

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023



## ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Acts 6:1-7 | Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 | 1 Peter 2:4-9 | John 14:1-12

For the Petrucci family



SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 (9:00 AM) Livestream Link [\[Click Here\]](#)

†Anita Coleman & dec. members of Tonic & Barratto families

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

Acts 14:5-18 | Psalm 115:1-4,15-16 | John 14:21-26

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Acts 14:19-28 | Psalm 145:10-13ab,21 | John 14:27-31a

Special intention of Saint Vincent de Paul

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 15:1-6 | Psalm 122:1-4ab,4cd-5 | John 15:1-8

Special Intention of Cesare & Denise Dalle Carbonare, †Clermont Martineau, †Naomi Wiratunga, †Victor Leto, and †Vernon Ping

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 15:7-21 | Psalm 96:1-2a,2b-3,10 | John 15:9-11

†Nella Callegari

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 15:22-31 | Psalm 57:8-10,12 | John 15:12-17

†Colette McGinnell

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 16:1-10 | Psalm 100:1b-3,5 | John 15:18-21

Special intention of Annamaria Piraino and †Alberto D'Orazio, †Alex Pellizzari

### EUCCHARISTIC 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

### **First Communion Celebrations**

For those who ventured to our Sunday 11am Mass for first communions...that was exciting. I have never, even in 2019, seen that many people in our Church. And the little ones who made their First Communion were so good. Many people came up to me after Mass and said that was a great job and well done. Many thanks for that line of encouragement but credit where credit is due. Adriene, our Lay Pastoral Associate, was the one who took my idea and executed it so well. Along with her team for Sacramental Prep, they prepared the children and encouraged the parents and it showed on the day. On my part, I had no idea what it was going to look like with the children processing behind me. The rehearsal left me with some doubts as to the decision but the children did well!

It was truly a labour of love from Adriene and her team and my thanks for their hard work. We now have some time to pray and reflect on the past year making adjustments for the future and giving thanks to God for all the blessings that He bestowed.

### **The Journey of a Toronto Maple Leafs Fan**

The journey of a longtime Toronto Maple Leaf fan continues this year into the second round of the playoffs. Cancel my evening appointments! Just kidding...kinda. I was chatting with a few parishioners before the win and sharing that there is nothing like Toronto post-season hockey. The atmosphere in the city, at Maple Leafs square and especially in the arena. Imagine the Raptors playoff run and multiply it by 50...it is electric. And then, on Sunday it dawned on me that there are some of our young people, those under the age of 20, that have never actually experienced the atmosphere of post-season hockey going into the second round in Toronto. That is exciting for them. Some of my best high school memories was in OAC chemistry (...yes...OAC chemistry...I'm young – don't let the beard fool you, but not that young) with our teacher who was a huge Ottawa Senators fan. When the Leafs would be down in a series with the Senators and then come back and win the series...my teacher would gloat...but his joy turned to tears. Good times.

This got me thinking...imagine if the amount of time and energy that we put into our joy in watching sports and following teams was the same time and energy that we put into our faith. To have our faith in Jesus on fire...electric...spreading and contagious. It would be like the apostles that we hear about in the Acts of the Apostles... even in discouragement, persecution, it would not stop belief but only make it more fervent and hopeful. That image encourages me to keep serving the Lord Jesus and being faithful to Him.

Oh, and if you need a little pep talk when you are feeling discouraged, listen to Fr John Riccardo's talk from the Word on Fire Show podcast that I recommended last week. It is really good and it gave me material to pray with in my own spiritual life. I hope it does the same for you!

Fr Michael

## SHARELIFE

### Living the Gospel through ShareLife

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings and give generously, through the parish using a ShareLife envelope (available at all the exits of the Church), or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Thus far we have raised \$37,757 (30%)  
toward our goal of \$125,000**

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

## AID TO WOMEN

### "BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE" CAMPAIGN

Aid to Women is a Christian, volunteer-based, charity offering pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women in crisis, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. We have over 34 years of experience being the only crisis pregnancy care centre in Canada beside an abortion clinic. In addition to providing counseling, we provide material, emotional, spiritual and financial support for these mothers in need. Over the past 34 years, we have helped over 2,300 women. Aid to Women could not exist without the support of its donors. We are continuously looking for people to pray, volunteer, help financially, or offer material donations (infant car seats, strollers, diapers, wipes, clothes (newborn to 2 years). For more information or if you think you might be interested in volunteering, please contact us at 416-921-6016 or at [info@aidtowomen.ca](mailto:info@aidtowomen.ca)

## SSVP MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL

Our members made 30 visits to Neighbours in Need, and distributed \$3,450 in grocery gift cards and \$186 in bus tickets. We are returning to our model of in-home visits. Thank you for your support.

## SSVP HELPLINE

For assistance, please call  
647-628-2058

Leave your name, number and a brief message and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

Blessings & Good Health for Vivian MacNeil  
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### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intention of Emanuela Riddell  
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### INFANT JESUS

In thanksgiving  
For the Souls in Purgatory

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving  
For the Souls in Purgatory

### ST. JOSEPH

For the Souls in Purgatory

The CWL is collecting donations  
Help Us Stock  
the Vita Centre Care Closet  
to Support Vulnerable Families in Need



Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm-6:00pm  
and  
Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-12:00pm



In the Church parking lot



**We are collecting:**

Diapers (larger sizes and pullups), Formula, Baby Food and Cereal, Children's Clothing (new and gently used) up to size 6, Misc Items such as receiving blankets, crib bedding, playpen sheets

*Vita Centre is dedicated to the provision of excellent support, education and counselling for vulnerable parents with children up to 6 years of age in Peel region (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon). The Care Closet is available to their clients.*



## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

### TOTUS TUUS IS COMING!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 23-28th. Totus tuus is an archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes throughout the summer, spreading the Good News through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm. The intermediate/High School programs for grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm. **The cost is only \$100 (day program) \$25 (night program) per person for the entire week. Registrations can be found around the parish or online. For more information, please contact Samantha or go to [www.totustuutoronto.ca](http://www.totustuutoronto.ca)**

<b>Edge</b>	-	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Topic: Stump the Priest with Fr. Michael
<b>LifeTeen</b>	-	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Topic: Peer Pressure

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