

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 3, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Anita Coleman & dec. memb. of the Tonicic & Barratto families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Nicola Piacentino

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Emedio & Bambina D'Orazio

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Sharmila Iyer and Gene & Sybil Lee Loy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Deceased Legionaries

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Amy Samaniego

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Frances Donlin, †Antonio & Gilda DiMartino, †Renato Binotto,
†Antonio Palmieri and Special Intentions of Samantha Cameron

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Wed & Thurs - 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Friday - 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

DAILY DEVOTIONS

(after Mass)

Tuesday – Sts. Anne & Joachim

Wed. – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday - St. Jude

Friday – Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday – St. Michael

Confessions: Sat. 9:30 to 10:30 am

Support Your Parish:

1. Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
2. Contribute to your parish offertory by credit card. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to your parish's offertory or other special funds.
3. Contribute through Pre-Authorized giving (PAG). You can obtain a form from the parish office or [click here](#) to download the form.
4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. Email campaign@archtoronto.org

PASTOR'S BLOG – NOVEMBER 3, 2024

I wanted to use this blog to update you on some of the work that is being done around the parish, some visible and some happening in the background.

Construction Update

On the visible end, the stone mason and workers have been working away on the front step project. The granite that we ordered came in the first week of October and work started up again after Thanksgiving. The weather has been cooperative thus far and they have been working diligently to get it done. By the looks of the progress they made this week, I think they will have substantial completion by middle November.

As you may have noticed, the new granite does not fully match the current stone. This was done intentionally to give a nice contrast and a defined border to accent the front of our parish. With the new built in planters that face Lakeshore Rd., we can add some greenery and colour to make our parish more beautiful, attractive and welcoming.

Please continue to pray for good weather so that the work can continue unhindered and be complete on time.

All Saints Party

This Sunday November 3rd we are having our first of many coffee Sundays! After the 9am and 11am Mass on Sunday, we will be offering tea/coffee and light refreshments in the parish hall. It is a great opportunity to meet your fellow parish family as we continue to form those intentional relationships outside of Mass. These relationships are so important so that we are able to engage the world with joy and love, knowing we are not alone in the practice of the faith.

To add some fun to this coffee Sunday is that after the 11am Mass we will be having an All Saints Party! We wanted our parish family to celebrate the Saints, the *great cloud of witnesses*. So, to celebrate our friends in Heaven, join us after the 11am Mass! Come dressed as your favourite Saint, play some games and win some prizes. Adriene and Sam had to twist my rubber arm for one prize, so come on down dressed as a saint!

Adult Faith Formation

Also this month, we began our RCIA and Adult Faith Formation. We have finished two weeks and they have been a blast! Some amazing conversations around the content covered. This period of time is really carving out a space to discuss some of the questions that cause our heart to ache and receive answers that actually satisfy that ache.

In January we begin to deep dive into the Creed (The Profession of Faith). As always, the people of the parish are welcome to join us. Please speak to me if you are interested. All I ask is that you are able to cover the cost of the study materials.

Fr Michael



Please watch your step...

WE ARE OPEN
WHILE FRONT STEPS ARE UNDER
CONSTRUCTION

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

This year, due to higher demand from Neighbours in Need, we made an early appeal for assistance. We're facing challenges and are uncertain if we can continue as we have in the past.

To date, we've made 272 home visits, providing \$29,000 in grocery gift cards and bus tickets to people often on disability pensions or Ontario Works, including single mothers, seniors, and grandparents caring for grandchildren. With disability pensions around \$1300 monthly and rent often \$1500 or more, many struggle with basics. Our typical support includes \$80 in grocery cards and four bus tickets for a single person, plus \$30 per additional person. We try to respond with love and compassion, despite the humility it takes to ask for help.

As we prepare for Christmas Giving with grocery and Walmart cards and bus tickets, donations received now through Christmas will help us support our neighbors into the new year. For those inquiring, since COVID, we haven't used the Christmas tree tags. Donations can be made using envelopes in your box or at the poor boxes, or a regular envelope can be placed in the collection marked for St. Vincent de Paul. Please include your name and address for receipts for gifts over \$20.

Other ways to donate:

To donate online through Canada Helps, please visit "<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/>", and search for "Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Star of the Sea Conference" or use the QR Code:



To donate by Interac e-Transfer, please direct your donation to the email "stmarystar@ssvptoronto.ca", and use the Question 'ssvp' and password 'ssvp'.

Your ongoing generosity means the world to us.
Thank you all for your support.

THE ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CRAFT GROUP

is having their Christmas Craft Sale after all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 30 / Dec. 1. You will find an amazing array of handmade "crafty" items offered for sale including Christmas crocheted ornaments, Baby layettes and blankets, Children's sweaters, hats, mitts, and socks, Adult knitted hats, and scarves, Adult bibs, Men's "beard" bibs as well as a wide range of household gifts and much more. Oh, and don't forget the "Art on the rocks".

AND JOINED BY THE CWL, they will be holding a COOKIE AND BOOK SALE for your sweet tooth and reading enjoyment. In addition, the CWL will be collecting Personal care, dental care, hats, mitts, and scarves for the Elisa House Gift Bag project. A total of 42 bags will be donated to the residents of Elisa House (a shelter run by St. Vincent De Paul for homeless & abused women). Your contribution or monetary donations are appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In loving memory of Peter Krajewski

SHARELIFE

We have raised \$111,817 for ShareLife - 103 % of our parish goal!

Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

All high schoolers are welcome to come with us next week November 9th at St. Josephs Parish from 5:30-8:00pm for our next LifeTeen! We will be talking all about the necessity of Scripture! Please contact Sam if you would like to carpool there and back! (Scameron@archtoronto.org)



ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 RD

We are celebrating our friends in Heaven! Join us at 12:00pm (following our 11am Mass) for an All Saint's Day Party! Come dressed as your favourite Saint, play some game a win some prizes!



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