

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 5, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Maria Binotto

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 (11:00 AM)

† Mariana & Francesco Varano

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025 (7:00 PM)

† Elizabeth Poranganel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Mary Tellis

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Margaret & Ferdinand Miranda

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Pushpa Lobo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 (9:00 AM)

† Paolo Ong Legarda

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

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

PASTOR'S BLOG

I cannot believe its October! Maybe its the weather, but it still feels like late summer. The only indicator that we are in fall are the days getting shorter.

So, one of the changes that I would like to make with these blogs is that at the beginning of the month to look back and look forward. In looking back, I will reflect on some of the events that have happened in our parish and then looking forward becomes a "Save the Date" for you, the reader. The rest of the month becomes like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get.

Looking Back on the Month of September

September came and went like the blink of an eye. Every weekend there was something happening at the parish and it was a nice jump into the water after a pretty calm summer.

One of the highlights for September was the partnership that we have formed with Canadian Food for Children (CFFC). At the beginning of the month and the beginning of the school year, we had our second annual Backpack drive and blessing of the backpacks. The backpacks that we collected were donated to CFFC. Many thanks for all your support in this endeavour. As we were told at the warehouse, these backpacks will be divided with half going to the local need in the community and the other half going to the international need. A couple weekends later we were blessed to have Dr Andrew Simone, the founder of the CFFC, speak to us at all Masses. He is a wonderful witness to authentic stewardship and makes real the poverty that is in our midst. For me, it was nice to put a face to the name. And with his testimony, it gives us a better understanding of why we collect certain items like soap and salt.

The other highlight was our Parish Family Potluck. As I was walking around and greeting the faithful as they were eating, I heard a lot of compliments to the chefs! So much excellent food was prepared and shared amongst parishioners. It was also great to see so many new faces! Our parish community is slowly changing and to have our parish as a place of refuge and beacon of hope with these changes happening around us is a blessing. Many thanks to all those who provided food from your abundance to share with us. And thank you to all those who stayed for the fellowship! It is a grace filled moment seeing parishioners from different Masses interact, and for those who do not get to talk to each other after Mass because of other commitments catching up. Life goes by so quickly, so we should savour these moments when we can slow down and just be with one another.

Finally, on September 13th we celebrated our annual Mass at St. Mary's Port Credit Cemetery. While the attendance has slowly dropped over the last few years, its always a nice to offer the Mass and then take a walk through the cemetery, seeing the names of those who built the community. Within a week, I would be back at the cemetery burying one of those pillars, John Holland. It was a week to look back on the history of our parish, where we have come from and now, where we are going.

Looking Ahead into the Month of October

While we hit the ground running in September, October becomes a much slower month to catch our breath, recover and move into November.

This weekend after the 11am Mass we will be having our annual prayerful witness to the lives of the unborn, LifeChain. We appreciate whatever you are able to give with your time, whether you can stay for the full hour or if you can only stay for 30 minutes. In times like these, just praying outside is a beautiful witness. But praying on behalf of the unborn, who do not have a voice that is heard...and sadly not even recognized in our country is heroic. While we cannot hear their voice, God does. They are not a product of random chance, they were willed and loved into being by Him.

Next weekend 12/13 October, we have our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Within the newsletter you will find the items that are most in need. All donations will be going to the Compass.

Finally, its not in October, but I will put it here and you will hear more about it throughout the month. We will be hosting our annual All Saints Day party after the 9am Mass on Saturday November 1st. Last year was amazing with the creativity of costumes of saints. I am looking forward to seeing what this year brings. This party is being organized and hosted by the very talented Adriene and Sam and their hospitality team.

Fr Michael

LIFE CHAIN – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration.

Time: After the 11:00 am Mass

Location: St. Mary's Front Steps

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR THE COMPASS FOOD BANK BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO ANY WEEKEND MASS ON OCTOBER 11/12

Donations of non-perishable food items gratefully accepted. Most needed are:

- Baby Food
- Canned beans/carrots/mixed vegetables/meat and tomatoes
- Evaporated milk
- Instant oatmeal
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta sauce
- Soup
- Tea

Also needed are the following personal hygiene items for babies/adults:

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Razors
- Laundry detergent

ENCORE NEWS - VOL. 4 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

OCTOBER 20

- General Meeting at 6.00 pm in the church hall.
- Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother will be recited in the hall at 6.00pm. All are invited to participate.

MINISTRIES OF CARE LAY PASTORAL VISITORS FORMATION & TRAINING

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings: October 23 & 30, November 6, 20 & 27, December 4, 2025

This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion on behalf of the parish to the sick, elderly and homebound. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited. The program is open to new and experienced volunteers. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment. Register by October 22, 2025:

<https://bit.ly/LPVT-Register2025>. For more information, contact: formation@archtoronto.org 437-524-8669

COLLECTION FOR HEALING & RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES THIS WEEKEND OCTOBER 4 & 5

There will be a Collection for Healing & Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples at all the Masses this weekend of October 4/5.

Envelopes are available at all the Entrances of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

SSVP SEPTEMBER MONTHLY SUMMARY

First of all, thank you for your many contributions to our Bundle Up last weekend. The truck was quite full. During the month of September, our members made 23 home visits, distributing \$2390 in grocery gift cards, and \$174.80 in bus tickets. We are grateful for your support.

How to Donate to SSVP

You can use one of the SSVP envelopes found on the poor boxes or a regular envelope marked SSVP.

To donate online through Canada Helps, visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> and search for "Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Star of the Sea Conference" or use the QR Code.



To donate by Interac e-Transfer, please direct your donation to the email stmarystar@ssvptoronto.ca, and use the Question 'Saint' and password 'Vincent'. Your ongoing generosity means the world to us. Thank you all for your support.

SHARELIFE

**Thus far we have raised \$65,110 (59%)
toward our goal of \$110,000**

We ask you to share your blessings through the parish using a ShareLife envelope available at all the exits of the Church or at sharelife.org/donate.

*Please make cheques payable to
St. Mary Star of the Sea*

Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Maria Binotto
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Jane Cauldwell
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ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

ST. ANNE

For the souls in purgatory

ST. JUDE

In thanksgiving

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