

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 (5:00 PM)

†Christine Golec



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of John & Dolores Contarin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Giovanni (John) De Zen

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Anise LeBlanc and Special intentions of Kristen Cardoza, Pat Fisher and Marilyn Fernandes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Valerie Brady

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Bianca Binotto

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Kristen Cardoza

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

Youth Minister's Blog: Hope Does Not Disappoint

Hello again! I've **finally** resurfaced after all the summer activities we had going on. Last time you heard from me, I was recapping our parish summer camp, Stella Maris. This time, I want to share about our sleepaway camp: **Edge Camp!**

First, I have to give a huge shoutout to my fellow Youth Ministers from all the other parishes. Just like with Stella Maris, we actually begin planning the next Edge Camp in November of the year before. That means months of time, effort, prayer, and teamwork go into making a camp this large possible. We plan everything from the daily schedule (activities, meals, bedtimes, Mass times) to the catechesis. It's a lot of work, but it is absolutely worth it to see young people discover a personal relationship with Jesus.

I also want to recognize our incredible priests. Without them, the campers wouldn't have access to the Sacraments that truly elevate this camp. And it's not just their ministry, their joyful presence in the activities makes such a difference in the lives of the campers. There's something powerful about seeing a priest join in on games and adventures alongside the youth.

So, what does a day at Edge Camp look like? From **7:45am to 5:30pm**, campers are in full activity mode: rock climbing, swimming, canoeing, sports, and of course, confession - all fueled by plenty of meals in between. Then, from **7:00pm to 9:00pm**, the focus shifts to catechesis. We usually start with a game, followed by a teaching, and close with prayer. Sometimes that's simple, heartfelt prayer with the group, and other times we're blessed to have Adoration, where the young people encounter Jesus personally. Lights out is at 10:00pm. It's a well-rounded camp, and honestly, it's the highlight of the summer for everyone involved.

This year's theme was "**Hope does not disappoint.**" We explored St. Paul's conversion story and how, through everything, he kept his true hope in the Lord, a hope that never failed him. (It only made sense to focus on hope, since this is the Jubilee Year of Hope!) While preparing for camp, I found myself reflecting deeply on what hope really is: what it looks like, where I place it, and what I truly hope for.

And you know what? Spending time with 200+ young people makes it almost impossible not to have hope. If you ever feel like your hope is running low, I beg you: just look to the young Church. [Here's one example.](#)

My hope is, first and foremost, in the Lord who made heaven and earth. But it is also in His relentless pursuit of this new, young generation of Catholics. The world tells us so many lies, and one of the biggest I continue to hear is that "youth aren't interested in religion." But I invite you to look again. Look at that video and the pictures I've shared—do those faces look uninterested in faith? Look at the crowds of young people who showed up to the Jubilee of Youth this year. Look at how many tuned in—or even traveled all the way to Italy—for the canonization of two young saints. The truth is, they are seeking Jesus, and they are finding Him in the Catholic Church.

As a Youth Minister, I have the privilege of a front-row seat to their hope. I know not everyone gets that same view, which is why I ask for so much support on their behalf. Our pancake fundraiser, your prayers, your donations, your time volunteering, it all matters. It's not just about providing material needs. You are giving our youth the chance to encounter the Lord. You are giving them space to freely explore their faith and anchor their lives in the one Hope that never disappoints.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time has been designated as Stewardship Sunday. This year we welcome Dr Andrew Simone who is the founder and director of Canadian Food For Children and Silent Children's Mission Charities. After communion, he will speak about the organization which we support at the parish through various social outreach like our Backpack Drive and the CWL's soap drive.

Both Dr Simone and his wife Joan are members of the Secular Franciscan Order and members of the Order of Canada. They were honoured with ecclesial awards like the Papal Cross for their faith based humanitarian aid. At home, they raised 13 children and fostered many others. Dr Simone and Joan were married for 62 years. Joan passed away in 2022.

Dr Andrew Simone is a great witness to what it means to be a steward. He is a Harvard educated dermatologist who runs a walk-in clinic in Toronto. The inspiration for beginning CFFC began while he and his wife Joan were working with St. Theresa of Calcutta (affectionately known as Mother Theresa) in 1980. She requested that they send food to the poor in Tanzania and Ethiopia where people were suffering from malnutrition due to severe drought. And so, in 1985 CFFC became an official charity and presently sends food to 18-22 developing countries throughout the world. As Joan would say when asked about hobbies, "Collect Food for the Poor".

LEGION OF MARY LIVING ROSARY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Join us for a Living Rosary from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Church on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

SSVP - NEWEST SAINT AND BUNDLE UP

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, canonized last weekend, was a member of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. At his funeral (he died at the age of 24), thousands of poor people lined the street, much to the surprise of his parents, who were unaware of Frassati's work with the poor. May God bless all those who work with those in need.

There is Bundle Up information elsewhere in the newsletter, but please note that the truck will be unlocked in the parking lot all day Saturday and Sunday, so if you are not able to drop items off before or after Mass, you can come any time.

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.

SSVP HELPLINE: 647-628-2058

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2026

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion 2026 are now open. Please visit the parish website for the complete Information Package and registration details. Registration closes on Saturday, October 4th. A mandatory Parents' Information Session will be held on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 11:00am in the parish hall. Please confirm your attendance using the website. For any questions, please reach out to Adriene at aadona@archtoronto.org <http://stmarystarofthesea.ca/first-holy-communion>

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Kristen Cardoza
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
For the souls in purgatory

BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving to Mother Mary
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

ST. ANNE

For the souls in purgatory

ST. JUDE

In thanksgiving

DEATH NOTICE: JOHN HOLLAND

It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of John Holland, a long time parishioner.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

VISITATION:

Thursday, September 18, 2025

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Turner & Porter Neweduk-Erin Mills Chapel

1981 Dundas St W, Mississauga, ON L5K 1R2

FUNERAL:

Friday, September 19, 2025

11:00 AM

St Mary Star of the Sea Church

11 Peter St S, Mississauga, ON L5H 2G1

BURIAL:

St. Mary's Cemetery

2099 Dickson Road, Mississauga ON L5V

SHARELIFE

**Thus far we have raised \$65,110.14 (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.

**Make cheques payable to
St. Mary Star of the Sea**

Thank you for your generosity!



Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of September 13-14, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at **www.HolylandChristians.ca**



Second Annual

PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

*Bring a dish to share | Enjoy Fellowship | Celebrate the
feast day of our Parish! | Bring your own lawn chair*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH 2025

Following the 11am Mass

Please let **Samantha** know what you will be bringing either in person at Mass or by e-mail (SCameron@archtoronto.org). If you would like to volunteer please contact **Adriene** (AAdona@archtoronto.org)

Bundle Up

For the

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



We are collecting your donations at

St. Mary Star of the Sea

11 Peter Street South, Mississauga

On

September 27 - 28, 2025



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books, mattresses, dishes,
construction material or video tapes
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