

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 (5:00 PM)



†Barry Matheson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Francine Morson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Paul Griffin

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Louise & Bern Wilson and Sergio Iavicoli

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Nancy Scarangella

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Sergio Iavicoli

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Barbara Beattie and Special intentions of Stan Xavier

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

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4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. Email campaign@archtoronto.org

PASTOR'S BLOG

First and foremost, many thanks to both Sam and Adriene for holding down the fort with the blogs that last couple of weekends as I was preparing for vacation (aka - clearing my desk of paperwork and scheduling meetings after vacation). Also, along with Sergio, Marilyn and Franca, having such a great parish staff makes it much easier for me to go on vacation knowing that they are capable of handling things while I am away. Funny, the day I leave and the elevator starts fussing. They did a terrific job of working the problem while I was away. Thank you all for your patience with that situation.

Anyways...

After a restful vacation, I find myself back at St. Mary's, grateful for the time away. It's often said that rest is a gift, but its true value becomes even clearer when I returned to the rhythm of parish life. Time away gives me the chance to reflect, rejuvenate, and remember why I do what I do. Getting back into the parish office for the daily administrative work and preparing for the pastoral work this upcoming weekend, I am reminded of the deep privilege of serving at St. Mary's.

Vacation, like all good things must come to an end. As I have written in these blogs before, a priest's life can be a whirlwind of sacramental duties, counselling, teaching, and leadership. And while these responsibilities are deeply fulfilling, they can also be draining, both physically and spiritually. As you heard the weekend before I left, my body literally said, just stop talking. LOL Time away from the parish allows me to step back, regain perspective, and rekindle the flame that first drew me to the priesthood. This happens through reading good books, quiet moments of prayer, being outdoors and great conversations with my brother priests.

As I settle back into the rhythm of parish life, I am excited about the pastoral work ahead. Every new season brings with it the potential for growth—both for the parish and for me personally as a priest. We will continue our journey of faith together, and I look forward to the moments of grace that will unfold in our midst. The Church's mission is timeless, but each year presents new challenges and new opportunities for us to witness to Christ in fresh ways.

Sam and Adriene asked me a question once, "Do you think about the staff and parish while you are away?" At the time I just looked at them with a blank stare, smirked and walked off. The answer is, of course I think about the parish when I am away. None of this would be possible without your support. Your prayers, your service, and your kindness support me to do the work I do. And as I return, I want to take a moment to thank you for that. We are truly a family in Christ, and the love and care that I experience from each of you is a constant reminder of the beauty of our shared faith.

Please continue to pray for me as I am praying for you. I am still not at 100% with my health - my preachers throat has not fully healed (too much laughter and fun on vacation I suppose).

Fr Michael

SSVP DID SOMEONE SAY TAX RECEIPTS ?

We continue the "work of Christmas" (see last week's newsletter), and we continue to be grateful for your support.

The 2024 charitable tax receipts for donations to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of \$20 and over will be mailed in February 2025. Tax receipts for donations less than \$20 are available upon request. If you are expecting a receipt and do not receive one, please leave a message at 647-628-2058 and someone will get back to you.

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THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Ettore Binotto
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of Flavio Favretto
Special intentions of Flavio Favretto

BLESSED MOTHER

Special intentions of Maria Binotto
Special intentions of Maria Binotto

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

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