



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Harbour of refuge, beacon of hope*

### Parish Hours

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:30am-5:00pm  
Saturday - Sunday: CLOSED

#### Church Hours

Monday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Tuesday: 9:00am-3:00pm/5:30pm-7:30pm  
Wednesday - Saturday: 8:00am-5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am-12:30pm

#### Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass  
Tuesday: 7:00pm  
Wednesday - Saturday: 9:00am

#### Lord's Day Masses

Saturday (vigil): 5:00pm  
Sunday: 9am & 11am

#### Adoration

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am - 10:30am  
Friday: 9:30am - 12:00pm  
First Fridays: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Confession

Saturday: 9:30am-10:30am or by appointment

### Parish Staff

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### A Welcome to Our Parish

We warmly welcome you into our parish family. St. Mary Star of the Sea is a place where all are invited to come, adore the Lord, and grow in faith. We pray that you may find belonging, encouragement and spiritual growth here.

### Ways to Support Our Parish

- In person or by mail:** You can drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office
- By Credit Card:** Make a one-time or recurring gift to the parish offertory or other special funds
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG):** Set up automatic monthly donations. Forms are available at the parish office or can be downloaded from the parish website.
- Online Banking:** You can also contribute through your online banking by emailing [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org)

## **Readings for this Sunday**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 40*

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

**Gospel:** *John 1:29-34*

## **Weekly Mass Intentions**

*To request a Mass intention or votive dedication  
please contact Marilyn Fernandes*

### **Saturday, January 17th | 5:00pm**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*For the People of the Parish*

### **Sunday, January 18th | 9:00am**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*†Alan Sr & Alan Jr Del Puerto*

### **Sunday, January 18th | 11:00am**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*†Graziano Papasodaro*

### **Monday, January 19th**

*No Mass*

### **Tuesday, January 20th | 7:00pm**

**Second Week in Ordinary Time (Sts. Fabian & Sebastian)**

*Special intentions of Carmela Racco*

### **Wednesday, January 21st | 9:00am**

**Memorial of St. Agnes**

*Special intention of Louise Wilson and Helena Babiarz*

### **Thursday, January 22nd | 9:00am**

**Second Week in Ordinary Time (St. Vincent)**

*†Nelida Goguen*

### **Friday, January 23rd | 9:00am**

**Second Week in Ordinary Time**

*†Beatha Rebello*

### **Saturday, January 24th | 9:00am**

**Memorial of St. Francis de Sales**

*†Leonardo Barbisan and Special intentions of Helena Babiarz and Salome Soorma and family*

## **Votive Lamp Dedications**

### **Tabernacle**

*Special intentions of Kathleen Lobo*

*Special intentions of Ann Fernandes and family*

### **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*

## **Pastor's Corner**

When I left for vacation, I started the Bible in a Year podcast. A few years have passed since I last went through the Bible, my life has changed and I figure I will have a new perspective on the Word of God, alive and active in our lives. And from the beginning of the podcast, I was reflecting on God creating us for love, labour and leisure and the importance of having a good vacation.

The Church has always taught the dignity of labour. As a priest, my labour is at the service of the Gospel: celebrating sacraments, teaching, and the daily administration of parish life. Receiving the gift of rest allows me to serve you more generously and faithfully.

Just as important is leisure, rightly understood. Leisure is not idleness or escape from God, but time restored to Him. From the Sabbath commandment to Christ Himself withdrawing to rest and pray, holy leisure renews the soul and reorients the heart. Shared time away allows priests to pray, laugh, reflect, and return refreshed for ministry.

At the heart of both work and rest is love. When priests take time together on vacation, they strengthen the bonds of fraternity that sustain them in their vocation. This mutual support is an expression of charity and a witness to the communion at the heart of the Church.

Now, back to the labour, leisure and love of parish life - to glorify God by serving you!

## Week at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
19	20	21 Craft Group Meeting - 10:00am	22	23 Divin Mercy Chaplet - 3pm (online)	24	25 Legion of Mary Book Borrow

### *Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Thank you!*

It is with much gratitude that the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul says thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea. Your tremendous support during our Christmas Giving Tree campaign, as well as throughout the year allowed us to provide a Christmas party and gift cards to 111 individuals, consisting of 89 adults and 22 children, in 51 households, bringing comfort and joy to our Neighbours in Need (NIN). This amounted to \$10,310 in gift cards and 680 Mississauga Transit tickets. Your giving will also allow us to begin 2026 in a healthy financial position, so that we can continue to serve others. Many heartfelt messages of gratitude were sent to you from those we assisted. Please keep us and our NIN in your prayers, as we pray for you also.

#### **SSVP Helpline**

For assistance please call **647-628-2058** and

### *Pancake Sunday - February 15th*

Bring the whole family and join us on **Sunday, February 15, following the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses**, for our annual Pancake Sunday Fundraiser!

Proceeds support **Parish Summer Camp Stella Maris**, helping provide supplies, youth employment, and keeping camp affordable so more children and teens can take part in a fun, faith-filled summer experience. If you would like to make a direct donation to summer camp please contact Samantha

#### *Smile of the Week*

I had a date last night. It was perfect  
*Tomorrow, I'll try a grape*

### *2025 Tax Receipts*

Tax receipts will be issued and mailed out by the end of February for all donations received by December 31, 2025. **Please call Marilyn Fernandes at 905-278-2058 or email [MFernandes@archtoronto.org](mailto:MFernandes@archtoronto.org) if your mailing address has changed.** Thank you.

### *Spiritual Bouquet for the 2026 Ordinandi*

The Catholic Women's League is collecting the commitment of spiritual prayers and devotions which will be given to the 2026 Ordinandi at the 36th Annual Ordinandi Dinner on March 24th, 2026.

There is a form at each of the exits of the church where you can record your commitment. The form will be available at all masses the weekend of January 17th/18th, January 24th/25th & January 31st/February 1st. Parishioners are invited to record their prayer and devotion commitments in support of our Ordinandi. Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support of the 2026 Ordinandi.

### *Men of Faith Conference*

The **Men of Faith Conference**, hosted by Family Foundations Institute, will take place on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, from 8AM to 3:30PM. **Christ the King Parish in Toronto** is hosting an in-person satellite location for the main event which will be live streamed from All Saints Church in Strathroy. This one day event invites men of all ages to grow in faith, virtue, and fellowship. The theme, *Found*, focuses on discovering identity in Christ so men can live with confidence, clarity, and freedom. Guest speaker **Devin Schadt**, Executive Director of the Fathers of St. Joseph, will lead men to understand who they are in the Father's eyes and to live their calling with self-giving love. Tickets \$30/Individual and \$20/Student. **Learn more and register at [famfi.ca/mof](http://famfi.ca/mof)**

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