

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 25, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025 (5:00 PM)

Special intentions of Mary Secko



SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 (9:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 (11:00 AM)

Special intentions of Noreen Lista

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Leona Butrey

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Palma Petrucci

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Ruth Ditner and Special intentions of Alessandra Di Munno and Louise Wilson

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025 (7:00 PM)

Special intentions of Charlotte Lobo

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 (7:00 PM)

Special intentions of Kate Lobo

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Paul Griffin and Special intentions of Louise Wilson and Samantha Cameron

FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday – Friday: 7:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am

NO
EUCARISTIC ADORATION

CONFESIONS:

Monday - Friday : 6:00 pm
Saturday: 9:30 to 10:30 am

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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.
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4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. Email campaign@archtoronto.org

PASTOR'S BLOG

While the Ascension of Our Lord took place 40 days after His resurrection (Ascension Thursday), the liturgical calendar in Canada moves the solemnity to the Sunday for the participation of the faithful because it is a pivotal moment in salvation history. The sixth article of our Creed reads: "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus returned to the Father in glory, taking our humanity with Him into heaven. As the Catechism teaches: "Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we... may live in the hope of one day being with Him forever" (CCC 666).

The last bit of the quote from the catechism, "the hope of one day being with Him forever" has a special meaning this Jubilee Year - A Jubilee of Hope. We, as pilgrims of hope, focus on the virtue by which we trust that God, who is all-powerful and faithful to His promises, will bring us to eternal life and give us the grace to get there. The Ascension assures us that Christ has not abandoned us. Rather, He intercedes for us at the Father's right hand and sends us the Holy Spirit to strengthen us.

This is why I wanted our parish mission to fit into this liturgical time - from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost - during this Jubilee Year. Our hope can weaken, especially in times of doubt or sin. With daily confession available, with Mass being celebrated with inspired homilies and teachings, and praying the original novena to the Holy Spirit - we renew our confidence in God's mercy and our total dependence on Him. We receive Him as pilgrims of hope in the Eucharist, the food that nourishes the soul. And as pilgrims of hope, we wait and pray like the first disciples with Our Lady for the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, Paraclete, Consoler - the power from on high - to renew our hearts with hope.

For those unable to make it due to health and unforeseen circumstances, offer up your situation for your fellow parishioners who are attending the mission - that God will do something new in their hearts. Pope Benedict XVI explains in *Spe Salvi* that "offering it up" means uniting our personal suffering with Christ's redemptive suffering, allowing it to become a source of hope and spiritual transformation. Through this union, suffering is no longer meaningless but participates in the saving love of Christ, helping both ourselves and others on the path to eternal life.

For those who have hesitated about coming to the mission, maybe take the step forward and come and be renewed through the Sacraments. And if you have been coming to the mission, keep it up! It has been great to see so many of you join us in prayer.

Fr Michael

SHARELIFE

Thus far we have raised \$39,326 (35.8%)
toward our goal of \$110,000

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

Please make cheques payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea

Thank you for your generosity!

SSVP

While we are grateful to all of our donors, we offer a special thanks to the "extra-faithful" donors who have supported us for years. We really do appreciate that you choose to entrust your money to us, to allow us to serve the needy in Port Credit. May God bless all of our donors.

How to Donate to SSVP

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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, 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

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

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Samantha Cameron
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
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

PARISH MISSION

Unlock the Door

WITH FR. ALLAN MACDONALD, CC

FULL SCHEDULE:

DAY 1:

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH
(6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS,
8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 2:

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH
(6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS,
8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 3:

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST
(9AM MASS, 10AM
CONFESIONS)

DAY 4:

WEEKEND OF MAY 31ST/JUNE 1ST
SATURDAY - 5PM MASS
SUNDAY - 9AM AND 11AM MASS

DAY 5:

MONDAY, JUNE 2ND
(6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS,
8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 6:

TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD
(6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS,
8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 7:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH
(6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS,
8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 8:

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH
(6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS,
8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 9:

FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH
(6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS,
8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 10:

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH
(9AM MASS, 10AM
CONFESIONS)

CONCLUSION OF THE MISSION:

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH - 5PM CONFIRMATION MASS WITH
BISHOP IVAN CAMILLERI

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH - 9AM MASS AND 11AM MASS

SUMMER CAMP



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**WEEK 1: JULY 7-11
WEEK 2: JULY 21-25**

Join us for a summer of faith, friends and fun!

**DAILY MASS • CRAFTS • SPORTS & GAMES
• OUTDOOR FUN!**

**JOIN US THIS
SUMMER!**

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information!

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