

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Acts 2:14a,36-41 | Ps 23:1-3a,3b4-6 | 1 Peter 2:20b-25 | John 10:1-10

†Mary Badali



SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 (9:00 AM) **NO LIVESTREAM THIS WEEK**

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Mary Badali

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

Acts 11:1-18 | Psalm 42:2-3;43:3-4 | John 10:11-18

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Acts 11:19-26 | Psalm 87:1b-3,5-7 | John 10:22-30

†Anna Stegmann

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023 (9:00 AM)

1 Cor 15:1-8 | Psalm 19:2-5 | John 14:6-14

†Jasmine Barreto and Healing for Clermont Martineau

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 13:13-25 | Psalm 89:2-3,21-22,25,27 | John 13:16-20

Blessings for Davita, Steven & Aven Powell

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 13:26-33 | Psalm 2:6-9,10-11ab | John 6:52-59

†Colette McGinnell

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 13:44-52 | Psalm 98:1-3ab,3cd-4 | John 14:7-14

†Geraldine Heyes and †Paul Kalaparambath

EUCARISTIC 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

PASTOR'S BLOG

As I write this, the Leafs are one game away from getting past the first round into the second round which will probably have them face the Bruins...which is now being called into question: EXCITING. After the collapse to Montreal in 2021, I am certainly not holding my breath, but it is an exciting time for the team and the city. I was asked this past weekend if I pray for the Leafs to win. My usual response to these questions is if we pray for one team to win that necessarily means we are praying for another team to lose. So, with all things, a prayer for God's will to be done suffices.

So, while I am not watching the Leafs in the post season until they make it past the first round, you might be wondering, what I am doing with that time. That's a good question to ask! I have been listening to some very interesting podcasts and slowly chipping away at a few books.

One of the podcasts that I am listening to comes to us from The Word on Fire Show. The last few weeks have not been the normal conversation between Brandon Vogt, the host, and Bishop Barron. As Bishop of his own diocese now, he was probably a wee bit busy with the work of shepherding, so instead they were posting keynote talks and conversations from the 2021 and 2022 Good News Conference. They are a bit longer, but still very fascinating. I just finished listening to episode 380, The Evangelical Power of Beauty where Bishop Barron speaks to us about the shift in approach that can lead to conversion and encounter with Jesus. We used to rely on the Truth, the Good and then the Beautiful. Rather than lead with Truth, leading with beauty can create space for spiritual conversations and non invasive way to bring people to an encounter with God. The next episode that I hope to listen to is episode 382, The Beauty of Hope with Fr John Riccardo. I figure the Easter season is one that is filled with hope and joy that this would be an uplifting talk to help keep paschal joy alive in my heart.

On the books side of things, audible has been a good resource for me. However, not everything is on audible, so hard copies it is. Given certain trends we see, getting hard copies of books, especially the classics in literature, would be important. The book that I am reading now is on Pope Benedict XVI, Defender of the Faith. With his passing, it is certainly nice to have this biography of him and his contribution to the Church during his life. The other book that I started last summer but stopped reading, for whatever reason is Cardinal Pell's Prison Journals. His witness to the faith is incredible, and with his passing, these journals are a testament of his faith and his interior life during a very difficult and heartbreakingly time of his life.

So that you know that I don't just read spiritual books, I have on the go some Star Wars books on audible. Given the news of the Star Wars universe expanding, the sci-fi fantasy genre was always my favourite growing up. Nice to have these books to keep me entertained and really push my imagination. Enjoy the smile of the week and may the 4th be with you!

Corpus Christi Procession

With the 44 children making their First Holy Communion this weekend, it is a joy to announce that this year we will be having an outdoor *Corpus Christi* procession! We acquired the permits from the city and are working out the logistics now. The procession will take us south to Saddington Park and loop around back to the parish. I am excited about this. Growing up, my home parish would always have a procession through the park on *Corpus Christi* and it was a great way to witness to our belief in the Real Presence to the streets.

SO Save the date: June 11th 2023 - The procession will begin after the 11am Mass and we hope to have a small time of fellowship in the hall following Benediction. And please, invite your friends and family to this event.

Fr Michael

SHARELIFE

Second ShareLife Collection April 30, 2023

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

Thus far we have raised \$36,351 (29%) toward our goal of \$125,000.

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

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

MARCH FOR LIFE 2023

The National March for Life will take place in Ottawa on Thursday, May 11, 2023. If you were interested in going this year, there are 18 spots available on a bus leaving from St. Christopher's Parish. The bus will be leaving at 6:30am (with an option Mass at 6:00am) on May 11th and will be returning at about 8pm the same day. The total cost will be \$50 per person.

Please contact Sam, the youth minister by May 7th to register. Please be advised that there are limited spots and it is on a first come first serve basis!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

The Legion of Mary will have their monthly book borrow after the 9 am and 11 am Masses this Sunday, April 30, 2023.

Feel free to browse or borrow a book. Kindly return any books you may have previously loaned.

SSVP

Thank you for your support of our Bundle Up weekend. Some of the items are used by the residents of the homes run by Saint Vincent de Paul, others end up in their thrift store, and others are sold to help finance SSVP's various programs. The next Bundle Up will be in the fall, on the weekend of November 11/12.

SSVP HELPLINE: 647-278-2058

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

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In Thanksgiving for Davita Powell
In Thanksgiving for Taylor Solomon

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special Intention of Bright Aigbe Idemudia & family
Special Intention of Chigozie Cynthia Bende

INFANT JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special Intention of Krisben Investment Limited
Special Intention of
Mr & Mrs Christopher Ndukwe Bende

ST. JOSEPH

Special Intention of Charles Bende

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

TOTUS TUUS IS COMING!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 23-28th. Totus tuus is an archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes throughout the summer, spreading the Good News through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm. The intermediate/High School programs for grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm. **The cost is only \$100 (day program) \$25 (night program) per person for the entire week.** Registrations can be found around the parish or online. If you need more information, please contact Samantha or go to www.totustuustoronto.ca

Edge - May 26th Topic: Stump the Priest with Fr. Michael

LifeTeen - May 12th Topic: Peer Pressure

The CWL is collecting donations



**Help Us Stock
the Vita Centre Care Closet
to Support Vulnerable Families in Need**



**Saturday May 6th 3:30pm-6:00pm
and**



Sunday May 7th 8:00am-12:00pm



In the Church parking lot



We are collecting:

Diapers (larger sizes and pullups), Formula, Baby Food and Cereal, Children's Clothing (new and gently used) up to size 6, Misc Items such as receiving blankets, crib bedding, playpen sheets

Vita Centre is dedicated to the provision of excellent support, education and counselling for vulnerable parents with children up to 6 years of age in Peel region (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon). The Care Closet is available to their clients.



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