

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary time
October 22, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Isaiah 45:1,4-6 | Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10 | 1Thes 1:1-5b | Matthew 22:15-21

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 (9:00 AM) [\[Click for Livestream\]](#)

†Alan Sr. & †Alan Jr. del Puerto

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Deceased members of the Capillo family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

Romans 4:20-25 | Psalm Luke 1:69-75 | Luke 12:13-21

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21 | Psalm 40:7-8a,8b-10,17 | Luke 12:35-38

†Tony & Filomena Perrotta

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Romans 6:12-18 | Psalm 145:10-13,17-18 | Luke 12:39-48

†Special intentions of Paola De Campo, Alex Riddell,
Margherita Gabin and Bianca Morais

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Romans 6:19-23 | Psalm 1:1-4,6 | Luke 12:49-53

†Elda Marcon

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Romans 7:18-25a | Psalm 119:66,68,76,77,93,94 | Luke 12:54-59

†Judith Vienna Reyes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Ephesians 2:19-22 | Psalm 19:2-5 | Luke 6:12-16

†Martin Znidarec, †Trevor Demaris, Special intentions of Louise
Wilson and Blessings for Ruth Apperley

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS WEEK

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we approach the end of October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, let's continue the devotion of praying the Rosary daily. One of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The Rosary is a powerful tool to help us understand and live the mysteries of the Gospel. There are five Reasons why we should pray the Rosary daily.

1) Mary can help us to better know her son, Jesus Christ.

When the angel appeared to Mary and told her that she would conceive and bring forth the Son of God, she answered, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Her "fiat" — her yes to following God's will — was an indispensable moment in the story of the salvation of the world. Mary was present throughout Jesus' life, even at his crucifixion. By praying the Rosary, we can contemplate how we are to serve God by following her example.

2) Those who pray the rosary are promised graces and indulgences.

Alanus de Rupe, a 15th-century Dominican friar, was visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave 15 promises to Christians who prayed the Rosary. These include the assurance of receiving the sacraments at the time of death, never being conquered by misfortune, and her own special protection. Additionally, those who pray the Rosary often receive plenary indulgences — the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. During the Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis announced ways to gain an indulgence, several which involve praying the Rosary: reciting of the Rosary in families and among engaged couples.

3) It brings victory in battle.

The Rosary is a powerful weapon — amid both spiritual warfare and worldly battles. Saint Padre Pio referred to the Rosary, "as the weapon of our times." In 1571, Pope Pius V organized a group of Christian forces, known as the Holy League, in defense of an imminent invasion by the Ottoman Empire. Before a battle with the Ottoman fleet in the Gulf of Patras, in the Ionian Sea, the pope called on all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. These prayers were answered, with the Holy League defeating the much larger Ottoman forces on Oct. 7, at the Battle of Lepanto.

To commemorate the victory, Pius V established the feast day of "Our Lady of Lepanto" — also known as Our Lady of Victory or Our Lady of the Rosary.

As for spiritual battles, nothing prepares you to persevere against temptations like the Rosary.

4) It's an opportunity to reflect on the Gospel mysteries.

When praying the Rosary, we are invited to reflect on the [Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous mysteries](#) revealed in the Gospels. By reflecting on these stories from the Gospels, we not only increase our understanding of the life and ministry of Jesus, but we can also discover how God is calling us to live our own lives. As Pope John Paul II states in his apostolic letter, *Rosarium Virginis Marie* (2002), the rosary is a "compendium of the Gospel" and has "all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety."

5) It's the perfect way to make time for God.

Pope John Paul II also stated in *Rosarium Virginis Marie* that the Rosary is a "sweet chain linking us to God" because it gives the faithful time to "contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love." But it is also the First Commandment that we must love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, strength and mind. And Jesus reiterates the vital importance of this commandment in the Gospels when asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" By praying the Rosary, we can put God at the forefront of our lives, while also allowing God to speak with us.

Remember, what St. John Paul II stated, "The family that prays together stays together."

Deacon John

COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSIONS – OCTOBER 21/22

Envelopes are available at all the entrances/exits of the Church for the World Missions Collection this weekend, October 21/22. Please indicate your full name, address and amount on the envelope and drop it in the Offertory basket along with your weekly donation. There will be no second collection.

SUNDAY MISSALS

2023 – 2024 Sunday Missals are now available for \$ 6 each. Get your copy today.

SSVP BUNDLE UP NOVEMBER 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,

SHARELIFE

**We have currently raised \$90,288 (72%)
towards our suggested goal of \$125,000**

Please make donations at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope.

SSVP HELPLINE : 647-628-2058

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

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

The Legion of Mary will have their monthly book borrow after the 9 and 11 am Masses next Sunday, October 29, 2023. Feel free to browse or borrow a book. Kindly return any books you may have previously loaned.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES

Last week we heard from a representative from Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services who visited our parish.

Catholic Cemeteries are a vital part of the Catholic Church. Operated under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Toronto, each Catholic cemetery and funeral home reflects our Catholic beliefs.

To learn more, focus your smartphone's camera on the symbol or visit catholic-cemeteries.com



THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intention of Louise Wilson
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

40 Days for Life - Sept. 27th to Nov. 5th – 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

The beginning of the end of abortion

Following Life Chain, are you prepared to sign up for 40 Days for Life?

Please join with 589 cities worldwide including 18 cities in Canada, for our peaceful prayer vigil to protect mothers and babies, on-site near the abortion facility. Fasting and community outreach are other components of **40 Days for Life**. Give up food, T.V., coffee, etc. and spread the pro-life message to those who never see the inside of a church. Each parish has a specific date assigned to it. The date for St. Mary Star of the Sea is:

Friday, October 27th

Any hour between 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

See the poster at the back of the Church and please sign up for one hour. You can make a difference!

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2024

Registration for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are open. Please visit this link to register: <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/sacraments>

Registration for First Holy Communion will close on Saturday, November 4th.

Registration for Confirmation will close on Sunday, December 3rd.

If you have any questions or would like more information please reach out to Adriene (First Holy Communion) or Samantha (Confirmation).

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