

## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 24, 2024



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024 (5:00 PM)

For a special intention

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024 (9:00 AM)

† Alan Sr & Alan Jr Del Puerto

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Anna & Pardo Perrotta

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Paul Griffin and †Janina Widomska and Special intentions of Nikola Mladenovic

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Francesca Racco

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Enza Iodice

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Tessie Tesoro and †Brian Crookes, †Jose Augusto and †Irene & Jose Luis Pereira



### EUCARISTIC 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)

**PASTOR'S BLOG**  
**NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

Many thanks to Adriene for sharing about the domestic life that she is now experiencing as a newly wed. From time to time, I think about what it would have been like to be married, have children and live the vocation of being a husband. Then people share about their married lives and I become thankful for the vocation as a celibate priest. And what is beautiful is that both vocations are to mutually enrich each other. So, let's keep up our prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the religious life and to married life.

One of the interesting aspects of being a priest is that we do not get weekends off. (Obviously!) Rather, we get a day off or as I like to call it, a day away from the parish. The reason for that is because the priesthood is a vocation, we never really get a day off from being a priest, but we certainly need a break from parish ministry. For myself, I use it as a day to break from the daily routines and disciplines that I have while I am at the parish. What does this entail? Well, the first thing is I get a lot more sleep. Usually I am in bed by 10:30/11pm and I wake up around 8am. This is a stark contrast from waking up at 4:30am at the parish. The second thing is that I have been keeping my day away from the parish as a rest day from exercise. The exercise plans that I have been using give a couple of rest days, so it is nice for my body to get extra sleep and recovery time. Both, the extra sleep and recovery time contribute to my mind getting more alert while managing stress in a healthy way.

We never take a day off or a day away from prayer, so while I am not at the parish, I am still in parish ministry in my prayers. I continue to say the Divine Office, I have my mental prayer with Sacred Scripture, I pray my rosary and I celebrate Holy Mass.

As a priest in the rectory, I usually have my meals alone. In the health and wellness circles, "mindful eating" is something being emphasized. This means that we eat while not watching a screen. I usually follow that but still have something on in the background, usually a podcast. The difference about my day away from the parish is that I have meals with my parents, which is always a highlight. The fellowship around a meal is a lot of fun, lots of laughter and joy.

When I am not praying, or having meals with my parents, I am usually in my room watching something on tv. This is where my binge watching goes into full throttle mode. Once I find a good tv show, it's game over...I will binge watch it. It is a very bad habit that I do not recommend!

It is also on my day away from the parish that I meet up with friends that I have made along the way in my life. It is a great time to connect with them and where the mutual sharing of life happens. A lot of these friends have built up their families with lots of little (and not so little) children running around. I began with being affirmed in the vocation to the priesthood by people sharing about marriage with me. It is equally true to witness the joys and trials of family life that I am affirmed and thankful in my vocation to the priesthood.

I love being a Catholic priest!

Fr Michael

## THE ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CRAFT GROUP

is having their Christmas Craft Sale after all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 30 / Dec. 1. You will find an amazing array of handmade "crafty" items offered for sale including Christmas crocheted ornaments, Baby layettes and blankets, Children's sweaters, hats, mitts, and socks, Adult knitted hats, and scarves, Adult bibs, Men's "beard" bibs as well as a wide range of household gifts and much more. Oh, and don't forget the "Art on the rocks".

AND JOINED BY THE CWL, they will be holding a COOKIE AND BOOK SALE for your sweet tooth and reading enjoyment. In addition, the CWL will be collecting Personal care, dental care, hats, mitts, and scarves for the Elisa House Gift Bag project. A total of 42 bags will be donated to the residents of Elisa House (a shelter run by St. Vincent De Paul for homeless & abused women). Your contribution or monetary donations are appreciated.

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

Special intentions of John Contarin  
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### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving  
For the souls in purgatory

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special intentions of Francesca Racco  
Special intentions of Francesca Racco

### ST. JOSEPH

For the souls in purgatory

## THE LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

The Legion of Mary will have their next book borrow this **Sunday, November 24 after the 9 and 11 am Masses**. Feel free to browse or borrow any of the books. Kindly return any books you may have previously loaned. Please help yourselves to the FREE rosaries and prayer cards.

## SSVP – OUR GIVING TREE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Our parishioners continue to shine their light on others - thank you for your generous contributions to allow us to help approximately 60 households this Christmas and throughout the year. If you have not made a donation, and would like to, please read on.

### How to Donate to SSVP

There is a Christmas envelope in your box of envelopes. Or 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, please 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 (**also found on the poor boxes**):



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.

Thank you all for your support.

### SSVP HELPLINE: 647-628-2058

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

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2025



Confirmation Registration closes on December 1st - if you have any questions about registration, please contact Samantha for more information (scameron@archtoronto.org)!

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Edge is back this Sunday, November 24th from 12-2pm and we will be continuing the topic of Sunday Mass! All in grades 4-8 are welcome and those who bring a friend get a prize!



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