

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 14, 2024



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024 (5:00 PM)



†John Secko and †Anna & Simon Stoklas

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Alan Sr. & Alan Jr. del Puerto

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Special intentions of Lourdes Crabtree

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Basil Fernandes

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Ian Adamson

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Alberto and Stella Severin

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Salvatore Viscomi and †Roger Mitchell

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
9:30 am - 10:30 am

### 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

Many thanks to Sam for her lovely reflection in last week's email. It was certainly a beautiful experience that I pray many other young people can attend in coming years from our parish. The best way for me to reflect on this weekend is in three parts - the bus ride going to Steubenville, the Conference itself, and the bus ride returning.

### **The Bus Ride to Steubenville**

Let me clear, the bus rides were probably what I hesitated most about this Conference. Being on a bus with 50 young people, yeah, not my cup of tea. Having to stop a few times for meals, washroom breaks and of course taking our young people across the border were just a few reasons why I contemplated driving myself. However, the bulk of pastoral ministry is being present to the other. As St. Paul puts it, *I become all things to all people so that at least some might be saved*. So I said, "Suck it up buttercup" and would offer the discomfort of the bus ride for the young people and their experience of the conference. In retrospect, it was not as bad as I thought. We had a long wait at the border due to circumstances outside of our control and while I don't usually eat fast food, American McDonald's does taste different than the Canadian equivalent. Sam was the bus leader and did a phenomenal job of leading making sure everything went smoothly and we didn't lose any youngins' along the way. For myself, leading young people in prayer is certainly one of the joys of the priesthood.

### **The Steubenville Conference**

I grew up knowing about the Steubenville youth conference. My parish would send a bus full of young people for it; but, because of my work responsibilities at the parish office, I never went. The next time I would be exposed to the Steubenville Conference would be after I was ordained and it was held in Toronto. However during those 6 years, I did not accompany the young people of the parish I was assigned to for the conference. Rather, I was assisting on the liturgical team making sure all the weekends liturgies went smoothly. So, this was a new experience for me, to accompany the young people of St. Mary's along with the 450 other young people from the Archdiocese of Toronto to the conference where I did not have to be concerned about logistics but could actually take in the conference. While the talks are directed towards young people, the content was so good. The opening talk about distractions, the talk about healthy masculinity and then the talk about the Holy Spirit were excellent. But, as Sam mentioned, when I was not listening to the conference talks, I was hearing confessions. 6 hours total confessions...each block of 2 hours, non-stop hearing confessions. And I was not the only priest hearing confessions, there were at least 10-12 or more other priests. Between all of us, 1200 confessions were heard. God's mercy was flowing through the Sacrament and having young people reconciled to God, no words to describe.

### **The Return**

I honestly thought that after the weekend, I would be sleeping the whole way home. Nope. The return bus ride was exciting being able to discuss the content of the talks with some of the young people, the leaders and the youth ministers. It was a time of just free discussion with some really awesome questions. Along with playing games on the bus, we passed the time and I did not get a wink of sleep. Upon reflection, this is what Pope St. John Paul II did when he was a parish priest in Poland with young people. He would have small groups on hikes and camping. Just immersing himself into their joys and struggles. If I took the selfish route and drove myself, I would have missed out on this encounter with the young people. Goes to show you, *all things work out to the good for those who love the Lord*.

Fr Michael Simoes



Please watch your step...

**WE ARE OPEN**  
WHILE FRONT STEPS ARE UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL NOW BE OPEN FROM 10:30 AM TO 4:00 PM ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS AS WELL.**

## SSVP

### SSVP - need, even in cottage country!

I was fortunate to spend a week in Muskoka. At the small parish (St. Peter's) in Gravenhurst, where I attended Mass last Sunday, they announced an unexpected bill of \$4,000, which was going to put quite a sprain on their budget. I also learned that their SSVP is in great demand.

Let's be thankful for our blessings! (Sal)

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Basil Fernandes  
Special intentions of Duane Fernandes

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of Kathleen Lobo  
In thanksgiving

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Loving Memory of Sheila Wood  
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### ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving



## Sacramental Preparation 2025



If your child will be preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation next year, registration and enrolment will begin in the fall.

Mark your calendars! We are planning ahead and have set dates for the preparation programs. Please see the schedules attached. Note that there is a faith formation series for parents that are scheduled for the fall.

To receive more information about registration and updates, kindly fill out the forms on our parish website to join our emailing list. More information will be sent out in the fall.

For First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion: <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/first-holy-communion>

For questions pertaining to First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, contact Adriene at [aadona@archtoronto.org](mailto:aadona@archtoronto.org)

For Confirmation: <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/confirmation>

For questions pertaining to Confirmation, contact Samantha at [scameron@archtoronto.org](mailto:scameron@archtoronto.org)

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