

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025 (5:00 PM)



For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Alan Sr & Alan Jr Del Puerto

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 (11:00 AM)

†Ricky Cassolato

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Giovanni (John) De Zen

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Monalisa Arindaeng, Vincent Ghisleni,
Linda Wisz and Marilyn Fernandes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Ernesto Basa

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Jackie Currie

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Vito Agozzino and Special intentions of Dana Lim

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

Since June/July 2024, I have been advertising a pilgrimage to Italy. Well, that date has come! On February 20th, we make our way to Rome and from there we will be travelling to Assisi, Florence, Siena, back to Rome and then finish the pilgrimage in Orvieto. Having looked over the more detailed itinerary and calendar, with Mass locations booked I am certainly excited about this pilgrimage.

The first reason that I am excited about this pilgrimage is because this is a jubilee year. One of primary spiritual practices in a jubilee year is to visit designated holy sites. Going to Rome gives us the privilege of visiting the four major basilicas in Rome and their established Holy Doors. Pope Francis in the document that officially proclaimed the 2025 Jubilee Year wrote, "In Catholic tradition, the Holy Doors represent the passage to salvation - the path to a new and eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus." Pope St. John Paul II wrote in the document that officially proclaimed the 2000 Jubilee Year, the Holy Door "evokes the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish. Jesus said: 'I am the door' (John 10:7), in order to make it clear that no one can come to the Father except through him. This designation which Jesus applies to himself testifies to the fact that he alone is the Savior sent by the Father. There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into the life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation. To him alone can the words of the Psalmist be applied in full truth: 'This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter' (Psalm 118:20)." From both Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Francis what is made clear is that passing through a Holy Door is a powerful reminder of God's mercy and the call to conversion.

If you are not able to travel, I would invite you to visit the [Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025](#) website to learn about how you can participate in the Jubilee Year in the diocese. On the website you can learn which churches have been named "Pilgrimage Churches" and how to make a pilgrimage to those churches. Also on the website is a link to understanding Plenary Indulgences and Jubilee Indulgences along with other resources.

The second reason that I am excited about this pilgrimage is that I am going to a few places I have never been to. I have been to Rome and Assisi in the past, but the other stops are going to be new to me. Looking forward to seeing the beautiful architecture in Florence and getting to celebrate Mass near the relics of St. Catherine of Siena.

The last (but not least) reason that I am excited about this pilgrimage is that we are going to Orvieto and the Church which houses the Corporal from the Eucharistic Miracle. Here is an [article that I read](#) that certainly peaked my desire to go and visit as a pilgrim.

With that, this will be my last blog until I return on March 3rd. The last time I went on pilgrimage, I returned with a lot to say and express. I don't expect anything different this time around!

Fr Michael

SSVP – AN OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK IN THE GTA

For 175 years, members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul have been assisting Neighbours in Need in Toronto. The Greater Toronto Central Council consists of 114 Conferences (our group in St. Mary's is a Conference) attached to 11 Particular Councils, covering the Greater Toronto Area. Within these Conferences we have 1,400 Vincentians making 30,000 visits to Neighbours in Need each year. Imagine, 1,400 Vincentians out in pairs, on any given day or evening, bringing material aid, hope and friendship to persons in need in their local communities.

Thank you for supporting our ministry by your giving ministry.

Recently the CWL made a donation to our work. We thank you and commend the CWL for all the good work that you do.

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, please 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 (also found on the poor boxes):



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2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts for your 2024 donations to the Church have been mailed out and you should receive it in the mail on or before February 17, 2025.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Blessings for Chanelle
In thanksgiving

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Blessings for Dana Lim
Blessings for Dana Lim

BLESSED MOTHER

Blessings for Dana Lim
Blessings for Dana Lim

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

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ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA YOUTH
MINISTRY SECOND ANNUAL

Pancake Sunday



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Sunday
March 2nd
(following all Masses)



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