

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 27, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024 (5:00 PM)



For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Joan MacDonagh

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†John Saric & family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Special intentions of Adriene & Adrian Gill

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Pietro Bottero and Special intentions of Shantie Toolsie, Felix Lewis and Peter Gomes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Francine Morson

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Deceased members of the Lobo & Poranganel families

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

9:00 am - †All Souls

12:00 pm - Special intentions of the Holy Father

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

PASTOR'S BLOG - OCTOBER 27, 2024

Fair warning, I am writing this blog from the annual priest seminar for the Archdiocese of Toronto. The seminar is much different than the retreat that takes place for priests in May. The major difference is the size. The seminar looks after all the priests in the Archdiocese (diocesan and religious orders) while the retreat looks after just the diocesan priests and those religious congregations that are unable to have their own retreat. With a diocese our size, that becomes a lot of priests. And over my 10 years as a priest and attending the seminar, the face of the priesthood has change significantly. And with those changes, it is hard to get to know brother priests. What holds us together is not superficial! It is the sacramental bond of the priesthood and as collaborators with the bishop in the Archdiocese. We make the effort in the spirit of fraternity as brother priests and it makes for some really good cultural exchanges. The other major difference is the tone of the seminar. Obviously, the retreat has a more prayerful, semi-quiet/contemplative atmosphere whereas the seminar would be considered study days with more conversation and a lot more PowerPoint slides to read!

As I mentioned last week, the topic of our seminar is evangelization and parish renewal. The topic was chosen by Archbishop Leo, which already gives us priests a sense of the direction he wants the parishes of His Archdiocese to go. The keynote presentation at the beginning of the seminar gave us the “why” for the topic. Every October for the last few years, we have been taking a headcount in our parishes. These data points that have been tracked over those years, along with other parish statistics with regards to sacramental life paint a picture of where we are trending within the Archdiocese. This is the talk which I entitled, “The Bad News”. And let me tell you, the bad news, is truly bad news. The decline in practice of the faith over these years along with reception of the Sacraments is tragic. The trends in the Archdiocese are similar to the trends found in the West. You have heard me preach about this and you have read my writings about it, but; to see the numbers for our particular archdiocese is eye opening. This is why we are having the study topic of evangelization and parish renewal. While the trends are tragic, there is a great deal of hope in what can be accomplished if we work together, confident in the Lord’s plan for us. The Good News, the Gospel, is still dynamic and has power to transform people’s hearts and minds.

The next two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, were going through various programs and pastoral approaches that have born good fruit in real time - they are not just ideas, they have proven themselves to be useful: Alpha, the faith studies from CCO, Divine Renovation, Charisms, and Catholics Come Home.

My take aways:

- 1) We have already begun the journey in moving from maintenance to mission and this is supported by the Archbishop.
- 2) We are not at our destination and have a long way to go. But, God is with us in this journey and we need to depend on Him more and less on our human initiatives.
- 3) All of us (myself included) need to be open to the ongoing conversion of our mind to see ourselves as disciples committed to the Lord and His mission.

As Queen Esther in the Old Testament makes known, we were born for times such as these. God has a plan for each one of us in bringing about the renewal of our parish. So, we do not need to be afraid of what the Lord has planned for us.

Oh yeah, next week November 3rd we have our All Saints party in the parish Hall following the 11am Mass. One stat that kept coming up over and over this week was the importance of fellowship and community for parish renewal. It would be great to see the pews filled with children (and adults) dressed as saints celebrating our faith with food and fun.

Fr Michael



Please watch your step...

WE ARE OPEN

WHILE FRONT STEPS ARE UNDER
CONSTRUCTION

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2025



"Registration for Confirmation is now open! Please see the Parent Information Package on the website for details to register and for the schedule <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/confirmation>

SSVP – IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE !!!

This weekend, we will be making our annual appeal. We usually do this a little closer to Christmas, but we have had extra demands for our help all year, and want to make sure that we can also offer Christmas assistance to our Neighbours in Need. Please be as generous as you can in the coming weeks. Blessings to all of you.

Many thanks for your contributions to our Bundle Up collection last weekend. The truck was almost full. Your donations allow the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to continue to serve the most vulnerable in our city. The next collection will be in the Spring.

SHARELIFE

Our parish goal is \$108,000

Thus far we have raised \$54,741 (51%)

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at sharelife.org/donate.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

SSVP HELP LINE

For assistance, please call: 647-628-2058
Leave your name, phone number and a brief message and someone will get back to you at the earliest.



ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

We are celebrating our friends in Heaven! Join us at 12:00pm (following our 11am Mass) for an All Saint's Day Party! Come dressed as your favourite Saint, play some game a win some prizes!



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