

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 (5:00 PM)



Isaiah 22:19-23 | Psalm 138:1-3,6,8 | Rom 11:33-36 | Matthew 16:13-20

For the people of the parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 (9:00 AM) [Livestream Link \[Click Here\]](#)

†Bernard Fernandes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Nicola Piacentino

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

1Thessalonians 1:1-5,8b-10 | Psalm 149:1b-2,6a,9b | Matthew 23:13-22

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023 (7:00 PM)

1Thessalonians 2:1-8 | Psalm 139:1-6 | Mark 6:17-29

In thanksgiving for blessings received

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023 (9:00 AM)

1Thessalonians 2:9-13 | Psalm 139:7-12ab | Matthew 23:27-32

Special intention of Ewa Hutny and †Martin Znidarec

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023 (9:00 AM) 11:28-30

1Thessalonians 3:7-13 | Psalm 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12 | Matthew 25:1-13

†Maria Fietta

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 (9:00 AM)

1Thessalonians 4:1-8 | Psalm 136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24 | Matthew 22:34-40

In thanksgiving

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 (9:00 AM)

1Thessalonians 4:9-11 | Psalm 98:1,7-9 | Matthew 25:14-30

†Giorgio Circosta and †Maria Luisa Isidro

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

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

Friday 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

(after Mass)

Tues. – 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

August 27, 2023

This past week, after the 11am Mass on Sunday to Tuesday afternoon, I took some time to visit some of our young people at Edge Camp West. Just a little bit about Edge Camp. First, EDGE is a youth ministry program geared towards children in middle school, grades 6 to 8. EDGE Camp was the product of different parishes who were running this program, taking one of their EDGE nights (activities, catechesis, prayer, and discussion) and making it into a 5 day long event. It was established in Toronto in 2009 and has been growing ever since. What once was a few parishes participating in one 5 day camp has turned into many parishes participating in three 5 day camps divided by region: East, West and Central. The camp is hosted at beautiful Camp White Pine in Haliburton, ON. Please visit <http://campwhitepine.com/photo-gallery/> to see the facilities and many of the activities that were available to the campers when they were at camp.

I started going to EDGE Camp when I was ordained a priest in 2014. My first parish, St. Isaac Jogues had a growing youth ministry and it was such great time. Participating in the various activities was always exciting. But what was special about this camp is that there were times of prayer, catechesis, we celebrated Mass every day, we had a day of confessions and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Seeing our young people at prayer, attentively growing in the faith, participating in Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, encountering God's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession and adoring the Lord is something special. Remember, these young people cannot go to a World Youth Day and other events for teenagers and young adults, so this is a great way for them to encounter the Lord and have a lot of fun in the activities.

This year was the first year that St. Mary Star of the Sea was able to bring children up to Camp. We were able to bring three children and my hope for them is that they were able to encounter the Lord anew in their life through the Sacraments, the catechesis, the prayer, the activities and the friendships and now respond with faith to that encounter. I pray that they had that mountain top experience that will sustain them as they head back to school.

In my years as a priest and experiencing growing and thriving youth ministry in parishes, having these mountain top experiences are important. But it is the parish life that feeds and sustains these mountain top experiences because we know that they will not last forever. The Lord and his apostles came down from the mount of Transfiguration and so will these young people. We, as a parish family, have to be there to support them when this happens that their faith may grow and become lifelong disciples of Jesus.

Next week, you will get to read the youth minister's blog from Samantha, who accompanied these three children to camp. My thanks to her for all the hard work she put into this week and investing the time in these young people. My experience as a priest is vastly different from the hard working youth ministers who pray, plan, execute and run the camp. I had a lot of fun...Samantha came back exhausted!

Fr Michael

**ANNUAL MASS FOR  
THE FAITHFUL DECEASED  
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

**10:00 AM  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

Annual Mass for the faithful deceased at  
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, 2099 Dickson Road,  
Mississauga, ON L5N 1Y6

**Please note that there will be NO MORNING MASS  
at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, on Sept. 9, 2023**

**CELEBRATION OF  
THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL &  
CONFERRAL OF THE PALLIUM UPON  
THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
Friday, September 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurković will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE  
PAUL (SSVP)**

Our ministry is inspired by the work of our founder, Frederic Ozanam, and rooted in the love of Jesus. When we gather for our meetings, our prayer includes the following: "Lord Jesus, make us responsive to the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived, so that we may bring them Your love. Help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves, in this mission of charity." Our members pray before going out on visits. Thank you for supporting our work.

**SSVP HELPLINE:**

For assistance, please call 647-628-2058 and leave your name, phone number and a brief message and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

**THIS WEEK'S  
VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS**

**TABERNACLE**

Special intention of Francesca Racco  
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**SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

In thanksgiving  
For the souls in purgatory

**OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

In thanksgiving  
For the souls in purgatory

**ST. JOSEPH**

In loving memory of Weena Lejarde

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