

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 6, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 (5:00 PM)



For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Alan Sr. & Alan Jr. Del Puerto

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Martin & Helen Znidarec

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Elizabeth Poranganel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Antonio Palmieri and for the Special intentions of Annamaria Piraino & Robert Walton

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Anne Maria O'Connor

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Susana Caldwell

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Susana Caldwell, the Geoff Graham family, Linus Wan & family and Adriene & Adrian Gill

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 – OCTOBER 6, 2024

This week's blog can be titled, "A message of Gratitude". Seriously, last weekend was amazing! We were able to offer the Mass at St. Mary's cemetery before the rain came, and while attendance was down, it was still very beautiful. For your information, I have been in touch with Catholic Cemeteries who organizes the Mass with regards to the Mass next year. Hopefully we will have it on its usual weekend, the 2nd Saturday of September, and with their work of promoting the Mass at neighbouring parishes, attendance will go up.

We followed up that beautiful Mass, a spiritual work of charity, with a successful backpack drive, a corporal work of charity. The people of St. Mary's always show their generous hearts in special drives like this. Next year, now that we know this is an idea that the parish family supports, will begin a little earlier so that we can get the supplies to the schools and the families in need earlier in September. Thank you for your generous support!

Finally, the parish family potluck...what a blessing! It was great to see so many families come out for this event. The food was delicious, the CWL sold out of their baked goods to support St. Vincent de Paul and families were able to enjoy the company of other families. I met many new and old faces to our parish family, and heard only good things as feedback. Well done St. Marys!! Well done! My gratitude goes out to all of you who supported this event, but there is one person who shines brightly in getting this organized and that is Sam, our Youth Minister, with her hospitality team. I think we have learned that she has many gifts and one of them is party planner!

With that, I hope and pray that this will be a great year for St. Mary's. Please do pick up a copy of *Fiat* our quarterly magazine for more information about parish ministries and events coming up in the fall leading into the Advent/Christmas season. A link to the online version is found in this email if you miss the hardcopy at the doors of the Church this weekend.

Fr Michael

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2025



"Registration for Confirmation is now open! Please see the Parent Information Package on the website for details to register and for the schedule <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/confirmation>

INDIGENOUS HEALING AND RECONCILIATION COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND OCTOBER 5/6, 2024

Envelopes are available at all the exits of the Church for a second collection which will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend, October 5/6, 2024 for Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation. Please make cheques payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea.



Please watch your step...

WE ARE OPEN
WHILE FRONT STEPS ARE UNDER
CONSTRUCTION

MINISTERS OF CARE EUCCHARISTIC VISITATION TO THE SICK & ELDERLY

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?...Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2:14, 17)

Ministry is an invitation to put one's faith into action and thus continue the redemptive mission of Jesus. We are all called as Catholics to be a model of Jesus - to care for the sick, comfort the isolated and mourn with the grieving. We serve God by seeing Christ in all people. The elderly in our parishes may lose touch with their faith community as they end up in hospital and/or move into retirement homes or long-term care facilities. In this ministry we are asked to bring the parish community to those who cannot join us in person.

Every Sunday some of our extraordinary ministers of communion take the Eucharist directly from the Sunday celebration to the sick, elderly and homebound in our parish as an expression of the care and mission of our parish community and a manifestation of Christ's love. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated: "In receiving the body of Christ, the sick are united sacramentally to the Lord and are reunited with the Eucharistic community from which illness has separated them." On Sundays after attending the 9:00am mass the priest publicly sends forth the Eucharistic visitors as a concrete sign of the support and concern for our sick and elderly homebound parishioners

If you feel that God is calling you to join this important ministry you are invited to contact the parish office and can be put in touch with Maureen Teixeira, the co-ordinator of this ministry for further information. Training is required and is provided by the archdiocese. A new 6 week online training session will be offered on Wednesday evenings from October 23rd to November 27th 2024. Please see the poster on the next page and on the bulletin board outside of the sacristy. Registration for this Lay Pastoral Visitors Training is required by October 22, 2024 at <https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2024>. A meeting with the Volunteer Screening Committee, a police check and approval by Fr. Michael are also required.

SSVP – BUNDLE UP COLLECTION OCTOBER 19/20

Donations received through the Bundle Up Collection provide the following:

- Merchandise for our retail outlets for voucher customers and the general public
- Clothing and footwear for persons in our Special Works
- Surplus materials to sell to wholesalers to assist in this operation and to support our Special Works

We are focusing on the collection of textiles, shoes, clothing, bedding, draperies, and small household goods. No dishes, furniture or videos.

The truck will be in the parking lot and open all day on Saturday and Sunday. You may drop off donations any time. Saint Vincent de Paul members will be available before and after each Mass to greet you and assist. Your donations have a significant impact on fundraising and assisting our neighbours in need. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Maria Binotto
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of Felix Lewis
In thanksgiving

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Anita Coleman
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

SSVP – SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

September was another month with many requests for help. Our team made 28 home visits, and distributed \$2940 in grocery cards and \$188.80 in bus tickets. We were also able to facilitate a scholarship for one of our Neighbours in Need, to assist her in her pharmaceutical studies. Your help is so valuable to our work and to our community. Thank you!!!

SSVP – LOONIE/TOONIE COLLECTION

On the same weekend as our Bundle Up (Oct. 19/20), we will also have a Loonie/Toonie collection. This is the first time we have done this, and we are asking for your help, as we have been distributing considerably more money in gift cards and bus tickets for our Neighbours in Need than we have been receiving in donations. All of us are aware of the increased reliance on helping agencies such as ours, food banks and social services. St. Mary's parishioners have always been generous and supportive, and we appreciate any assistance you can provide. We invite you to put a loonie or toonie (or any amount) in one of the poor boxes (at each entrance) or to give your donation to one of our members at the Bundle Up truck. God bless you.



Are you called to visit the sick, elderly and the homebound?

This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass.

Ministries of Care

Lay Pastoral Visitors Training

Wednesday Evenings
October 23 & 30
November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
7 to 8:30 p.m.



New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend.

There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Space is limited.

Participants are required to attend all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment to receive full training.

Register by October 22, 2024:
<https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2024>

For more information, contact:
formation@archtoronto.org
416-934-3400 ext. 523

SHARELIFE

Our parish goal is
\$108,000

Thus far
we have raised
\$53.872 (50%)

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at sharelife.org/donate.

SSVP HELP LINE

For assistance,
please call:

647-628-2058

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

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER
12/13
2024

Donations can be brought
to the parish - Just speak
to a parish staff member!

Specific Items Needed:

- Tuna & Canned Meat
- Coffee & Tea Bags
- Condiments
- Peanutbutter and Jam
- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Granola Bars
- Pancake Mix
- Dried Meats
- Bagged Rice
- Beans & Chickpeas

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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.

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