

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 (5:00 PM)

2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 | Ps 137:1-6 | Ephesians 2:4-10 | John 3:14-21

†Randy Hill

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 (9:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Deceased members of the Varano family

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

Isaiah 65:17-21 | Psalms 30:2,4,5-6,11-12a,13b | John 4:43-54

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12 | Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 | John 5:1-16

†Rolf Huehmann

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Isaiah 49:8-15 | Psalm 145:8-9,13cd-14,17-18 | John 5:17-30

†Vincenzo D'Andrea and Special intention of Barbara Griffith

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Exodus 32:7-14 | Psalm 106:19-23 | John 5:31-47

†Christopher Ferrao

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 (9:00 AM) Stations of the Cross (7:00 PM)

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22 | Psalm 34:17-21,23 | John 7:1-2,10,25-30

†Krystyna Donald

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Jeremiah 11:18-20 | Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-12 | John 7:40-53

Blessings for Elvira Lima and †Lynn & Frank Carroll



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

LPA's Blog - Adriene's Updates

First Communion Preparation Updates

Over the past four weeks, Fr Michael walked us through the precepts of the Church. This week your friendly neighbourhood LPA takes her turn with the weekly blog. I'd like to use this time to give an update on how ministry has been going from my end over the last couple of months, particularly with First Holy Communion preparation.

This year we have 22 children preparing to receive their first communion. We began this preparation process back in the fall by offering weekly sessions for their parents to make our first communion program an experience for the entire family. In light of our parish vision, we wanted to invite our families into an experience to know Jesus Christ in a real and personal way. We also wanted to help equip parents in their role as primary educators of the faith for their children by taking them deeper in their faith. It was a beautiful six weeks spent watching parents build community and find a home within the St. Mary Star of the Sea parish family. Fast forward to January we began the classes for the children. We are more than half way through the sessions as we conclude in April! Over the past three months, the children have been learning about the sacrament of confession and who they truly encounter in the confessional. After they made their first confession, we began our sessions on the Eucharist. I wanted to share some of my highlights from teaching these classes alongside the team.

While playing a video of the Last Supper for the kids, I had one child in the middle of it randomly approach me to ask, "is the Eucharist more important than your birthday? Or is your birthday more important than the Eucharist?" This question came after I was teaching the kids that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and that it is the best thing we could ever receive. Because the video was playing, I told her that I would answer her question later when we teach them about the celebration of Mass.

Another highlight was being asked by one of the children who my best friend is. My automatic reply was "Jesus!" To which her eyes widened and she responded, "okay but like I meant someone who is alive!" I replied, "He is. He is actually upstairs in the Church right now." It is awesome how these side conversations with the kids end up inspiring future lessons. In one of our lessons, I was teaching them about how the Church we are in is like a castle because Jesus, the King, is here. In their final session, we will be taking them through a "Church Tour" where they will learn where exactly the King is located.

The last highlight I wanted to share is just how endearing it is to see the children's love for Fr Michael. Many of you have seen the cartoon Fr Michaels I have crafted over time (I made trading cards just for fun which features "Confession Fr Michael", "Marian Fr Michael", and "Mario Fr Michael"), I like using these in my lessons to explain the role of the priest within the sacraments. What better way to explain this than using our own parish priest as they are used to seeing him on Sundays or during school visits.

At our last class, I read them a book called "Arthur the Clumsy Altar Server Rings the Bells" where one of the main characters is a priest. Midway through the story, one of the children asks, "can you change the name of the priest to Fr Michael instead?" And so we read the remainder of the story with Fr Michael as one of the main characters.

The children will be making their first communion on Sunday, April 28th at the 11am Mass. Please keep these little ones in your prayers as they come closer and closer to receiving our Lord for the first time in the Eucharist!

Wedding Updates:

Many of you often ask how my wedding planning is going so I thought to use this time to give the parish family some fun updates about this as well!

✂️ We are officially six months away from the big day!!!

💍 We recently got our wedding bands!

👗 I've been working with a seamstress to really bring my dream dress to life. What I thought would be a simple process became a lengthy project. I am incredibly excited to see how this will turn out.

👰 We are going through a marriage preparation course.

👰 Adrian and I were giggling the other day at what our exchange of vows will sound like having the same name and all... LOL.

I could probably write a lengthy blog with my reflections about wedding planning and preparing for marriage but perhaps I will save that for another day. All in all, Adrian and I are doing well and truly just looking forward to receiving the sacrament in front of our family and friends. Almost there!!!

Have a blessed week,
Adriene

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

TOTUS TUUS

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!

FIRST SHARELIFE SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024

Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

Our parish goal this year is **\$108,000**.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope (available at the exits of the Church) or online at

SSVP – FEBRUARY SUMMARY

During the month of February, our team members made 28 home visits, and distributed \$3340 in grocery gift cards and bus tickets. We received \$1510 in donations. We are grateful to all of our donors, and we remember you in our monthly prayers. In January, we welcomed a new member to our team - Kim. We now have 13 members!

Jesus teach us how to walk with You and be Your presence in the world.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

For the conversion of sinners
For the souls in purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For the conversion of sinners
For the souls in purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special intention of Arlene
For the conversion of sinners

ST. JOSEPH

Special intention of Arlene

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Day of Confessions

Friday March 22nd: 9:30am-12pm (Visiting Priest)

Saturday, March 23rd: 10am-12pm (Visiting Priest)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 23rd: 5pm Mass

Sunday, March 24th: 9am and 11am
(Confirmation Rite of Enrollment at 11am)

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

Thursday, March 28th: 8pm Mass

Altar of Repose: 9pm-12am

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Friday, March 29th: 3pm Service

Stations of the Cross (Youth Lead): 7pm

Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 30th

Easter Basket Blessing: 9:30am-9:40am

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 8:30pm

The Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st: 9am and 11am