

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Is 63:16B-17,19B; 64:2-7 | Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 | 1Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

†Jack Clark

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 (9:00 AM)

†Alan Sr. & Alan Jr. del Puerto

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

Isaiah 2:1-5 | Psalm 122:1--4b,4cd-5,6-9 | Matthew 8:5-11

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 | Luke 10:21-24

†Helen Cormack

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Isaiah 25:6-10a | Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5-6 | Matthew 15:29-37

†Jack Crean, †John Sayers and Special intention of Richard Opokuoku and Gino Fietta

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Isaiah 26:1-6 | Psalm 118:1 and 8-9,19-21,25-27a | Matthew 7:21,24-27

†Anna Frangella

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Genesis 3:9-15,20 | Ps 98:1-3ab,3cd-4 | Eph 1:3-6,11-12 | Luke 1:26-38

†Lino Rebello

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26 | Psalm 147:1-6 | Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

†Wieslaw Hutny, †Faustino & Bienvenida Isidro and Special intention of Jaimie Tesoro

EUCCHARISTIC 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

I hope you enjoyed the blogs from the last couple of weeks. It was fun to write and hopefully got you thinking about your prayer life. Next week, I will write a bit more about the retreat.

As we begin the Advent season this weekend, I will take this opportunity to let you know what our schedule of events will look like. While Advent should be a time to reflect on the Incarnation and Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we are usually caught up with many events at work and at home. This year at the parish, we attempted to trim back on events and bring our focus and intention to the spiritual aspects of this holy season.

December 5th - Blessing of Outdoor Creche

On Tuesday December 5th we have invited the families at our schools (St. Luke's and St. James') to join us for a combined Advent Mass at our parish 7pm Mass. Following Mass, we will make our way outside for some hymns and the blessing of the creche. After the blessing, we will head into the hall where parent councils of the schools will organize some light refreshments. With families from our schools being invited, I would like to extend that invitation to all the families and parishioners at St. Mary's. It would be a great support and witness of the parish family to the Port Credit community.

December 16th - Rorate Mass

Back by popular demand, the parish family is invited to the Rorate Mass - A Mass in honour of Our Lady in Advent - on Saturday December 16th at 7am. The Mass is celebrated entirely by candlelight before sunrise. It was a beautiful and reverent celebration last year and we hope that it will be just as sacred this year. After the Mass, everyone is invited to the hall to break the fast with some light refreshments, tea/coffee and fellowship.

December 16th/17th - Blessing of Bambinelli

As is the custom, on the third Sunday of Advent, we will be having the blessing of the bambinelli. You may remember that the bambinelli are the baby Jesus figurines that are used in your family's nativity creche at home. Last year, when we had the blessing, I recall many of you explaining the history of your bambinelli and how it has been handed down from generation to generation. Very moving to see the faith being handed on in the family.

Day of Confessions

All of this good news! But the good news only makes sense with the bad news and that is we are sinners. A good practice before Christmas is to get to confession. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, many parishes will have confession evenings with multiple priests through the advent season. At St. Mary's we will keep it "Port Credit Simple" by having some additional times for confessions. And because some of you do not like confessing to me (or may be confessing about me 😊) there will be times where another priest will be available for confessions to be heard. The times for these confessions are:

Friday December 22nd from 10am to 12noon (Visiting Priest);

Saturday December 23rd from 10am to 12noon (Visiting Priest);

Saturday December 23rd from 2pm to 4pm (Your Parish Priest)

Of course, throughout the season of Advent we have our regular confession times on Saturday, and if that is not convenient to your schedule, you can always send me an email or phone me at the parish office to schedule an appointment.

We at the parish wish you all a very blessed Advent season and we look forward to seeing you on the weekends at our parish events.

Fr Michael

SSVP – NOVEMBER SUMMARY AND CHRISTMAS PLANNING

In November, our members made 27 visits, and distributed \$2961.70 in grocery gift cards and bus tickets. We also provided 3 beds to Neighbours in Need (NIN).

We are in the midst of planning our Christmas distribution. On that day (Dec. 10), we host a small social and our NIN will receive an envelope with a little extra in gift cards. A number of the people on our list just ask for help at this time. You have been very generous to us, as always. We are so grateful.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In thanksgiving for Fr. Michael Simoes
In thanksgiving for Deacon John Coletti

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving for Marilyn Fernandes
In Loving Memory of Angelito Samonte

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Loving Memory of Claudia Paolucci
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ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

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 continue after each Mass this weekend. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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.

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 .

SSVP HELPLINE ; 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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PARISH ADVENT SCHEDULE

Blessing of the Outdoor Crèche

Tuesday, December 5th - 7:00pm

Rorate Mass

Saturday, December 16th - 7:00am

Fellowship to follow

Blessing of the Bambinelli

Third Week of Advent

Saturday, December 16th - 5pm Mass

Sunday, December 17th - 9am and 11am Mass

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