



† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
10:30 a.m. †Deceased members of Benson Family by Serafina Sebastyan.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 a.m. †Repose of the soul of Lorretta Lawrence by the Kilby Family

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 a.m. For the intentions of Ileana Marinelli by the Marinelli family

Thursday, December 21

9:00 a.m. †Zosimo Austria by the Austria family

Friday, December 22

9:00 a.m. †For the souls in purgatory.

Saturday, December 23

4:30 p.m. For Father Vincent's intentions.

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For persons with disabilities ~ We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Year B)**

First Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2A, 10-11
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, December 23

4:30 p.m. Sebastien Saber

Sunday, December 24

10:30 a.m. Sebastien Saber
4:30 p.m. Children
7:00 p.m. Cathy Major

Monday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Monday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Michelle Boyer, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Raechael McIntyre, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki, Linda MacNay, Theresa Tam-Sue, Alice Hilchie.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 17, 2023

For a deeper trust and openness to the Holy Spirit in people discerning a call to serve Christ through the priesthood or in consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, Sunday only one Mass at 10:30 am.

December 24, Christmas Eve: two Masses at 4:30 pm children and & 7:00 pm solemn high Mass.

December 25, Christmas Day: one Mass at 10:30 am.

December 31, Sunday only one Mass at 10:30 am.

December 31, New Year Eve: only one Mass at 4:30 pm.

January 1, New Year Day: only one Mass at 10:30 am.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER SUPPORT

It has been our custom at Saint Theresa parish for many years that parishioners contribute to Christmas flowers. Soon our volunteers will be at the back of the parish to collect for this purpose. On December 2nd and 3rd, it begins. Thank you.

FOODBANK FUNDRAISER – RECEIPTS

This notice is to inform parishioners that their receipts for the October 2 fundraiser for the local food bank are available at the back of the church following all Sunday Masses Sunday, Dec 3.

TIPTAP DONATIONS

Commencing January 1st 2024, St Theresa will have available a “Tap-to-Donate” capability at the church. You will see a stand available in the church where parishioners and visitors can “tap” to donate using a credit or interact card. The system is provided through the Tiptap company that supports charitable organizations through providing simple tap-and-donate devices to gather contributions. Theresa will have one stand available with two donation “buttons”, one for \$10 and another for \$20. These systems will be available in the church and the device will provide instructions so that people who donate and want a receipt can register themselves and it will enable the Parish to track donations and provide receipts to individuals. The same devices are in use at parishes in Ottawa, and the Diocese of Toronto is using them at several parishes throughout Toronto. All user’s express satisfaction with the service and the benefits it has provided to collections for their church. Additional information will be available in the coming weeks as we plan to commence use as of 1 January 2024. If there are any questions, please contact Acton Kilby for details.

A Big Thank You

A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the hugely successful annual lunch with Santa last Sunday. The hall filled, everyone enjoyed the delicious tourtiere and so much more. Santa made an appearance to meet with the young and young at heart, pass out treats, and have pictures taken with family groups. The chatter, laughter and singing were evidence of the good time shared by all present.

LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES

Increase your understanding of Indigenous history and culture through Canadian Martyrs Church’s Listening to Indigenous Voices Zoom study group. Now in its third season, this study group uses the Jesuit Forum guidebook “Listening to Indigenous Voices – A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships”, compiled by many authors, most of whom are Indigenous, to deepen our understanding of our settler relationship with Indigenous peoples and to explore Indigenous cultures and histories. The study group will meet on Zoom every second Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting on October 4 and ending on February 28. (No session on December 27). The guidebook can be purchased online from Novalis.ca or the JesuitForum.ca. The parish also has limited copies for purchase at the parish office for \$25. The facilitators from Canadian Martyrs parish are settlers engaging in efforts for truth and reconciliation. To register, please email maureen.cerroni@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FOR MORE

Needing to hear what God the Father thinks of you? Join us for Prayers for More – An evening of prayer ministry! Be filled up this Advent with the Lord’s personal word for you.
Friday, Dec. 22nd, 2023
7:30 – 9:00pm ET
Zoom

Over zoom, we will gather together, praise the Lord, and receive individual prayer ministry in breakout rooms by trained prayer ministers.

Come receive the Lord’s heart for you!

Let us know if you can make it:

<https://servantofthecross.ca/engage/i-am-more/>

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

“The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith and this is not of ourselves.”

“Let us guard the purity of our bodies with all fervor. Ye are the temple of God, says the divine Apostle Paul; if any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy.”

~Saint Nicholas of Myra