

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 07, 2024



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024 (5:00 PM)

†Elvira Samonte

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Ettore Binotto

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish



### SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 (9:00 AM)

In Thanksgiving for the Priesthood of Fr. Michael Simoes

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Freda and Special intentions of William Kantor

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Antonio Palmieri, Special intentions of Antonia Zuccarelli and for the conversion of Annamaria Piraino & Robert Walton

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Daniel Lolato

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Otto Haring

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Paul Matthew Thannikotu, †Leela Poranganel, and Special intentions of Samuel Del Puerto and Fr. Michael Simoes

### 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

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](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org)

## PASTOR'S BLOG

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen! Alleluia!

I truly hope you all had a very blessed and grace filled Easter celebration with family and friends. My short time away was restful but could always use a little more downtime to recover from a weekend that does not take a physical toll (except losing a few hours of sleep) but really an emotional and mental toll. There is a lot that goes into each celebration but truly worth it for the high holy days of our liturgical year. Again, my thanks to all who laboured over these days: Jeff, Rick and the choir, our cantors Monica-Maria and Katie, our altar servers, our lectors, our ushers, our decoration team and of course the staff of the parish.

The exciting highlight for me is that we now have 5 new fully initiated Catholics! Nothing like the joy that comes from living the mission that the Lord left the apostles...the Church: *Go make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*. As they begin this exciting adventure with the Lord in the Church, we accompany them in this journey with our prayers and continue to share with them the life and love of Jesus as His disciples.

One of the other highlights for me, although at the time it was not a highlight when I heard the news is with regards to the new fire at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The fire pit was contained and we always take all safety precautions. However, in these days when Churches are the target of arson, there are some people who are more cautious. Never did I think that the fire department would be called because some passer by saw the new fire and the pails of water (which they thought was gas cans). During the Mass in the extended liturgy of the word, I heard and saw the lights of a fire engine and thought to myself, I hope that is not for us. Well, it was. Thankfully the suspected arsonist was Sergio who is not an arsonist, works at the parish and makes sure that it is clean and safe. Sergio and the members of the fire department that were dispatched shared a good laugh. Another badge of honour I guess, setting the fire alarm on the feast of the Epiphany in 2023 because of the frankincense used for incense and now amazing fire for the Easter Vigil that caused the fire department to be called.

In other news, which is sad in content, is with regards to Deacon John. Many of you have commented on where he has been and especially over these high holy days. I was waiting until after Easter to communicate to you that he has been granted by Archbishop Leo a medical leave of absence as Deacon at St. Mary's and from all ministry of charity. This leave of absence is for a period of 6 months. It will be up to the coordinator of diaconal ministry at the Archdiocese in consultation with Archbishop Leo to determine the plans for Deacon John's return to ministry. Because this is with respect to personal medical details, I would kindly ask you to respect his privacy. Please continue to pray for him, his healing and recovery, and his family during this time.

Finally, this weekend brings the Easter octave to a close with the celebrations of Divine Mercy Sunday. I remember praying the chaplet on my walk from my residence in Waterloo to the University campus. Takes about 10 minutes. But the first time I heard it sung on one Divine Mercy Sunday many years ago, it was very powerful. We are fortunate to have it sung at the close of the Novena this Sunday at 3pm during our holy hour. We look forward to having you join us in this time of prayer.

Fr Michael

# YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

## TOTUS TUUS IS BACK!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus Summer Camp this summer the week of July 15th! For those of you who may not know. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, Confession, songs and games! The Day camp is for children entering grades 1-6 and runs Monday to Friday and the Evening Program is for youth entering grades 7-12 and runs Sunday to Thursday. The cost is only \$125/child for the whole week for the day program and \$25/child for the whole week for the evening program. Registration is now open and you can find it online on the Parish Website or at the exits of the Church. For more information, please contact Sam, the Youth Minister!

### SHARELIFE

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Many individuals and families silently suffer from depression, anxiety, grief and trauma. ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services agencies provide a lifeline to those dealing with mental health challenges.

"Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be left alone and unable to get the help they need. Each donation impacts a life for the better. Thank you." – Elizabeth Pierce, Catholic Family Services of Durham

**Thus far we have raised \$21,940  
toward our goal of \$108,000**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope (available at all the exits of the Church), or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

### THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

#### TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Davita Powell  
Special intentions of Davita Powell

#### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of Antonia Zuccarelli  
Special intentions of Samuel Del Puerto

#### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special intentions of Antonia Zuccarelli  
Special intentions of Samuel Del Puerto

#### ST. JOSEPH

Special intentions of Benny Lobo

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If you are new to the parish, welcome! Register on the website.



# DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH (GOOD FRIDAY) - 2:30PM IN PERSON

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH-SATURDAY APRIL 6TH - 3:00PM ONLINE

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - 3:00PM IN PERSON  
INCLUDING A HOLY HOUR

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(Any Condition)

**All Footwear**  
(Any Condition)

**Bedding**  
(Any Condition)

**Drapery/Towels**

**Toys**  
(New only)

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(Cribs, Car seats, strollers, or any other baby furniture )

#### **Construction Material**

(Any Condition)

#### **Dishes**

(Any Kind)

#### **Furniture**

(Any Kind)

#### **Books /Video/Audio Cassettes**