

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary time

November 5, 2023



## ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,8-10 | Ps 131:1-3 | 1Thes 7b-9,13 | Matthew 23:1-12

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 (9:00 AM) [No livestream this Sunday](#)

†Erma & Guido Barbisan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Nicola Piacentino

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Romans 11:29-36 | Psalm 69:30-31,33-34,36 | Luke 14:12-14

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Romans 12:5-16ab | Psalm 131:1bcde,2-3 | Luke 14:15-24

†Venere & Domenico Maucieri

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Romans 13:8-10 | Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9 | Luke 14:25-33

†Deceased Legionaries, †Niel Alejandrino, Blessings for Shantie Toolsie and Healing for James Tesoro

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 | Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 | 1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 | John 2:13-22

For the Beatification of Servant of God, Frank Duff

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Romans 15:14-21 | Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab,3cd-4 | Luke 16:1-8

†Jack Clark

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27 | Psalm 145:2-5,10-11 | Luke 16:9-15

†Deceased members of the CWL, †Carol Anderson and Healing for James Tesoro

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Thurs. 9:30 am - 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](mailto:Email campaign@archtoronto.org)

## **Youth Minister's Blog: Diary of a Young Pilgrim**

We made it back! Praise the good Lord, Jesus! I am still processing everything we saw and everything we did but as our LPA knows I am an external processor (meaning I need to talk or write things out to fully let them sink in) and I am a talkative and extroverted person by nature so I'm so happy I get the chance to share my experience with the parish family!

Prior to the pilgrimage I was praying a 54 day rosary Novena which, in the shortest explanation possible, is a novena in which you pray the rosary every day for 54 days for a particular intention (27 days in petition for something and 27 days in thanksgiving whether you received what you asked for or not). This began on the Assumption of Mary and ended on the Feast of the Holy Rosary which ended one week before we left on pilgrimage! I felt like I was prepared to fully receive whatever the Lord wanted me to on this pilgrimage... I feel like a common theme in all of my blog's is that I am constantly surprised and overwhelmed by our Lord's generosity and love because let me just tell you that I was not fully prepared in the best way possible.

Here is a little recap of my time on the pilgrimage - I have provided three photos (one from each country) and there is a story attached to each of them that I will share :) If you want to hear more, come to Coffee Sunday this weekend and there will be approximately 200 photos (what can I say? I like to take photos) and I will be happy to share more.

### **Picture #1 - Fatima Candlelight Procession (Portugal)**

Our very first day we came off of a 7 hour plane ride and started going right away! Into Lisbon visiting the Church of St. Anthony (Santo António) and then right into Fatima, to our Hotel and dinner. Now, the only thing I wanted to do was SLEEP - the traveling, the time change and constant movement was a lot for one day but we got there just in time for the Fatima candlelight vigil and I wasn't going to miss that! I am so glad I ended up making that choice to go the first night. Just imagine walking by candlelight to honour our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary with hundreds of other Catholics in so many languages. Truly a beautiful experience I hope I get to do again.



### **Picture #2 - Toledo Monstrance (Spain)**

We visited so many extraordinary churches in Europe. It's crazy to think how they did not have the technology we do today but were still able to make beautiful art that glorifies God. One specific thing that took my breath away above everything else was the monstrance in the Toledo Cathedral in Spain. My initial opinion was that it was too much... it was a gigantic and I mean HUGE monstrance that they need WHEELS to move. But then I kept looking at it and all of its details and I slowly started to think, no, this isn't too much, it's what the Lord deserves. They beautifully captured what the Eucharist should mean to us as Catholics from the Angels holding the monstrance to the little intricate details of Jesus' life carved into the gold. It just reaffirmed a notion within me that every piece of art in a Catholic Church should draw your heart and mind higher to God and Heaven and this Monstrance did exactly that.



## **Picture #3 - St. Bernadette Lourdes Grotto Diorama**

### **(France)**

There are some places where you can tangibly feel the presence of Mother Mary and Lourdes is one of them! Before coming I knew so little about St. Bernadette but now, I think I might have devotion to her! While in Lourdes I had the opportunity to visit her family home (which has been turned into a museum) and I was able to see and take a picture of the diorama that St. Bernadette HERSELF made to depict the chapel that Mother Mary told her to make! Crazy to see a huge part of our faith in person!



There are so many more stories I want to share but in fear of making this too long, I would like to formally invite you this weekend to Coffee Sunday where we will be showing all of the photos from the pilgrimage and sharing more stories :)

- Sam

## **CHOIR**

Starting November 08, we invite parishioners to join rehearsals from 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesdays to rehearse for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Your commitment would be greatly appreciated for the several rehearsal nights and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses the Choir sings at.

If you have any questions, please email Jeff Glover at [jglover@archtoronto.org](mailto:jglover@archtoronto.org) or see him after the 5 PM Mass on Saturdays or the 11 AM Mass on Sundays or leave a message for him at the Parish Office.

## **SSVP BUNDLE UP – NOV 11/12**

It's a good time to gather up your gently used linens, clothing, shoes, towels and household goods to donate to Saint Vincent de Paul. Some items may be distributed to the needy and funds raised from the sale of the items are used towards the works of Saint Vincent de Paul. A truck will be available at St. Mary's and unlocked all day on Nov. 11 and 12, so you can drop off donations anytime. Members of St. Mary's SSVP will be available to assist you with your donations before and after all weekend Masses. Did you know that SSVP owns or manages 22 facilities in the GTA, including homes for women?

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Registration for the sacrament of Confirmation is open. Please visit this link to register:

<https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/sacraments>

**Registrations close on Sunday, December 3rd.**

If you have any questions or would like more information please reach out to Samantha.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES**

Calling all youth from Grades 6-12: Our Youth ministry is back and better than ever! We are introducing our new program called Navigation Nights! This will be a time where all youth are able to come and explore their faith! Our first night is a social and the theme? Jersey Night! So, grab your friends, grab your favourite team's jersey and join us Sunday, November 12th from 4:30-6:00pm! For more information about Youth Ministry please contact me (Sam) via email at [SCameron@archtoronto.org](mailto:SCameron@archtoronto.org)

## **2023 – 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS**

Now available for \$6 each. Get your copy today.

## **SSVP HELPLINE: CALL 647-628-2058**

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

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League is asking our parishioners for donations of new hats and gloves which will be given to women at Elisa House, a shelter for Women. The CWL gifts the women with over 25 care items that are delivered to the women for Christmas. The collection of hats and gloves will take place after each Mass on the weekend of November 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity is much appreciated.

## SHARELIFE

### Your gift will be matched!

From November 1 until year end, your gift will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$500,000.

Our parish has currently raised **\$90,288 (72%)** toward our goal of **\$125,000**. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

For all Souls

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For all Souls

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Loving Memory of Anita Coleman  
For all Souls

### ST. JOSEPH

In Loving Memory of Peter Krajewski

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

Once again, our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) will be providing Christmas assistance to families-in-need within our community. While we are still 2 months away from Christmas, we need to plan now. Awareness of maintaining each person's dignity is always our priority. Food insecurities and the increases in food costs continue to be foremost in the minds of many of our families.

We are very grateful for the support we receive from parishioners through our poor boxes on a regular basis. Once a year we ask for your support through this special collection, to enable us to provide Christmas assistance as well as support throughout the year. You can help us by making a donation of cash or cheque any time in the next month, using the special (yellow) envelope in your envelope box on Nov. 11/12, or using any envelope marked SSVP. In addition, there are online donation options. If you are interested in this, please call our line and leave a message (647-628-2058).

## FREE ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

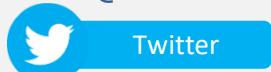
Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Learn:

- How to avoid problems in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney &through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code: 
2. follow this QR link: <https://QRCO.de/nov18>
3. send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar Nov 18" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

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If you are new to the parish, welcome! Register on the website.



# ADVENT RETREAT 2023

Please join us for our parish Advent retreat led by Dr. Josephine Lombardi from 9am to 2pm. The day will include a time for reflection, small group discussion, and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required as we will be providing lunch, please fill out this form and return it to a parish staff member

Please note, there is no cost for the retreat however donations are welcome to cover the onset costs of the retreat.

Registration will close on Wednesday, November 29th.

Name:

Last Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Dietary Restrictions/Allergies: