



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Hours

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:30am-5:00pm
Saturday - Sunday: CLOSED

Church Hours

Monday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Tuesday: 9:00am-3:00pm/5:30pm-7:30pm
Wednesday - Saturday: 8:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am-12:30pm

Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 7:00pm
Wednesday - Saturday: 9:00am

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday (vigil): 5:00pm
Sunday: 9am & 11am

Adoration

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am - 10:30am
Friday: 9:30am - 12:00pm
First Fridays: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Confession

Saturday: 9:30am-10:30am or by appointment

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A Welcome to Our Parish this Advent Season

As we prepare to welcome Christ in our hearts and our homes this Advent season, we wish to welcome each of you into our parish family. Our parish seeks to offer a place for everyone to come and adore the Lord. We pray that you may find warmth, encouragement and spiritual growth this advent season.

Ways to Support Our Parish

1. **In person or by mail:** You can drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office
2. **By Credit Card:** Make a one-time or recurring gift to the parish offertory or other special funds
3. **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG):** Set up automatic monthly donations. Forms are available at the parish office or can be downloaded from the parish website.
4. **Online Banking:** You can also contribute through your online banking by emailing campaign@archtoronto.org

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: *Isaiah 7:10-14*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 24*

Second Reading: *Romans 1:1-7*

Gospel: *Matthew 1:18-24*

Weekly Mass Intentions

*To request a Mass intention or votive dedication
please contact Marilyn Fernandes*

Saturday, December 20th | 5:00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

†Anthony Lobo Sr.

Sunday, December 21st | 9:00am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, December 21st | 11:00am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

For the people of the parish

Monday, December 22nd

No public Mass

Tuesday, December 23rd | 7:00pm

Fourth Week of Advent

†Ute Deoni

Wednesday, December 24th 9:00am Mass cancelled

Wednesday, December 24th | 5:00pm

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)

†Louise & Lyn Wiratunga

Thursday, December 25th | 12:00am

(midnight)

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

For the people of the parish

Thursday, December 25th | 9:00am

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

†Erma & Guido Barbisan

Thursday, December 25th | 11:00am

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

†Nicola Piacentino

Votive Lamp Dedications

Tabernacle

Special intentions of Devina Tamburello

Special intentions of Matthew Tamburello

Sacred Heart of Jesus

In loving memory of Pietro Piccolomo

In loving memory of Gina Zinga

Blessed Mother

Healing for Ranee V

Special intentions of Michael V

St. Joseph

Special intentions of the Coutinho Family

St. Anne

In thanksgiving

St. Jude

For the souls in purgatory

Pastor's Corner: Fourth Sunday of Advent

On December 17th, the rhythm of the sacred season of the Advent shifts its tone to remember the prophecies of old fulfilled in the Nativity of Our Lord. With both the readings and the preface, our eyes now focus on the Virgin Mary. This year, as we continue to climb the mountain of God, Mary's *Fiat* challenges us not to procrastinate in our response to Him. We often tell God, "Later." Later I will pray more seriously. Later I will reconcile with that family member. Later I will return to Confession, serve the poor, or change a habit I know is not leading me closer to Christ. But Advent reminds us that God comes now. Grace is offered in the present moment, not in some undefined future.

Mindful of this challenge, we are asked the question: Do I believe enough to act today? Procrastination in the spiritual life is not neutral. It slowly dulls our hearts and convinces us there will always be more time. Christmas tells us otherwise. God enters human history at a specific moment, in a specific place, and He asks for a response.

Christ is coming, do not delay in your "yes". If we feel that pinch or nudge from Lord to pray more, to get to confession, to forgive, to acts of charity, respond now. Like Mary, we may not understand everything that lies ahead, but trust grows when we take the first step in climbing the mountain of God.

Week at a Glance

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
22	23	24 5:00pm Mass (Christmas Eve)	25 12am Mass 9am Mass 11am Mass (Christmas Day)	26 No 9am Mass	27 No 9am Mass 5pm Vigil Mass (Holy Family)	28 9am & 11am Mass (Holy Family)

The parish office will be closed from Monday, December 22nd and will reopen Monday, January 5th

*“The virgin shall be with child and bear a son; and they shall name him Emmanuel:
God is with us” - Matthew 1:23*

SSVP – With Gratitude

Our Neighbours in Another of our Neighbours in Need recently wrote this message in a Christmas card to you: “I just wanted to say how grateful I am for all the great support from all the wonderful people of the church.” In this season of preparing to welcome the Light more fully into our lives, how fitting that you have shared the Light with others. Blessings for a healthy, happy Christmas and New Year!

Your SSVP Team,
Angela M, Heather, Angela N, Dawn, Trish, Lucy, Pat, Maureen, Renzo, Paola, Anne, Kim, Sal

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 www.canadahelps.org and search for “Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Star of the Sea Conference”

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.

SSVP Helpline

For assistance please call **647-628-2058** and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

New Years Eve Adoration

This year, we warmly invite you to consider welcoming the New Year in quiet prayer before the Lord. Following our **5:00pm Mass on December 31st**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until midnight. If you feel called to spend an hour with Jesus, we are still in need of adorers. Sign-up sheets are available around the parish.

Christmas Schedule

For all Christmas Mass times and important dates, please see our Christmas schedule found around the parish, on the parish website or on our social media platforms. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate this joyful season

Smile of the Week

If we removed all the margarine from the Earth...

... the world would be a butter place

Coming January 2026

Advertising space will be available on the back page of our parish bulletin.
If you or your business are interested in supporting our parish through an ad,
please contact Samantha Cameron via e-mail for more information

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