

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

October 1, 2023



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Ezekiel 18:25-28 | Ps 25:4-9 | Philippians 2:1-11 | Matthew 21:28-32



For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 (9:00 AM) [\[Click for Livestream\]](#)

†Alan Sr. & †Alan Jr. del Puerto

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Jean Greco and †Janet Miceli

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

Zechariah 8:1-8 | Psalm 102:16-21,29 and 22-23 | Matthew 18:1-5,10

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Zechariah 8:20-23 | Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-7 | Luke 9:51-56

†Sebastian Barreto

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Nehemiah 2:1-8 | Psalm 137:1-6 | Luke 9:57-62

†Irene Alice Bonne, †Beryl Mitchell, Blessings for Scott & Laura Wilson and Special intentions of Louise Wilson and Lucy Bizzotto

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 | Psalm 19:8-11 | Luke 10:1-12

†John Puopalo

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Baruch 1:15-22 | Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5,8-9 | Luke 10:13-16

†Joseph & Elizabeth Giraudi

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Baruch 4:5-12,27-29 | Psalm 69:33-37 | Luke 10:17-24

†Paolo Ong and Blessings for Pushpa Lobo and Francesca Racco

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Thurs. 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Friday 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

(after Mass)

Tuesday – Sts. Anne & Joachim

Wednesday – 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

I cannot believe how fast September went by! I look back on the month and ask where did the time go? In answering that question, a lot of time was spent on writing talks (and the research that goes behind them) and meetings with the school principals and staff. Alas, we are into the month of October, a month dedicated to Our Mother Mary. So just an encouragement, if you are not already doing so, to pray your rosary. It is a powerful prayer that changes lives and families.

Since August, I have been announcing at the end of Mass about the RCIA process. RCIA is a simple acronym: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Last week would be the last time you were going to hear this announcement. The reason why we have been announcing this for a month and half is because it is important to the life of the Church. The mission of the Church is to go and make disciples, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The RCIA process is living out this mission in a tangible way. It also aligns with our parish vision to invite the parish family to know and receive the love and fullness of life offered by Jesus and to share that love and life with others as disciples.

Because of its importance and maybe because we have not communicated what this process is all about, I figured why not explain it in this blog. The RCIA process is meant for those who are not baptized and looking to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. The reception into the Church typically happens at the Easter Vigil. If you know someone who is interested, you can invite them to speak to me. If you wish to accompany someone to this meeting, you are more than welcome to join. But if they sign up and they are not ready to make the commitment to become a Catholic, they are free to take extra time to make such a big decision. There is no commitment. I promise, there is no fine print that holds people in a contract!

I think here is where I would like to make an important distinction between the RCIA process and the RCIA program. The RCIA process is for those who are Unbaptized looking to become baptized members of the Church. The RCIA program, the content used for formation, is for everyone. So, the invitation to our RCIA sessions is to anyone who wants to grow in their faith. In the coming weeks, our schedule will be finalized and shared with all of you. Once you see the schedule, a kind indication to me that you are coming would be helpful to prepare.

Next week, I will write a bit more about the stages of the RCIA process so that you can understand why we use the program and content we use.

Fr Michael Simoes

## LIFE CHAIN – THIS SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023

Our annual life chain will be held Sunday, October 1st and begins follow the 11am Mass (will run from 12:00pm-1:00pm). Signs will be available in the narthex, from there head to the front of the Church (facing Lakeshore Rd) where we stand silently praying and holding signs. Following our Life Chain everyone is welcome to come down to the Parish Hall for our Coffee Sunday!



**Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul**

### SSVP – OUR LOGO

The logo of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a simple fish inside a circle. The fish is a symbol of Christianity. The eye of the fish is the vigilant eye of God seeking to help the poor in our midst. The crossing at the end of the tail represents unity among members and also the union with the poor. The circle bounding the logo signifies the global stature of SSVP, an international society. Finally, the words, serviens in spe, mean to serve in hope, the hope that comes from the Lord.

### EARLY NOTICE - SSVP BUNDLE UP NOVEMBER 11/12

It's time to start setting aside goods for our next Bundle Up!

## SHARELIFE

**We have currently raised \$87,765 (70%)  
towards our suggested goal of \$125,000**

Please make donations at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope.

Thank you for your generosity.

## LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

The Legion of Mary will have their monthly book borrow after the 9 and 11 am Masses this Sunday, October 1, 2023. Feel free to browse or borrow a book. Kindly return any books you may have previously loaned.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR **INDIGENOUS HEALING AND RECONCILIATION** AND **HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR MOROCCO AND LIBYA**

Envelopes are available at all the Entrances/Exits of the Church for two Special Archdiocesan Collections:

- 1 - Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Collection.
- 2 – Humanitarian Relief for Morocco and Libya

Please indicate your full name, address, and amount on the envelope and drop it in the offertory basket at any of the weekend Masses. *All cheques should be made payable to 'ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA'.* Thank you for your generosity.

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

In Thanksgiving  
For the Souls in Purgatory

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

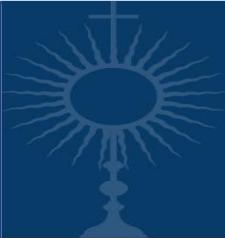
In Loving Memory of Monsignor Harry Doyle  
In Thanksgiving

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Loving Memory of Monsignor Harry Doyle  
For the souls in purgatory

### ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving



# Sacramental Preparation Update



## Confirmation

We will be hosting a Parents Information Session at the parish for the sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday, October 4th at 7pm**. Please see the parish website or Instagram for details.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life, takes place between Sept. 27th and Nov. 5th, each day from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Please join with 589 cities worldwide including 18 cities in Canada for a peaceful prayer vigil for pre-born children, on-site near the Mississauga abortion facility. 40 Days for Life Opening Mass will be held at St. Mary Star of the Sea on Sunday September 24th at 11:00 am. For more information go to the Right to Life Mississauga & Area website

[www.righ ttlifemb.com/40daysforlife/](http://www.righ ttlifemb.com/40daysforlife/).

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