

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 3, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Benito & Rita Favretto

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025 (11:00 AM)

Special intentions of Barb Partridge

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025 (7:00 PM)

Special intentions of Margaret Miranda and family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Florence Mohammed, Denise & Cesare Dalle Carbonare, Danielle & Ricardo De Campo and Ann Fernandes & family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Rolf Huehmann

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Adriene Gill

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Fr Timothy Mikhail

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

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

Mid-Summer Pastor's Blog

Writing this blog makes me wonder how time can pass so quickly! Of course the answer is always, when you are having fun. But, I can't believe how we are beginning the month of August. I truly hope all of you have been having a good summer break so far, enjoying the beautiful weather we have had so far. If you are complaining that its too hot, just remember the snow we had in February and the cold that awaits is a few months. Enjoy this time! People pay good money to go somewhere to get this weather!

I figured that I would use this blog as a catch up of what was happening at the parish over the month of July and an opportunity to look forward to what is happening in the month of August.

Camp Stella Maris

The summer months at St. Mary's are more or less dedicated to youth ministry, giving our young people some fun and exciting events at the parish. This year, through the dedicated work of Sam, our youth minister, and Nadiya our camp director, we were able to host two weeks of summer camp, Camp Stella Maris. I will let them share next week all the glory stories of camp, but from my perspective, the children were filled with energy and joy bringing that youthful enthusiasm to the parish. Hearing "Rise and Shine", "I just want to be a sheep", and the "Banana Song" brings a warmth to my heart.

At the end of each week, there is typically some fun water games. And, usually Fr Michael gets a bucket of ice water poured over his head. They tell me they vote on these things, but I think the election is rigged. Its always me! Either they really appreciate me...or they want to torture me. I tend to think it is the former, but the way the ice buckets were poured, it might be the latter.

Everyone had a great time and this is all because of your generosity. Thank you!

Looking Forward: the Month of August

With the month of July done, we now look forward to August. I will be taking some vacation time from August 9-15 and Fr Allen MacDonald, CC will be looking after the parish in my absence. On my return, the parish team will begin planning for our pastoral year. We have some fun initiatives already being brainstormed, so it will be good to get it down on paper and then communicated to you.

At the end of the month, Sam and I will be heading off to EDGEcamp with a few of our middle schoolers for some fun and faith filled activities at Camp White Pine. I dont think I will get an ice bucket poured over my head at this camp, but who knows...

And from the Archdiocese:

Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs 'Shrine – Sunday, August 24, 2025. (16163 Highway 12 West, Midland, Ontario)

During this Jubilee Year, please consider joining Cardinal Leo and the bishops, priests and deacons of the Archdiocese for a pilgrimage to the Martyrs 'Shrine, a national holy and historic space honouring the lives of the Canadian Martyrs and a designated Archdiocesan Jubilee Site (for pilgrimage and plenary indulgence).

The program for the day will be as follows:

- 9 – 10:45 a.m. Arrival and personal time to explore and discover the grounds; Sacrament of Reconciliation offered
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (you are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch – limited catering available onsite)
- 1:30 p.m. Rosary Procession
- 2 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 2:45 p.m. Benediction
- 3 p.m. Fellowship and departure at leisure

Entrance Fee (payable on arrival) Adults: \$10 / Youth (0-18) Free
Please bring your own lawn chair for seating at mass (and sunscreen and hat)
You may wish to drive yourself or arrange with a parish or group to charter a bus.
To register as an individual pilgrim or group or for more information please visit
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-to-martyrs-shrine/>

Fr Michael

SSVP THE OZANAM EDUCATION FUND

One of the works of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is the Ozanam Education Fund (Frederic Ozanam is the founder of SSVP). The OEF fund was established in 2012 to assist Neighbours in Need with some funding for their post-secondary education. Education is most often the best way to break the cycle of poverty. Since 2012, the OEF has granted 395 awards to low-income individuals to achieve their educational goals. (Our St. Mary's conference supported 2 applications in 2024.) If you would like to make a donation to the OEF, please send it to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - Ontario Regional Council, PO Box 23016, Brantford PO Main, Ontario N3T 6K4. Cheques should be made out to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - ONRC, and add Ozanam Education Fund in the memo line.

Donations can also be made through the Canada Helps website [Donate Now](#) - Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Ontario Regional Council. Donors will receive a charitable tax receipt.

How to Donate to SSVP

You can use one of the SSVP envelopes found on the poor boxes or a regular envelope marked SSVP.

To donate online through Canada Helps, visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> and search for "Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Star of the Sea Conference" or use the QR Code.



To donate by Interac e-Transfer, please direct your donation to the email stmarystar@ssvptoronto.ca, and use the Question 'Saint' and password 'Vincent'. Your ongoing generosity means the world to us. Thank you all for your support.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Laura Fernandes
For the souls in purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

Special intentions of Stephen Lim

ST. ANNE

In thanksgiving

ST. JUDE

For the souls in purgatory

SHARELIFE

Thus far we have raised **\$60,498 (55%)**
toward our goal of **\$110,000**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope available at all the exits of the Church or at sharelife.org/donate.

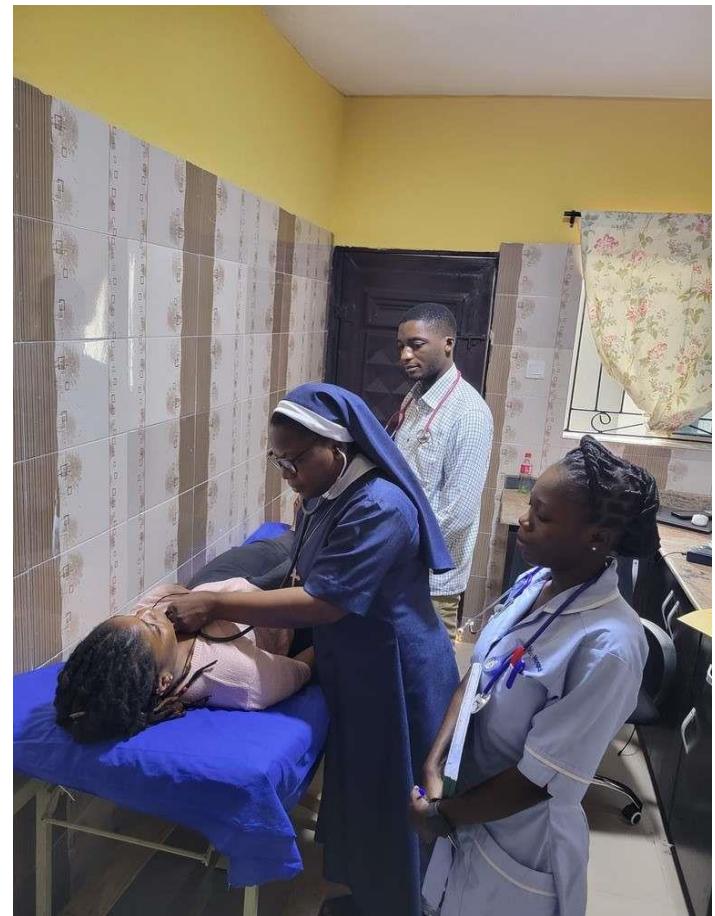
Make cheques payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea

2025 MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

Sr. Francisca Faseemo, the U.S. Mission Superior, Sisters of St. Michael the Archangel, will make an appeal at all the weekend Masses this weekend, August 2/3.

The collection for this appeal will be taken up the following weekend of August 9/10. Envelopes are available at the entrances/exits of the Church.

The Sisters of St. Michael the Archangel are active female Religious Congregation, founded in 1986 in Nigeria. The Sisters provide direct care to the poor and the sick; they provide place of haven for abandoned and elderly in need. Their healing comes through spiritual and physical care with a loving sense of home and family. They provide shelter and accommodations including food and other materials, and financial assistance for abandoned and motherless babies/children. The Sisters go about caring for the sick and infirm as Jesus did in towns and villages through mobile clinics, they also offer free and cheap health care services for the less privileged who cannot afford to go to hospitals. They provide education for the less privileged children in elementary and high schools. They also assist young women in vocational school. In addition, the Sisters work to bring the gospel of Christ to all especially in remote areas by involving in pastoral work in different parishes in more than 12 dioceses in Nigeria. This includes teaching Catechism to Catechumens, and helping to prepare catechists; they also serve as director of Religious education in parishes and at the Diocesan level. They are also involved in organizing basic Christian communities among parishioners to strengthen their faith.





ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

CATHOLIC Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Annual Mass are as follows:

CEMETERY

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga
Christ the King Cemetery, Markham
Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill
Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto
Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge
Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby
St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie

CELEBRANT

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri
Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen
Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau
Most Rev. Robert Kasun
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop
Reverend Monsignor Edgardo Pan
Most Rev. John Corriveau

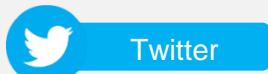
IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, MASSES WILL BE HELD IN:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum Chapel at Assumption Cemetery
Cemetery Office Reception Centre at Christ the King Cemetery
Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery
St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave., Toronto for Mount Hope Cemetery
St. Anthony's Mausoleum Chapel at Queen of Heaven Cemetery
Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery
St. Mary's Catholic Church, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie for St. Mary's Cemetery.

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