lily Harmon, Debby MacAdam, Michael Budge, Robby Felteau, Elaine Taylor, Wanda Staples, Judette & Marie, Marilyn & Jim Donoghue, Aline Lafleur Raymond, Paul O' Leary, Michaela Fong, Julie Robinson

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION**

*For children with incurable diseases ~ Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Year A)**

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.26-31

**Gospel:** Matthew 5.1-12



**Lectors & Commentators**

**Saturday, February 7**

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

**Sunday, February 8**

9:00 a.m. Paulette Michel

10:30 a.m. Almira Buen

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, February 7**

4:30 p.m. ---

**Sunday, February 8**

9:00 a.m. Wendy Schieman – C & EM

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry – C & EM

**Vocation Prayer:**

• That those the Lord is calling to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated brother or sister will listen to Him, and proclaim His name, we pray to the Lord.

### REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED FOR CCSAC

For many years, Patricia Marsden-Doyle represented Saint Theresa Church as a member of the Centretown community social Action Committee. We are still associated with the committee but we need someone who can be committed to attend the monthly meetings and share information between the church and the committee.

Please contact Wendy Schieman if you are able to help. The CCSAC is also responsible for the yearly Walkathon for the Food Bank.

### TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts have started to be released – if you would like your tax receipt mailed to you, please leave an envelope with your address inside the collection basket. Please be aware that any money given for Mass intentions in 2025 will NOT count as a donation and therefore will not be included in your receipt, as per the requirements of the Canada Revenue Agency. Thank you!

### FACTS & FIGURES

According to Open Doors' 2026 World Watch List, 2025 marked the deadliest year in modern history for Christians. Roughly 4,850 people were killed for their faith and millions more have faced violence, abuse, displacement, or discrimination worldwide.

Over 388 million Christians — more than one in seven globally — experience high levels of persecution, driven mainly by war, anarchy, authoritarian regimes, nationalism, and religious hostility. North Korea ranked as the most dangerous country for Christians for the 24th time, followed by Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Eritrea; Syria saw a sharp rise in persecution after political instability in 2024. Persecution is becoming more sophisticated, with tactics expanding to include AI surveillance, propaganda, and economic restrictions. However, Open Doors highlighted that the Christian faith continues to endure and grow despite attempts to eradicate it.

### FEAST DAY: The Presentation of the Lord (February 2<sup>nd</sup>)

The Presentation of the Lord is a Christian feast celebrated on February 2nd, 40 days after Christmas, which, according to Jewish law in Leviticus, was the time for a mother's purification and the presentation of a firstborn son. It commemorates Jesus's presentation in the Temple to fulfill the Law of Moses. Found in Luke 2:22-40, the passage describes Joseph and Mary bringing the infant Jesus to Jerusalem to fulfill Jewish legal requirements of purification and the consecration of the firstborn.

The feast is often called Candlemas, or the "Feast of Light," because of the tradition of blessing candles, which symbolizes Christ as the Light of the World. It is a bridge between the Christmas infancy narratives and the upcoming Paschal Mystery (Lent/Easter), highlighting Jesus as the "Light for the Nations". It is also known as the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

It signifies the meeting of Christ with his people, recognized by Simeon and Anna as the Messiah, Savior, and Light to the nations. The prophet Simeon recognized Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles," while the prophetess Anna gave thanks and spoke of the child to those awaiting redemption.

It is the first encounter of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child in the Temple. It is in that holy encounter that Jesus' divinity is manifested by a human prophet for the first time. At His birth, the angels proclaimed His divinity to the shepherds, but in the Temple, Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Savior of the World. He also prophesied that this salvation would be accomplished by a sword of sorrow that would pierce the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Anna, a prophetess, also came forward and "gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). Thus, these ritual acts were also a moment in which Jesus' divine mission was made manifest to the world.

### GAMES NIGHT

Don't lose the opportunity to join other parishioners at the first annual games night, February 14. You will find a lot of fun, tasty snacks and good friendship. Sign up the sheet available at the rear of the church and you will receive one ticket for the Games Night raffle. There will be a trivia contest, and large-cup games to win. Euchre anyone, Phase 10, Bridge, Parchesi?