

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
NOVEMBER 9, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2025 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Erma & Guido Barbisan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 (11:00 AM)

†Walter Golec

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Rosa & Orlando Russo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Pascalia Rodrigues

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Barbara Pelc

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†James Tesoro

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Giovanni (John) De Zen, †James Tesoro, †John Holland and
†Peter Johnson

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

On Vacation

St. Charles Borromeo, whose feast day we celebrated on November 4th, in the Office of Readings counsels pastors with the following words, “*Are you in charge of a parish? If so, do not neglect the parish of your own soul, do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself. You have to be mindful of your people without becoming forgetful of yourself.*” In heeding these words, I will be away on vacation from November 10th to 17th. Thank you to Fr Martin and Fr Matt who will be saying Mass and hearing confessions while I am away. Please pray for me that I will come back refreshed, recharged, and ready to take on all the many things that the Season of Advent will throw at me!

Shepherds' Trust

There will be a second collection for The Shepherds' Trust next weekend 15/16 November 2025 at all Masses. The mission of The Shepherds Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

On Papal Infallibility

This weekend we conclude the interruption of the Sundays of Ordinary Time with the celebration of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Because the Basilica is the Cathedral of Rome, therefore the Cathedral of the Church throughout the world, it has an important place in the life of all Christians. This is where the Pope has exercised his supreme authority as the successor to Peter. Given some of the misconceptions to what this means when the Church speaks about papal infallibility, I would like to use this blog as a teaching opportunity on that subject.

Papal infallibility is a specific charism given to the Bishop of Rome that operates only under very precise conditions. When the Pope, in his official capacity as supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful, defines a doctrine of faith or morals *ex cathedra*—that is, with the full weight of his apostolic authority and with the intention of binding the whole Church—he is protected by the divine assistance promised to Peter, and the teaching is irrevocably true for all Catholics (*Pastor Aeternus*)

This infallibility is **not a personal perfection** of the Pope, nor does it make every papal utterance infallible. It is limited to those solemn definitions that concern the deposit of divine revelation; private opinions, disciplinary measures, or ordinary homilies remain subject to human error (CCC 891). The Church's magisterium as a whole shares this gift, but the extraordinary exercise belongs uniquely to the Pope when the three essential elements are present (Disputed Questions on Papal Infallibility):

Subject – the Pope acts as the universal teacher and judge of the Church;

Object – the matter concerns faith or morals;

Act – the teaching is delivered in a definitive, binding way, intended to be held by the entire Church

Because the definition is by its own nature and not dependent on the consent of the faithful, it carries the force of irreformable authority (Catholic Encyclopedia, Papal Infallibility). Yet, the Council also affirmed that the *sensus fidei* of the whole People of God remains important; the Pope may consult bishops and the faithful before issuing a definition, as was done for the dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption (Sensus Fidei in the life of the Church).

For myself, I am very grateful for papal infallibility. It gives us assurance that the Church's teachings on faith and morals, especially when the Pope solemnly declares a doctrine for the universal Church, is free from error. With obedience of faith, we receive these teachings and celebrate them as gifts from God to His people to help us grow in love and service to Him.

Fr Michael

2025 – 2026 SUNDAY MISSALS

Available for \$6 after all the weekend Masses or can be purchased from the parish office.

SSVP – GIVING TREE

This weekend, our parish Giving Tree will be placed in the narthex, adorned with donation envelopes to assist those in need during the Christmas season. Through your generous support, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is able to provide food, gifts, and assistance to families and individuals in our community who are experiencing hardship.

We invite you to take an envelope from the tree and return it with your contribution. Your kindness and generosity help us bring the light of Christ to our neighbours in need and share the true spirit of Christmas.

The Giving Tree will remain in the narthex until December 7.

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, 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 and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

SHARELIFE

Make your gift to ShareLife & DOUBLE your impact!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

For those who turn to ShareLife agencies, the challenges are great - uncertainty feels heavy, hope feels far away. You can ease the struggles of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your support for ShareLife becomes a saving grace for at-risk children and youth, refugees in crisis, and survivors of domestic violence, ensuring they receive the care and resources they need.

Our goal this year is **\$110,000**. To date we have achieved **\$91,220 (83%)**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

For all souls

For all souls

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In loving memory of Carmen Mancuso

In loving memory of Carmen Mancuso

BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Anita Coleman

For all souls

ST. JOSEPH

For all souls

ST. ANNE

For all souls

ST. JUDE

For all souls

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF HURRICANE MELISSA & TYPHOON KALMAEGI

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in the Caribbean and Asia to support relief efforts underway in both regions, in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- **Through the parish, making cheques payable to:**

St. Mary Star of the Sea – Hurricane Melissa or St. Mary Star of the Sea – Typhoon Kalmaegi

Please continue to pray for those affected by these disasters. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – DONATION DRIVE FOR ELISA HOUSE

The Catholic Women's League is requesting donations of new hats, gloves, and scarves to support the women at Elisa House, which is a shelter only for women and is run by the St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, the CWL provides over 25 care items to the residents as Christmas gifts and we need your help to make this possible. Please consider donating new hats, gloves, and scarves after Mass on the weekends of November 15th/16th and November 22nd / 23rd. Your kind generosity will make a meaningful difference this Christmas season. Thank you for your support.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AND CRAFT GROUP

Are having their annual **Christmas Market Place** in St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Hall on the weekend of November 22nd & November 23rd.

Time: Sat. Nov. 22nd 11:00 am to 3:30 pm and after the 5.00 pm Saturday mass and again following all the Masses on Sunday, November 23rd.

Come out and see the wonderful array of handmade "Craft items" for sale. These include unique Christmas crocheted ornaments; baby layettes and blankets. A large assortment of knitted items in sizes from children to adults,- sweaters, hats, scarfs, mitts etc.

Look for the beautiful hand sewn linen; the great jewellery; the special crystal ware and china; and hand painted stones. There are many "One of a Kind" Special Gifts

Come out and join us. BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. We would love to see you. It is a great way to start your Christmas Shopping.

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