

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary time

November 12, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 63:2-8 | 1Thes 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13



For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 (9:00 AM) [\[Click Here for Livestream\]](#)

† Anita Coleman & dec. members of Toncic & Barratto families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 (11:00 AM)

† Walter Golec

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Wisdom 1:1-7 | Psalm 139:1b-3, 4-10 | Luke 17:1-6

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Wisdom 2:23-3:9 | Psalm 34:2-3, 16-19 | Luke 17:7-10

† Rosaria Nasato

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Wisdom 6:1-11 | Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7 | Luke 17:20-25

† Renato Binotto, † Oscar Ijy, Special Intention of Maria Gesufatto and Healing for James Tesoro

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1 | Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175 | 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 | John

† Rosa and Orlando Russo

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Wisdom 13:1-9 | Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5ab | Luke 17:26-37

† Anthony Menezes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 | Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 | Luke 18:1-8

† Pedro Danilo Isidro, † Mary Jesuthasan and Blessings for Shantie Toolsie

EUCARISTIC 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

PASTOR'S BLOG

It was a good week to return to parish ministry after 10 days of pilgrimage ministry. Always a blessing to celebrate the feast of All Saints (especially after getting to make a few more heavenly friends on pilgrimage) and then to commemorate the souls in purgatory. This has been my longest stay at a parish in my 9 years of being a priest and seeing the people who came for Mass and knowing the family situations of grief and loss made the day even more meaningful and prayerful. Throughout the month of November we continue to remember the faithful departed in our book of remembrance at every Mass.

Advent Retreat: “Lord, Teach us to Pray”

It was during the lockdowns and we were not permitted to offer Mass publicly for the faithful, but were allowed to have 10 people in the church at a time. So, we had a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I remember a lady who was new to the parish community and was joining us for this time of prayer (She moved out of the area a couple of years ago). She was faithful in sitting before the Blessed Sacrament. One day, after Benediction, and while I was putting the sacred objects away, she approached me and asked, “What am I supposed to do in prayer?” I paused, looked at her intently and asked, “what do you mean?” She replied, “I sit here but I don't know how to pray?” I was a bit shocked and said, “Well, you are coming here and He looks at you in love and you look at Him in love, and that is a great start.”

How many of us feel that we don't really know how to pray? I mean, we know prayers like the Our Father (the response given by Jesus to the disciples when asked to teach them to pray), the Hail Mary and possibly the Glory Be, but not really KNOW how to pray. For myself, I continually grew in my understanding of prayer throughout my life but it was not until a 30 day silent Ignatian retreat that I really learned how to pray.

While on pilgrimage, we had the blessing of visiting Alba de Tormes and then make our way to Avila. Here we got to meet anew the Carmelite saints, St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. Reading a little into St. Theresa's life prior to the pilgrimage and then re-reading a little biography of hers while in the place she lived and walked and was buried was eye opening. This great saint for many years struggled in prayer. From a wound in her childhood, she always thought that everything she did was wrong and thought she had to earn the Father's love. When she was sick with malaria and then recovering, her prayer time was reduced or she stopped praying all together. Through her life and as she progressed in the spiritual life through mental prayer, she was able to receive the love of Jesus and lived from that love with the new order of discalced Carmelites.

With our Advent Retreat, we are intentionally going “back to basics” to help the parish family encounter the love of God in their life. If we do not know how to pray or think we are doing it wrong, or get lost with all the materials that are out there, find ourselves distracted and how to deal with those distractions, how can we truly receive the love and life that Jesus wants us to receive as his disciples? In the embrace of prayer, we are protected from the evils of the world and guided by the love of God to our heavenly homeland. So, we invite you to join us for this day of reflection, prayer and fellowship. You can register online at our [parish website](#) or you can pick up a hardcopy of the registration form from Adriene or Sam at the parish office.

Initiative from Archbishop Leo - Archdiocesan Consultation

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and complete the short survey by December 15, 2023, please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/consultation>. Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

Fr Michael

CHOIR

Starting November 8, 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, email Jeff Glover at jglover@archtoronto.org or see him after the 5 PM Mass on Saturdays or the 11 AM Mass on Sundays or leave a message 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?

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 19th. Your generosity is much appreciated.

2023 – 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

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

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

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).

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 .

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 18/19

Envelopes available at the Church entrances. Make cheques payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea.

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care.

Thank you for your support of this important work.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In Loving Memory of Renato Binotto
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For all Souls

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

For all Souls

ST. JOSEPH

For all Souls

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RED WEDNESDAY

We invite you to stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world. On November 15, take part in Red Wednesday, an international event to raise awareness of the persecution of Christians and promote religious freedom. Participate by attending the Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo at 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto, lighting up a building in red (or alternatively, wearing red) or joining a prayer group. For more information on this not-to-be-missed event and other ways to show your support, please visit <https://acn-canada.org/rw/>.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE – DECEMBER 2 & 3 FOLLOWING ALL WEEKEND MASSES

St. Mary Star of the Sea Craft Group has a wide variety of hand made "crafty" items offered for sale including Christmas, Baby layettes and blankets, Children's sweaters, hats and mitts, Adult knitted hats and scarves as well as a wide range of household gift items, and much more. There is something for everyone. For more information, contact Anne at 905-891-1230.

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 **\$90,469 (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.

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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.



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: