

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 18, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024 (5:00 PM)



†Alberto and Stella Severin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Varghese Paul Kannampuzha

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Special intentions of Gabriel Lobo

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Anna & Pardo Perrotta, †Lorraine Wosik and Special intentions of Vincent Ghisleni

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Alvin

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Rossane Hamilton

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Doris Lalonde

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
9:30 am - 10:30 am

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

As I sit and write this blog is it currently Wednesday, August 14th, which means we are exactly ONE month away from my wedding! Last week, I wrote all about my weekend away with friends and this week I wanted to share the story of how Adrian and I met.

On July 16th, 2016 it was just another day in the Adona household. I was spending my afternoon finishing up chores. All of sudden, I saw a video call come in from a friend I had from the youth group I was in at the time. I answered the call and was immediately introduced to this young fellow named Adrian. This mutual friend of ours had been best friends with Adrian throughout all of high school and he was eager to introduce to us because we were all in the same grade and were the same age. Our mutual friend at the time of this call was over at Adrian's house, helping him set up a brand new piano that Adrian just bought. The rest of that afternoon was spent listening to his new piano and chatting away. We eventually met in person for the first time just about a month later at a youth conference. The story of our relationship can be summed up by the following:

When we first crossed paths 8 years ago, Adrian was in basketball shorts serenading Adriene on the piano through a video call! Although our first encounter was through a phone screen, God's plan brought us face-to-face weeks later at a Catholic Youth Conference through a mutual friend. During a casual chat, our friend unexpectedly introduced us, and instantly we became the best of friends. Beyond our shared name, we began a genuine friendship over our shared love for Jesus, our Catholic faith, serving the Church, hazelnut coffees, movies, and of course, food!

As our friendship continued to blossom, we found ourselves talking for hours on end, sharing our dreams, aspirations, and goals. We spent countless hours diving into each other's beliefs, understandings, and experiences and found comfort in each other's unwavering commitment to Jesus Christ.

As our friendship grew into courtship and soon into love, we knew that we were God's plan for one another, and on October 7th, 2022, Adrian proposed to Adriene at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto. With hearts full of gratitude and anticipation, we embrace the journey ahead, confident in the knowledge that God's will is being completed in us as we joyfully look forward to our wedding day on September 14th, 2024.

Adriene and I had written this together for our wedding website but it truly encompasses our story. Over this season of engagement, many of you have consistently asked about the wedding and how I've been feeling and how the planning is going. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for delighting in us and for praying for us during this time!

We would love to invite you, the parish family, to clothe us in prayer and be present for our wedding Mass taking place at 1pm at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto on Saturday, September 14th. The Mass will begin at 1pm so I highly suggest arriving earlier to account for downtown traffic and parking. We would love to see you from the altar as we enter into our vocations! It would mean a lot to me to see members of the parish family in the pews as I walk down the aisle.

Adriene



Please watch your step...

WE ARE OPEN

WHILE FRONT STEPS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

CWL - SOAP DRIVE

The CWL is doing a Soap drive for Dr. Simone of Canadian Food For Children. Soap is needed for the less fortunate people, not only does it keep oneself clean but helps curb the spread of diseases, provide proper hygiene and gives confidence when one is cleaned.

We kindly request you to bring in your donations of ONLY soap bars on the weekend masses of September 7/8 & 14/15. Boxes will be left at the exits of the church where you can place your donations of soap bars.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Sharon Simons
In thanksgiving

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of Sharon Simons
For those who have no one to pray for them

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special intentions of Domenica Iavicoli
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ST. JOSEPH

For the souls in purgatory

MISSION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND AUGUST 24/25

The Archdiocesan Mission Cooperative Program (MCP) plays an important role in connecting the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto with the Catholic Church in other parts of the world. Through this appeal, our local Catholic community learns about the mission works of the Church and will have the opportunity to offer their financial support.

The Mandate of the MCP is to provide education for missionaries and food and medical aid for the poor.

A second collection will be taken up at all the Masses, the following weekend of August 24/25. Envelopes for this Collection are placed at all the exits of the Church.

Thank you for your generosity!

SSVP TRUSTING IN GOD

I am a long-time volunteer with Canadian Food For Children, founded by Dr. Andrew and Joan Simone. Many of our parishioners are familiar with this charity. Each day we fill a 40' container with food and other items to send to the developing world. I remember that I have wondered how we can fill a container at times when donations are low or we don't have enough food in the warehouse. Dr. Simone would always say you have to trust, the Lord will provide. Invariably He does. For the past several months, we have been giving out more money in grocery gift cards to Neighbours in Need than we are receiving in donations from parishioners. I have to remember that the Lord will provide. Sal



Sacramental Preparation 2025



If your child will be preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation next year, registration and enrolment will begin in the fall.

Mark your calendars! We are planning ahead and have set dates for the preparation programs. Please see the schedules attached. Note that there is a faith formation series for parents that are scheduled for the fall.

To receive more information about registration and updates, kindly fill out the forms on our parish website to join our emailing list. More information will be sent out in the fall.

For First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion: <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/first-holy-communion>

For questions pertaining to First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, contact Adriene at aadona@archtoronto.org

For Confirmation: <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/confirmation>

For questions pertaining to Confirmation, contact Samantha at scameron@archtoronto.org

Please [click](#) here for the calendars.

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**Thus far we have raised \$53.572 (50%)
toward our goal of \$108,000**

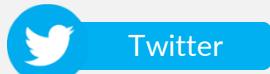
Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for your generosity.

SSVP HELP LINE

For assistance, please call 647-628-2058

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

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