

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 12, 2025



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the People of the Parish



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

†Alan Sr & Alan Jr Del Puerto

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

Special intentions of Susana Caldwell

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

NO MASS

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

†Judith Pelaez

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

†Doreen Margaret Gilbride and Special intentions of Sergio Iavicoli

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

†Giovanni (John) De Zen

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

†Bianca Binotto

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

In Thanksgiving for Malcolm and Ranee Vaz

## 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](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org)



## Message for Thanksgiving

13 October 2025

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of our upcoming Thanksgiving celebrations, I am reaching out to wish you all Happy Thanksgiving. This holiday offers us a sacred time and unique opportunity to rediscover the spirituality of gratitude and renew our commitment to living a life rooted in thanksgiving. When viewed in the light of the Holy Jubilee Year of Hope, Thanksgiving becomes more than a familial or cultural celebration, it becomes a profound expression of our relationship with God, the giver of all good gifts.

At its heart, Catholic spirituality is Eucharistic. The very word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek *eucharistein* or *eulogein*, meaning “thanksgiving,” which recalls an ancient blessing that praised God’s works of creation, redemption and sanctification (*cf. CCC 1328*). In the Old Testament, bread and wine “were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits” in gratitude to God (*CCC 1334*). When we celebrate the Eucharist each week, indeed each day, we participate in the supreme act of praise and thanksgiving in which the Church unites herself to Christ’s perfect offering of gratitude to the Father (*cf. Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 8). In this way, the Eucharist not only sustains us but also teaches us how to live with hearts attuned to God’s blessings and shaped by gratitude. Thanksgiving, then, is not simply a once-a-year holiday, but the very posture of the Christian soul (*cf. Basil the Great, Homily V, In martyrem Julittam*).

A spirituality of gratitude and thanksgiving pushes us deeper, to give thanks not only for material blessings but also for the gift of faith, for the communion of the Church, for the forgiveness of sins, and for the hope that does not disappoint (*cf. Rom 5:5*). Gratitude is a way of perceiving the world: we see creation as a gift, history as salvation unfolding, and our lives as entrusted with the precious mission of Jesus Christ. Regarding our mission, the word “Mass” comes from the Latin word *missio* which means “mission”, thereby uniting the Eucharist as an act of thanksgiving with our Christian vocation and mission (*cf. CCC 1332*).

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During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we have been invited "to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence" (*Spes non Confundit*, 7). To discern God's grace present and at work in the world today and in our past is no small task, but it is absolutely crucial in the spiritual life; our Christian walk of faith (cf. Augustine, *Confessions*, Book VIII). The thankful heart remembers God's past fidelity and so finds strength to believe in his future blessings. Just as Israel gave thanks for liberation from Egypt and for entrance into the Promised Land, the Church today gives thanks for Christ's victory over sin and death and looks forward to the fullness of the Kingdom (cf. John Cassian, *The Conferences*, IX, ix-xiv). Gratitude roots us in the memory of salvation, while the theological virtue of Hope stretches us toward its fulfillment.

I am reminded of the words of St. Paul, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thes 5:16-18). During this Thanksgiving Weekend, I encourage those who gather together to begin their time by prayerfully recalling what they are grateful for in their lives. After each person's remembrance, we can conclude with the response: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Ps. 136). In our parishes, I would like to invite communities to celebrate the liturgical setting of Thanksgiving Day Mass on the Monday of Thanksgiving weekend. During this liturgy we are reminded that God's gifts are limitless. We also pray for the grace to treasure all that God gives, to help us share his gifts with others, and to use them for his glory (cf. CCCB, *Roman Missal: Thanksgiving Day Mass*). Finally, I am inviting you to cultivate grateful hearts that extend beyond a single day or weekend and that do not depend on circumstances but flow, rather, from the knowledge that "every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above" (Jas 1:17) and we simply share in God's love and generosity.

In this Holy Jubilee Year of Hope, Thanksgiving is more than tradition - it is a sacramental reminder of God's love that finds its fullest expression in the Sunday Eucharist. May God bless you and your family and friends on this Thanksgiving weekend. Know that I give thanks to God for all of you, for the wonderful People of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I am grateful for the generous ministry of our priests and deacons; for the prophetic witness of those women and men in consecrated life; for the strong and committed faith life of our families; for the dynamic and life-giving outreach of our social and healthcare institutions; for the fidelity and loyalty to the Gospel and Church teaching of our educational institutes; for the fruitful cooperation with civil and governmental agencies and; for the beauty, truth and goodness of the Catholic faith seen and expressed in a myriad of ways throughout our blessed archdiocese. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us and make us truly grateful disciples of your Son.

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## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR THE COMPASS FOOD BANK BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO ANY WEEKEND MASS ON OCTOBER 11/12

Donations of non-perishable food items gratefully accepted. Most needed are:

- Baby Food
- Canned beans/carrots/mixed vegetables/meat and tomatoes
- Evaporated milk
- Instant oatmeal
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta sauce
- Soup
- Tea

Also needed are the following personal hygiene items for babies/adults:

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Razors
- Laundry detergent

### ENCORE NEWS - VOL. 4 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

OCTOBER 20

- General Meeting at 6.00 pm in the church hall.
- Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother will be recited in the hall at 6.00pm. All are invited to participate.

### MINISTRIES OF CARE LAY PASTORAL VISITORS FORMATION & TRAINING

**7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings: October 23 & 30, November 6, 20 & 27, December 4, 2025**

This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion on behalf of the parish to the sick, elderly and homebound. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited. The program is open to new and experienced volunteers. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment. Register by October 22, 2025: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-Register2025>. For more information, contact: [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) 437-524-8669

## WORLD MISSION COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 19/20

There will be a Collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday, next weekend October 19/20, 2025. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work. Envelopes are available at all the Entrances of the Church.

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Basil Fernandes and family  
Special intentions of Duane Fernandes and family

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of  
Alex & Christine Fernandes and family  
For the souls in purgatory

### BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving  
For the souls in purgatory

### ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

### ST. ANNE

For the souls in purgatory

### ST. JUDE

In thanksgiving

## SSVP

Thanks be to God!

We should always be thankful, of course. Most of us have many blessings in our lives, but there are some in our community who struggle with poverty and loneliness. Let's pray for each other. Our St. Vincent de Paul team wishes all of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

### 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](mailto:stmarystar@ssvptoronto.ca), and use the Question 'Saint' and password 'Vincent'. Your ongoing generosity means the world to us.

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