

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 22, 2025



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Alan Sr & Alan Jr Del Puerto

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 (11:00 AM)

†Greg Sr. and Fely Aspiras

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Cesar Augusto Lopez Quintero

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†John Baptist Rodrigues and Special intentions of Denise & Cesare Dalle Carbonare

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Edward Stumborg

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Daniela Trimboli

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Pushpa & Benny Lobo

### 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

### 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)

### **Pilgrims Blog...the finale**

Well, I never actually finished my pilgrimage blogs. On the weekend of May 3/4 (not to be confused May 2-4...HAHA...) I mentioned that there would be one more posting about the pilgrimage which would come at a time when it would be fitting. Well this Corpus Christi weekend is the most fitting weekend to talk about the last days of the pilgrimage to Italy because we visited Orvieto. The Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena that is conserved in the Cathedral of Orvieto led to the Feast of Corpus Christi.

So, a little history about the feast of Corpus Christi. This feast honours the Real Presence of Christ and was promoted by the visions of St. Juliana of Liege (in France), an Augustinian nun who understood from her visions that God wanted a feast to honour the Blessed Sacrament, in response to a controversy that had arisen which had made the presence of Christ in the Eucharist more symbolic than real. While that was happening in France, the Eucharistic miracle took place when a German priest, Fr Peter was having doubts about the Real Presence of the Eucharist was going to Rome on pilgrimage. He was in Bolsena – a city on a large lake about 18 kilometers (11 miles) southwest of Orvieto – to celebrate Mass. Just after the consecration, the Host began to bleed. Flabbergasted, the priest suspended the Mass and went straight to Orvieto. As part of the Papal States, Pope Urban IV was currently in residence there with his papal court.

After investigation, the miracle was found to be authentic. The feast was first celebrated locally. Pope Urban IV extended it to the Universal Church in 1264. The Mass and office for the feast of Corpus Christi was composed by Saint Thomas Aquinas while he was a member of the Papal court of Urban IV.

Our visit to the city was great. We had lovely weather, and found in the heart of the Umbria region, the scenery was very picturesque. Because the streets are small and the Church is found at the top of the hill, we had to make our pilgrimage walk up to get to the Church. It was bright and early because our first task of the day was celebrating Mass at the Cathedral. We were not able to celebrate Mass at the main altar, but we had a beautiful little crypt chapel. It was the last Mass that we would celebrate as a group of pilgrims. After Mass, we had some time before meeting our local guide, so our group coordinator, Agnes, was able to get us into the underground city tour of Orvieto. Here is [a website](#) to describe the city and its significance.

Once we climbed out of the underground city, we met our local guide for a tour of the Cathedral and the surrounding area of Orvieto. Sadly, the miraculous blood stained corporal was not exposed for veneration and adoration. It is only done selectively throughout the year like for the feast of Corpus Christi. After our tour, I found myself in the chapel praying. I was a bit upset that I could not see this miraculous corporal, but in that time of prayer realized, I don't need it for my faith. The Eucharistic miracles, of which there are many (Blessed Carlo Acutis made a whole website for them) were needed for me when I was growing up, wanting to defend the faith in the Real Presence and for my own faith to be strengthened. Now, with faith, as a priest a miracle happens in my hands when I celebrate Mass.

Once I finished my time of prayer, I caught up with some pilgrims and we went for lunch. After lunch was a lot of free time in which I walked around, sat around and enjoyed my time outdoors taking in the scenery. When the afternoon came around, we had to catch our bus and head back to Rome for departure to Toronto.

...and that is a wrap for the pilgrimage blogs. Not sure where the good Lord will take me next for a pilgrimage...I am sure it will be fun...I mean it is a pilgrimage with me! LOL

### **Bad News...Needs your response**

I usually don't post these types of things in the blog, but it is a weekend where we celebrate our Eucharistic faith, so this really struck a cord with me. It came to my attention that there is a show on AppleTV+ that had a scene that was sacrilegious and blasphemous. In the scene, they have two people breaking into the Church, steal the Blessed Sacrament, dip the Body of Christ in jam as if it was some cookie, mock Holy Communion, laugh and then fake absolution. This is followed by acts in the pew that are reserved for the bedroom.

If you are willing, I would invite you to [sign this petition](#) to make your voice heard that there is no need for this type of absolute disregard for our faith.

## Good News...Needs your response

I always like to follow up bad news with good news...no need to end on a sad note. We received this week a new pastoral letter from Frank Cardinal Leo: "That Blessed Upper Room". You can visit the [dedicated page](#) on the Archdiocese of Toronto website to download the letter.

In the words of Cardinal Leo: *'This resource can be the object of a parish sharing group or an informal gathering of friends. The reflections can be used as inspiration for summer reading or for Advent or Lenten activities or for a personal retreat. You can, for instance, take one question per day and let it accompany you or set some quiet time per week, a short 15 minutes, to read a paragraph and ask yourself a question that is proposed. Studied and reflected upon individually or in community, whether in families, parishes, schools and religious houses, I pray that this small contribution will help readers and faithful come to a more profound sense of faith, a more mature relationship with the Lord and to a transforming experience of grace.'*

Fr Michael

## MARYGROVE CAMP COLLECTION

A collection for Marygrove Girls Camp run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend, June 21/22. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience.

Envelopes are available at all the exits of the Church. Please give generously.

Make all cheques payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea

## CHALICE

Chalice is coming to St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish! At the July 5-6 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Marilyn Fernandes  
Special intentions of Pushpa & Benny Lobo

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of Christopher Soares & family  
Special intentions of Sarah Soares

### BLESSED MOTHER

Special intentions of Stephen and Diya Lim  
Special intentions of Stephen and Diya Lim

### ST. JOSEPH

Special intentions of Joanne Soares

### ST. ANNE

In thanksgiving

### ST. JUDE

Special intentions of Duane Fernandes

## SSVP

Over time, we've shared updates about our local Ministry, but now we'd like to shine a light on the broader mission of SSVP Canada. Across the country—from coast to coast and even as far as the North of 60—Vincentians have delivered tremendous support and hope to our neighbours in need.

The material assistance provided is substantial, but even more powerful are the countless personal connections forged. These meaningful interactions break through isolation and bring comfort, dignity, and the promise of a brighter future.

This is the heart of our mission—and it's made possible because of YOU. Your support fuels our work and brings our Vincentian values to life in communities across Canada. Thank you for walking this journey with us.

### 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. Thank you all for your support.

### SSVP HELPLINE: 647-628-2058

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



The image is a promotional calendar for the Catholic Women's League (CWL) St. Mary Star of the Sea. It features a blue header with the CWL logo and the text "CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA". Below the header is a small illustration of a person holding a dove. The calendar is divided into four main sections, each with a date and a description. The first section is for June 22, titled "Corpus Christie Procession". The second section is for June 23, titled "Appreciation Night". The third section is for an as-yet-unspecified date (TBD), titled "Visit to the Holy Door". The fourth section is for August 12th and/or 13th, titled "105th CWL National Convention". Each section includes a brief description of the event and a call to action. At the bottom of the calendar, the website "www.stmarystarofthesea/catholic-womens-league" is listed.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA**

**JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2025**

**Corpus Christie Procession**  
The CWL will set up one of the three altars for the procession route after the 11 am mass. Please wear your scarf if you have one.

**Appreciation Night**  
Come get together with your CWL sisters to recognize milestone anniversaries. Finger food potluck will be appreciated

**Visit to the Holy Door**  
We would like to plan a day to visit Our Lady of Sorrows in Etobicoke. Followed by a picnic (weather permitting)

**August 105th CWL National Convention**  
Our council plans to attend. If you would like to join us, please email: [cwlstmarystarofthesea@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstmarystarofthesea@gmail.com) for more info

[www.stmarystarofthesea/catholic-womens-league](http://www.stmarystarofthesea/catholic-womens-league)

**June 22**

**June 23**

**TBD**

**August 12th and/or 13th**

## SHARELIFE

Thus far we have raised **\$54,642 (49.7%)** 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

Make all cheques payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea

# SUMMER CAMP



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

**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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