

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025 (5:00 PM)



†Kay Morgan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Alan Sr & Alan Jr Del Puerto

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Joseph Wosik

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Christine Golec, †Giovanni De Zen and Special intentions of Jacob Yonadam and Vincent Ghisleni

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Gerard Bastarache

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Elizabeth Giraudi

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Special intentions of Lydia Sherlock, Shantie Toolsie and Elvira Silva

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

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4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. Email campaign@archtoronto.org

Youth Minister's Blog: A Day in the Life of a Youth Minister

Hello! Coming to you fresh off of our Christmas break, I will be taking over the blog this week and my partner in crime, Adriene, will be taking over the blog next week as our pastor takes off on (a well deserved) vacation!

Fun fact: whenever we get asked to take over the blog we basically get free rein over what we write about! So this time I'm taking you along with me for a regular day in my life as a full time Youth Minister!

Let me just preface this by saying - because of the nature of my job, my days never look the same... ever. Some days I am at my desk working logistics on my computer from 10am to 5pm and other days you can't catch me because I'm with the youth at their school or in planning meetings for future events! Then there are the weekends where I am almost never at my desk because weekends are what we like to call ministry days! Meaning that I am out and about with teens and middle schoolers (on Saturday and Sunday evenings) or with you, the people of the parish (at all of the Masses on Sunday)!

7:00am: Wake up - I'll admit, sometimes it's later than that but I do my best as an anti-morning person

7:00-7:30am: Morning prayer time! - Recently I have been listening to Ascension's new [Rosary in a Year podcast](#) with Fr. Mark-Mary, OH it's amazing and I cannot recommend it enough!

7:30-8:00am: Get ready for work - Usually I do this while listening to an audiobook, a different podcast or dancing around my house to music much to the rest of my family's dismay.

8:00am-8:20am: Breakfast! - The most important meal of the day! (And unfortunately the one that I skip most often)

8:20-8:45am: Commuting time - Again, I am usually playing a podcast, an audiobook or *really* loud music

8:45-9:00am: Prep for Mass - this usually means putting my lunch away and grabbing my journal, spiritual reading, rosary, veil etc.

9:00-10:00am: Holy Hour! - I like to call this my "Holy Hour" because Mass is 30 mins and I try to spend at least 30 mins in Adoration checking in with the Lord

10-5:30pm: WORK - Like I said before, this will look completely different depending on the liturgical season, whether I have school visits or not and whether I have meetings or not. I like it! It keeps me on my toes!

5:30-6:00pm: commuting time - *This time is also dependent on if I have an event in the evening or not*

6:00-10:00pm: Dinner + Hobbies and family time - This is my wind down time so I try and do something that I like and something that is relaxing, currently I have been embroidery, knitting and sewing and I will do this while listening to an audiobook (can you tell I like to read?) or watching a tv show.

10-10:30pm: Evening Prayer Time - Gotta check in with the Lord! Usually I take this time to do the [St. Ignatius of Loyola Examen](#)

10:30pm: Lights out - Again... I try but sometimes lights out is later than this...

And there you have it! A day in my life! I hope this was somewhat interesting to read about!

Next week, Adriene will share her day in the life as a Lay Pastoral Associate!

Love always,
Sam

SSVP 2024 YEAR-END SUMMARIES

Throughout the year, our SSVP team made 290 visits, serving 79 households, consisting of 189 adults (including 17 seniors) and 37 children. We distributed \$29,795 in grocery gift cards and \$1,811.80 in bus tickets.

At Christmas, we assisted 57 households, consisting of 89 adults (including 11 seniors) and 34 children. We distributed \$11,829 in gift cards and bus tickets.

I read this powerful quote from Jimmy Carter the other day: "My faith demands — this is not optional — my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever I have to try to make a difference." It's good for each of us to ask what our faith demands of us. Thank you for making a difference through your generosity and in the various ways in which you minister to others. May we be grateful for God's blessings as we enter this New Year and continue to share them generously.

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13TH ANNUAL MEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

All men are invited to the Family Foundations Institute (FFI) Men of Faith Conference - a day of inspiration, fellowship, and faith formation. The conference takes place on Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Christ The King Parish, 3674 Lake Shore Blvd. W., Etobicoke.

This year's theme, Men of Integrity, features Jim O'Day, Executive Director of Integrity Restored, who will deliver two powerful talks focused on redemption, healing, and leading with courage and virtue.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith and connect with like-minded men striving to live lives of integrity and purpose. Cost is \$30/individual (\$20/student). Register at: Famfi.ca/MOF or contact Cam Hyginus at chyginus@archtoronto.org

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Lucia Bizzotto
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

BLESSED MOTHER

In Loving Memory of Ida Power
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ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving