



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS



SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 (5:00 PM)

For the people of the parish

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Anita Coleman and deceased members of the Toncic & Barratto families

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Orlando Russo

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Giuseppe Di Lena

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Nathan Fernandes and Bill Oak

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Frances Oesch

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Whitney Mc William

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Mary Wahba and Nathan Fernandes

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

Wednesday – 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 - May 18/19 2024

First and foremost, thank you for all the prayers and warm greetings over the past week. Celebrating 10 years as a priest and turning 40 are significant. Reflecting on these years, it occurred to me that I was 34 years old when I arrived at St. Mary's and into my 4th year as a priest. When you are into your 4th assignment in 4 years as a priest, moving just becomes a reasonable expectation. But I have been blessed not to have been moved from St. Mary's. It has been a joy and privilege to grow older serving here for more than half of my priesthood and there is still much to learn in life and as a priest. I was reminded by a parishioner of what I said in my homily - 40 has a significant meaning in Sacred Scripture...a time of preparation for mission. Whatever that is, it is good to have unshakable confidence in the Lord and His will.

Nothing made that more clear than this past week where I was on the annual priest retreat with half of my brother priests from the Archdiocese of Toronto. (The other half were on retreat last week.) Getting the opportunity to pray together, to have table fellowship with one another, to have some time of life sharing in various conversations and getting a little more sleep was certainly renewing. I know for myself, after a fairly decent pace leading into Easter and then following Easter, was draining. This retreat provided the necessary words to be recharged so that I can serve the Lord and the people of Port Credit with love and zeal.

Returning from a retreat can always be a bit difficult. *It is good for us to be here* was the words of St. Peter during the Transfiguration and he did not want to leave. However, we come back down into reality carrying the graces received into everyday living. For myself, I return to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday evening, the Vigil of Pentecost. This year we decided to do something different and use the extended form of the Pentecost vigil. In this celebration, which resembles the Easter Vigil with a number of readings, we reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit as the promise of the Father walking through salvation history. I warmly invite you to this Mass to be a witness to our young people being confirmed and to pray as a community for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Pentecost concludes our Easter season, but the next few Sundays are known as the Sunday Solemnities of Ordinary Time: Trinity Sunday and *Corpus Christi*. Like last year, we will be having an outdoor Corpus Christi procession (weather permitting) around heritage Port Credit. While on retreat, Archbishop Leo encouraged us to encourage our parish communities to be Eucharistic Communities. To help us become more Eucharistic - more thankful, more self-less, and more loving thus becoming a gift for others - we have means of Eucharistic Adoration and Eucharistic Processions.

(Taken from the FAQs provided by the Archdiocese):

What is a procession?

The Church tells us that processions, in their true form, are a manifestation of the faith of the people. They are opportunities to deepen our faith in Christ, to unite with one another in a communal action and to witness to our faith. Over the centuries, the Church has instituted many processions. Some point to salvific events; others are votive processions, meaning that they honour a saint or liturgical feast; still others are required by liturgical actions (Directory on Popular Piety, 245-246).

What is a Eucharistic procession?

A Eucharistic procession is a votive procession. It publicly and reverently honours the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Christian life. It is a prolongation of the liturgy, during which the consecrated Host is carried in public allowing believers to “make public profession of faith and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament.” (Directory on Popular Piety, 162) Votive processions have occurred since the Middle Ages.

Corpus Christi this year falls on the weekend of June 1st/2nd and the procession will follow the 11am Mass on June 2nd. After the Mass we will have a parish BBQ in the parking lot. If you would like to assist us by sponsoring the BBQ by either purchasing the hot dog/burger buns, patties, sausages, drinks etc... or through a monetary donation to offset the costs, please reach out to Adriene, Sam or I. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In loving memory of Karishma Iyer
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of Nathan Fernandes
Special intentions of Nathan Fernandes

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special intentions of Nathan Fernandes
Special intentions of Nathan Fernandes

ST. JOSEPH

Special intentions of Nathan Fernandes

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus Summer Camp this summer the week of July 15th! For those of you who may not know. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, Confession, songs and games! The Day camp is for children entering grades 1-6 and runs Monday to Friday and the Evening Program is for youth entering grades 7-12 and runs Sunday to Thursday. The cost is only \$125/child for the whole week for the day program and \$25/child for the whole week for the evening program. Registration is now open and you can find it online on the Parish Website or at the exits of the Church. For more information, please contact Sam, the Youth Minister!

CORPUS CHRISTI - SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd 2024

The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is on Sunday, June 2nd. We will be having a Eucharistic Procession around Port Credit following the 11am Mass.

Following the procession, we will be having a parish BBQ. If you would like to assist us in sponsoring the BBQ or if you would like to be involved, please speak with parish staff. Thank you!

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

SSVP HELPLINE: 647-628-2058

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

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH VISION

The mission of the Church, following the Great Commission of our Lord to his apostles, is to make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Given that mission, the vision of St. Mary Star of the Sea parish is to invite the parish family to know and receive the love and fullness of life that is offered by Jesus Christ and to share His love and life with others as His disciples.

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