

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Gen 2:7-9;3:1-7 | Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023 (5:00 PM)

†Pio Bizzotto



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 (9:00 AM) **No Livestream this Sunday**
For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Stella & Alberto Severin

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023, 2022

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 | Psalms 19:8-10,15 | Matthew 25:31-46

No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Isaiah 55:10-11 | Psalms 34:4-7,16-19 | Matthew 6:7-15

†Zacchaeus Vuksani

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

Jonah 3:1-10 | Psalms 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 | Luke 11:29-32

†Eliswa Paul Kannampuzha, †Chris Pickering and Special
intention of Melanie & Ian Pickering

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25 | Psalms 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8 | Matthew 7:7-12

Birthday blessings for Nadiya Lim Hoyer Yee

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023 (9:00 AM) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS (7 PM)**

Ezekiel 18:21-28 | Psalms 130:1-4,5-7a,7bc-8 | Matthew 5:20-26

†Gildo Balestra

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 | Psalms 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 | Matthew 5:43-48

Special intention of Bernard Wilson and In thanksgiving for
Marian Rodrigues

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

Youth Minister's Blog

Last weekend you had the pleasure of hearing from Adriene our LPA in the blog, this week I get to take my swing at it!

As of today I have been with the parish for 5 months! I wanted to thank everyone for being so inviting and welcoming as I have navigated a new job and a new community!

I wanted to take this weekend blog opportunity to share a little bit more about myself and how I came to be in this role as a youth minister. I want to begin by saying something that always shocks people when they hear it and that is how I am the only Catholic in my whole family! I often say there is no reason I should be Catholic. I was never exposed to it and it was never something I knew but through the grace of God, here I am!

I was baptized in the Anglican Church (the one on Mississauga Road and Dundas!) but it was more out of family tradition than anything else. It was just something you did. My mom sent me to a Catholic school because she thought it would be a better education, little did she know that it would change my entire life.

I was 7 years old when my grade 2 teacher asked me if I wanted to receive my first Communion with the rest of my class. I was young but somewhere in my heart I knew there was something deeper, something more about the faith but I couldn't understand it yet. So I kept seeking and I kept learning and it wasn't until my Confirmation that I understood the gravity of the faith and the choice I was making.

Leading up to it I took everything semi-seriously, I would go to the youth ministry program "Edge" to learn everything I needed to learn but nothing could prepare me for the actual moment of my Confirmation.

I vividly remember walking down the aisle of the parish in the red confirmation gowns and looking up at the crucifix and thinking about Jesus. This man who died for me and for my sins. Jesus, who came into my life devoid of anything religious and loved me. How could I not give Him everything I had in return, however little.

I'm not going to pretend like everything from that point on was easy peasy. There was A LOT I had to learn about being a Catholic but what really gave me the opportunity to learn was the youth ministry I was a part of! They were truly my family in faith! This is the reason I am so passionate about youth ministry, because it helped me to develop a deep and personal relationship with God and His Church and it is also how I met my closest friends!

I wanted to be a youth minister because I wanted to give that opportunity to the youth from all walks of life. Whether they have been Catholics from birth or like me, they are discovering the faith on their own. I will always be there to support their pursuit of Faith and Truth.

There is a little bit of my heart for you! You all have shared so much with me in the time I've been here. I wanted to share with you as well! That's it for me for now! Next time you hear from me it will (hopefully) be to let you know about a youth ministry fundraising idea that involves Fr. Michael and a dunk tank!

- Sam



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. If you need more information, please contact Samantha or go to www.totustuustoronto.ca

Next LifeTeen Night : Friday, March 3rd from 6-8pm

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO MARIAN SHRINES OF PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND FRANCE

Pilgrimage Information Session on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7 pm in the parish hall.

SSVP

We thank you for your ongoing generosity as we continue to serve those in need in our community.

You might want to add our next Bundle Up weekend to your calendar, which will take place on April 22/23.

Beginning in March, our SSVP conference will have a new President, Angela Menezes. Angela has been a member of our team for over 5 years, and is caring, competent and compassionate. May God bless her in this new role.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

For the healing of Clermont Martineau
For the healing of Jared Maynard

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For the Souls in Purgatory
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special intention of Alison Case
Special intention of Edith Gomez

ST. JOSEPH

Special intention of Marian Rodrigues

COMMUNITY MEAL EVERY FRIDAY AT 4:30 PM

Packaged meals will be distributed at the West side entrance of the Church on Peter Street.

We would like to resume serving meals 'in-house' once again, beginning November 2023. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the office 905-278-2058.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: STAND FOR THE LAND

Established in 1967, Development and Peace/Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures, and support women in their quest for equality and justice. With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Catholic Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, Stand for the Land focuses on people's defence of their land. To learn more about our movement and to join us, [visit devp.org](http://visit.devp.org)."



Each year the Catholic Women's League supports the Seminarians studying at St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptories Mater Seminary, who will be ordained Priests and will take their vows in that calendar year.

Your Ordinandi candidates need our encouragement for preparing themselves to work as Priests in our parishes. Our prayers and support are given to them in the form of a Spiritual Bouquet presented at the Ordinandi Dinner which is March 9, 2023.

These offerings are not paid offerings, but prayers and devotions done freely and lovingly. A Spiritual bouquet is an offering of Masses, Communions, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, and other forms of prayers.

There are sign-up sheets at each of the exits where you can add your offerings for this year's group of Seminarians.

Just as a point of interest - The Ordinandi of 2022 were very appreciative of the over a million prayers they received.

The St. Mary's CWL thanks you for your spiritual offerings.

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