

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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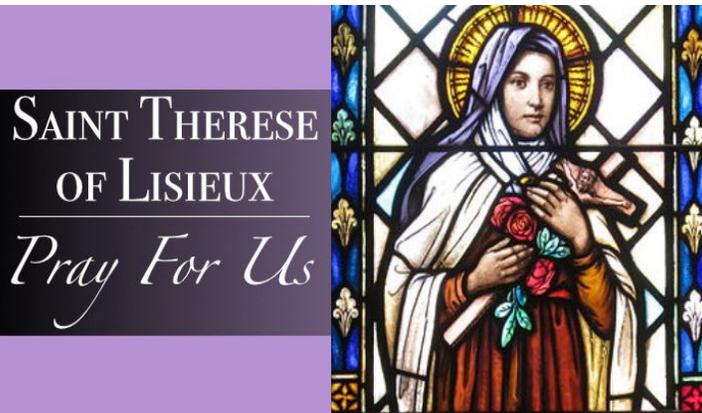
SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<u>St. Catherine of Siena</u>	<u>St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata</u>	<u>St. Patrick's</u>	<u>St. Theresa's</u>
Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 11:15 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 4, 2020

Liturgy

On October 1st. we celebrated the feast of St. Theresa, the patron saint of our church. She is known to us through her autobiography, "Story of a Soul", in which she describes her life as a "little way of spiritual childhood." She believed we should do everything well with love and described her mission "to make God loved." She served God as a Carmelite nun for less than ten years but her inspiring words touched many. She continues to intercede for us and to be a guide on our spiritual journey.



The month of October is dedicated as the month of the Holy Rosary and we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We are familiar with the dedication of the month of May to The Blessed Virgin but October is especially focused on Mary and the Rosary. It has been the custom to celebrate this month by praying the Rosary every day. The short invocation "Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us" is another way we seek her intercession. Praying the Rosary allows us to walk with Mary from the Annunciation at Nazareth to

the Crucifixion on Calvary and the Resurrection. Before "distancing" we gathered on Wednesday morning at 9.40 am to pray the Rosary together. Perhaps we can set aside that short time at home to renew our community prayer for St. Theresa's community. For those who are working a few seconds to say the short invocation will help cultivate the habit of interior prayer.

Pastoral Team Message

The loss of a loved one is always upsetting and disorienting. Being physically separated from your church family makes it even more difficult for those who are grieving. It is also challenging for those who would like to offer prayers, support and to be of comfort.

The Pastoral Team again reminds you to be sure you let the office know of any losses of parishioners or those of importance to a parishioner or St. Theresa's. This is hard for us to track as we are not in communication as easily as we have been before the pandemic and its restrictions.

We would not want anyone feeling left out of our notices; and indeed - our parishioners do want to know about a loss from within St. Theresa's community.

If you have suffered a loss, please let Pat know in the office. Links to obituaries are also welcome and can be shared.

It is with sadness that we have to report the passing of two of our parishioners - Rita Basile and Margaret Smith.

We pray for their families and for the repose of their souls:

Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

St. Vincent de Society



The semi-annual collection for St. Theresa's Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes place next weekend October 10 – 12, as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

This is just one of several times a year when you have the opportunity to reflect on what we have, ...and be reminded of those who are financially struggling. Our church, St. Theresa's, is one of those in the diocese who have a St Vincent de Paul Society that responds on a weekly basis. Through SSVP, you support women and men who can't make ends meet due to illness, disability or age. With your donations, we can step forward to provide groceries, or assistance towards a month's rent, fuel, or power. As money allows we can provide furniture such as mattresses or help pay fees such as course registrations. This non-judgemental help is a vital part of our Christian mission and part of the outreach to the community that most of our parishes undertake.

Please remember that if you know anyone living in our church neighborhood who needs help, they should feel free to contact St. Vincent de Paul. A phone call to the Parish number will bring them to the SSVP extension where they can leave a message (902-454-8221 ext222). We respond to messages and deliver assistance each Friday morning.

Envelope users will find the Thanksgiving SSVP envelope in their box. You can also use your own envelope, with your name and address if you want a tax receipt. Or, put cash or a cheque in the SSVP collection boxes after Saturday and Sunday mass.

You may also wish to donate through the parish by Interac-transfer. The first step is to set up the Parish email address as a payee for your online or mobile bank account. Each bank has its own procedure for setting up a payee. Generally, it can be found in the section where payments or transfers are made. Look for something like "Add Recipient" or "Add/Payee".

You will be asked for the recipient's name which is:

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and the recipient's email address which is:

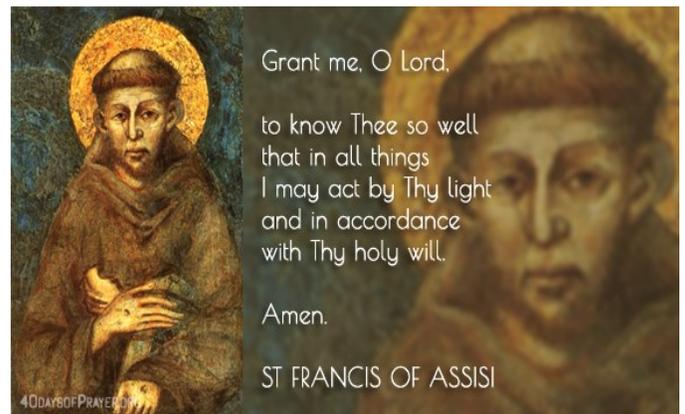
office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca .

No security question is needed because when you send the donation, it will be automatically deposited and the parish office will be notified.

It is important to use the message feature of the Interac transfer and specify:

- your name,
- your Envelope Box Number, if you have one,
- St. Theresa's Church as the Church through which you are donating, and
- that the purpose of the donation is for **St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Special Collection.**

This information ensures that you will receive an income tax receipt for your donation and that your donation is directed specifically to St. Vincent de Paul for our ongoing work.



Finance Corner

This week Finance Corner is about the spiritual “finances” that we receive from our patron Saint for which we are grateful.

October 1 is the Feast of St. Theresa, our patron Saint. St. Theresa has been an inspiration to us all throughout the years.

In December 2020 we will celebrate the 90th anniversary of St. Theresa's and every year since we have joined together at Mass to celebrate her feast day. During Covid-19 we have had to make adjustments but we are still able to celebrate even if we cannot be together physically.

On October 1, 2017, this is what our Pastor, Father Francesco had to say about St. Theresa in his homily that is worth repeating since we cannot be physically together this year:

Who is Thérèse of Lisieux? She is a young girl that was born of two holy parents, devoted, both of them are blessed now, people full of Faith, full of desire of serving God, participating in the life of the Church, to live and be witnesses of the Gospel. From this beautiful couple came a few daughters and then the majority of them, they entered the convent, among them, Thérèse, who became a Carmelite Sister, a cloistered Sister.

She was 15 when she entered the convent. She wasn't allowed but because something was talking to her heart, she found the strength to ask and ask and ask until she made tired everybody and they accepted her in the convent and she was so young.

There is a story that says that she went for a pilgrimage to Rome and after running everywhere finally she was even able to escape from her parents and security and she went in front of the Pope asking to be admitted to the convent because she was too young. So you can imagine what the Pope thought in that moment. He could hardly guess that he was looking at Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower, the one that we can think about as a kid because she was a kid, she was 24 but was also a spiritual giant. A spiritual giant! This Church is dedicated to a spiritual giant! A spiritual giant that we can look at and learn what it means to be holy. She entered the convent. She did not do much but she discovered the secret of God's Spirit: What makes of us Church? Love! Love for God! Love for Souls! Love for each other and for the whole Humanity! If the centre of our communities is not God and love, we are losing [wasting] our time. Do something better on Sunday morning, don't come here! We are here for love of God and [to] love each other. This is what makes us Church and if there is no love, the Church is dead.

Where do we find the strength to take care of this community? Where do we find the strength of evangelizing? Out of Love! Where do the parents find the strength when they receive a child from God's grace to do everything they had to do, stopping sleeping because the children when they are little do not sleep at night? Where do they find the strength? In love! Everything comes from love!

And she's the one that understood that and she's the one who said, “In this convent, this is what I will bring. I will make of this convent a holy place.” And then she went on to talk more, “I can share this love which is life with the whole Church with my prayer.” And she started to pray for the Church and for the missions to send that life, that blood everywhere.

So maybe this is the goal of this community, to become a place, to become a community full of the spirit, full of love so that this spirit and this life can be shared spiritually.

Let's reflect on Father's homily from 2017 and use his words to continue inspire us to live our lives in the service of Christ. Together let's keep St. Theresa's strong!

Diocesan News

Collection for the Pastoral Works of the Holy Father:

Peter's Pence

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of churches to the general public, the Holy See postponed the annual collection for the 2020 Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence Collection) from the traditional date, the sixth Sunday of Easter (this year May 17, 2020) to the **new date of October 4, 2020**, Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi.

The concrete participation, including economic, in the needs of the universal ecclesial community has taken different forms throughout history. This collection and donations by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise the awareness that all the baptized are called to materially sustain the work of evangelization and at the same time to help the poor in whatever way is possible.

You will find an envelope for the Pope's Pastoral Works in your regular parish envelopes. You can also give to Peter's Pence online at:

www.obolodisanietro.va/en/storia.html