

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024 (5:00 PM)



†Alberto and Stella Severin

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Anita Coleman & Dec. memb. of the Toncic & Barratto families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024

NO MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

5:00 pm - †Silla Pellizzer

12:00 midnight - For the People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

9:00 am - † Guido & Erma Barbisan

11:00 am - † Antonietta Valentino

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024

NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

NO MORNING MASS

EUCCHARISTIC 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

So this will be the last “Pastor’s Blog” of 2024. I know...I know. Don’t be sad, there will be a lot more to come in the new year.

He was born to die

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
‘Til He appear’d and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!

This first verse of the popular Christmas Carol, “O Holy Night” helps us capture the magnitude of why God sent His only-begotten Son into the world. There was purpose...a mission that He had to accomplish that was to rescue us from the dominion of sin, death and Satan. He entered into a world that was filled with darkness, with sin and error. But by bringing His light into the darkness, we see how much we are worth to God - to have His Son die on a cross and then rise from the dead. And our response should be hope in this weary world - the salvation He won for us. Our sin, our brokenness is not the end of the story for God breaks in and gives us a new chapter. He reconciles us to the Father, giving us a new relationship with Him.

Jubilee 2025

Beginning December 24th we are entering into the Jubilee Year which will conclude on the feast of the Epiphany 2026. The theme of the year is to be Pilgrims of Hope. Our world is still laying in sin and error. But we have hope, Christ has already won the victory. And as Pilgrims of Hope, we are to proclaim the Good News of victory that Jesus has won to a world in need of His love.

Happy Christmas

So as my last words for 2025 in blog format, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with hope and joy. As we enter the Christmas season, my prayers for you are to celebrate knowing that our God has come to meet us, we can look on him face to face. In this celebration, you matter to the creator of the universe that He would stoop down to our lowly state to raise us up as children of the Father. He delights in you...He loves you.

Fr Michael

SSVP CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL

As long as there are people like you, the world is a hopeful place.

This is the message that was on one of the cards given to us by a Neighbour in Need. With so much darkness in our world, we can choose to light a candle and bring hope to each other, because the birth of Jesus brings us hope.

May God bless each of you this Christmas and beyond.

Angela, Heather, Sal, Angela, Dawn, Trish, Renzo, Anne, Lucy, Pat, Kim, Inga

How to Donate to SSVP

There is a Christmas envelope in your box of envelopes. Or you can use one of the SSVP envelopes found on the poor boxes or a regular envelope marked SSVP.

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 (**also found on the poor boxes**):



To donate by Interac e-Transfer, please direct your donation to the email stmarystar@ssvptoronto.ca, and use the Question 'Saint' and password 'Vincent'. Your ongoing generosity means the world to us. Thank you all for your support.

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Connect with us online! Scan the QR code to visit our parish website. If you are new to the parish, welcome! Register on the website.



2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Please note that only those donations received on or before December 31, 2024 will be tax receipted in 2024. This would include donations received at the 5 pm New Year's Eve Mass collection and cheques received in the mail, post marked latest December 31. All donations received on January 1, 2025 and thereafter (including donations received at the 9 and 11 am New Year's day Mass collections) will be tax receipted in 2025.

If you have moved, please inform Marilyn Fernandes email MFernandes@archtoronto.org, of the change in your address to ensure that you receive your 2024 tax receipt.

SSVP HELPLINE : 647-628-2058

Please leave your name, number and a brief message and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In loving memory of Vinko & Zora Marić
In loving memory of Slavko & Slavka Drežnjak

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In loving memory of Pietro Piccolomo & Gina Zinga
In loving memory of Pietro Piccolomo & Gina Zinga

BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Ivan Marić
In loving memory of Marko and Milka Marić

ST. JOSEPH

Special intentions of
Charmaine Saldanha and family

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The parish office is closed from December 24th-January 3rd

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th: 5pm Mass and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th: 9am Mass and 11am Mass

**Please note: There will be no Mass celebrated Dec 26-28th*

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 28th: 5pm Mass

Sunday, December 29th: 9am Mass and 11am Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st: 5pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1st: 9am Mass and 11am Mass



Our Lady Refuge of Families'
invite you to our 3rd Annual...

NATIVITY PLAY & CO-OP FUNDRAISER

**4:30 PM
to
7:30 PM**

**5
SUN**

**January
2025**

**St Mary Star of the Sea Parish | Parish Hall
11 Peter St S (Port Credit) Mississauga, ON**

Nativity play, activities for kids, potluck
dinner & silent auction with exciting gifts.

Proceeds go to our Homeschool CO-OP.

**Please RSVP by December 29th,
Text your name and # of guests to
Kathy Matusiak Costa @ 416-846-7993**

