

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



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

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

For the People of the Parish



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

†Attilio & Maria Barbisan and †Angelo & Santina Visentin

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

†Antonio and Julieta Furtado

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Monsignor Harry Doyle

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Rose Wells and Special intentions of Ann Fernandes and Louise & Bernard Wilson

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Bern Wilson

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Lancy Rebello

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 (10:00 AM)

MASS AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

(NO MASS AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH)

†Nicola Piacentino and †Doris Lalonde

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

Parish Family Potluck - 1 week!

Next week we kick off our pastoral year with our Parish Family Potluck. First, if you have not done so already, please do let us know what you will be bringing by using our Potluck sign up form, <https://forms.gle/pfBSorVUmyqjw8rv5>, scanning one of the QR Codes around the Church on the bulletin boards or letting Sam know directly. Looking through some of the history of the parish, it dawned on me that we have begun our 110th year of pastoral ministry in Port Credit! Imagine, 110 years of service in this community...how many people have come to encounter the love of God through our parish family! As staff, we hear so many stories of the strong family presence at St. Mary's...from weddings, to baptisms, to attending St. Mary's school. Looking back we can see the multitude of graces and blessings that have been poured out by our loving and good Father to us in this small area of His Kingdom. And as we kick off this 110th year, we look forward to the blessings that God has in store for us.

In celebrating this milestone for the parish, we give thanks for all the many hands and hearts that brought us to this day. We also remember and give thanks to Mary under the title, Star of the Sea, who has been our guiding star, lighting the way to our heavenly homeland.

Because the title for Mary is an ancient title, we have many saints who have written about her and there are many pictures to describe her. I would invite you this week to read some of these articles which incorporates the words of the saints so that you can learn more Mary, Star of the Sea and foster a deeper devotion.

[What's in a Name?](#) This article goes into the etymology of the name Mary which is a significant name in the ancient world and a lot of spiritual connections.

This article, [The Virgin Mary as Star of the Sea](#), is very comprehensive in going deeper into the name of Mary. The image of the North Star being given the name Stella Maris is uplifting and very hopeful.

Finally, there are some beautiful prayers and hymns that we can pray, sing and listen to. The first is the ancient hymn and prayer, [Ave Stella Maris](#). You can also listen to this beautiful hymn, [Ave Maris. Stella.](#)

Here is another more modern prayer that was composed by [Pope St. John Paul II](#).

Stewardship Sunday - This Weekend

Now speaking of the many hands and hearts that brought us to our 110th anniversary, this weekend in the Archdiocese of Toronto is Stewardship Sunday. Brought to us by Cardinal Thomas Collins and continued with Archbishop Leo, we give thanks for the gifts that God has given us and share them with others for His glory. His [homily](#) will be read at all Masses this weekend and you can go to the Archdiocesan website to read it at home for further reflection.

Fr Michael



ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DECEASED
10:00 AM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, 2099 Dickson Rd., Mississauga, ON L5N 1Y6
Please note that there will be NO MORNING MASS AND CONFESSIONS at
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church on Saturday, September 28, 2024



**FIRST COMMUNION
PREPARATION 2025**

Registration for First Holy Communion Preparation 2024-2025 is now open and will close on Saturday, October 5th. Please see the [parents information package](#) on our website for details to register and for the schedule <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/first-holy-communion>

**CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION 2025**

We will be hosting a parents information session for parents of students who are of age to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June of 2025 (current grade 7's). The meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 11am in the parish hall. Registration is [required](#), please use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/DduMbnJUxxtc5pJ9A> or go to the parish website www.stmarystarofthesea.ca/confirmation to register. If you have any further questions, please contact Samantha Cameron via E-mail (SCameron@archtoronto.org)

SSVP – BUNDLE UP COLLECTION

Please note our Bundle Up Sunday is the weekend of October 19/20, so time to gather your used clothing, linens, shoes and small household items.

Your donations have a significant impact on fundraising and assisting our neighbours in need. We've seen a considerable increase in requests for help over the last two years, and your contributions have made a meaningful difference.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please don't hesitate to reach out to Angela Menezes at 647-998-5183. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact in our community.

SHARELIFE PARISH GOAL: \$108,000

Our parish goal is \$108,000. Thus far we have raised \$53,772 (50%). Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at sharelife.org/donate.

**THIS WEEK'S
VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS**

TABERNACLE
In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS
In loving memory of Anna Segreto-Campisi
In thanksgiving

OUR BLESSED MOTHER
In Loving Memory of Tadeusz Krajewski
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH
In thanksgiving

SSVP HELP LINE : 647-628-2058

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

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Envelopes are available at all the exits of the Church for a second collection which will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend, September 28/29, 2024 for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Please make cheques payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea.

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

After the morning Masses, next Sunday, September 29, 2024 the Legion of Mary will have their book borrow at the main entrance of the Church.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SOAP DRIVE

On behalf of the CWL, we sincerely thank you for your generous donation of soap bars for 'Canadian Food For Children.' We are excited to share that we collected a total of 1,015 bars! Stay tuned for pictures that will be posted online soon. Your support will make a huge difference to those in need.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



As we continue living through the Season of Creation, which started on September 1 and will conclude on October 4, let us remember Pope Francis' Creation Day message:

"Thanks to Christ's redemption, it is possible to contemplate in hope the bond of solidarity between human beings and all other creatures.

I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values.

We must commit ourselves to the fight against poverty and the protection of nature, changing our personal and community habits.

Obedience to the Spirit of love radically changes the way we think: from 'predators', we become 'tillers' of the garden.

Prayer

O God, our Creator, we thank you for the gift of life and all the gifts of nature; our senses, our faculties, our talents and our abilities. We thank you for creating us in your image and likeness and for giving us this earth to use and develop, to respect and cherish. Despite our failures, you continue to show your love for us today by increasing the life of your Spirit within us at the Eucharistic table.

Action

1. Adoption of renewable energies and energy sufficiency measures, achieving carbon neutrality, protecting biodiversity, promoting sustainable agriculture, and guaranteeing access to clean water for all.
2. Reduce waste, recycle, adopt sustainable dietary habits (e.g. reducing meat consumption), greater use of public transport, cycling and walking, and avoid single use items (e.g. plastic bags).
3. Undertaking projects to promote solidarity, with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants and children at risk, as well as supporting other social service programs in the community and around the globe.
4. Encouraging and supporting sustainable production and consumption, making ethical investments, divestment from fossil fuels and refraining from any activity harmful to the planet and humanity.
5. Supporting economic decisions that are made for the common good such as a livable minimum wage and protection of the dignity of workers.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL REMEMBERING OUR FOUNDER AND PATRON

In 1833, Frederic Ozanam and a group of students from the Sorbonne University in France formed the St Vincent de Paul Society to take up the challenge of working with the desperately poor in Paris. They adopted St Vincent de Paul, a 16th century cleric renowned for his work with the poor, as their patron. The Society went on to become an international organization found in 130 countries with over a million members. The first Canadian conference began in Quebec in 1846 and in 1850 Toronto founded its first Conference at St Michael's Cathedral. The feast day of Blessed Frederic Ozanam is September 9. He died in 1853. The members of our Society look to him as a model of service as we go about our visits to the poor in their homes.

Frédéric Ozanam always respected the poor while offering whatever service he could. Each man, woman, and child was too precious to live in poverty. Serving the poor taught Frédéric something about God that he could not have learned elsewhere. (Franciscan media)

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
Food | Fellowship | Fun!

PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

SUNDAY, SEP 29TH
In the parish parkinglot
(following the 11am mass)

Please inform a parish staff member of what
you plan to bring for the potluck

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