

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 2, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 (5:00 PM)



† Joseph Stocking

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 (9:00 AM)

† Father Leo Ramsperger

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 (7:00 PM)

Special intentions of Marilyn McDonald

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Barbara Pelc, Vincent Ghisleni and Franca Racco

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Benny Lobo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Ruth Apperley

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Emily Lobo, Calli Wilson and Louise & Bernard Wilson

EUCARISTIC 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

News and Noteworthy

At the beginning of January, I was approached by the Archdiocese if I would be willing to take in a priest, as a resident, who was in need of a place closer to his community. I met with Fr Timothy Mikhail, a priest of the Greek-Melkite Catholic Church before I left for vacation and found that it would be a good fit. We mutually agreed that he would move in after his personal retreat at the beginning of February.

So, please welcome to our parish family, Fr Timothy. You will see him around, and he will be able to assist me with Masses and confessions throughout the week. May God bless him as he begins this new season in his priestly ministry.

The Presentation of Our Lord

This weekend, 40 days after Christmas, we take a brief pause in Ordinary Time to celebrate The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus in the Temple. The Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, is a profound moment of encounter between God and His people. When Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple, they fulfill the law, demonstrating their deep faith and obedience. The humble setting becomes a place of divine revelation as Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, recognizes Jesus as the Light for all nations. His prayer of gratitude, the *Nunc Dimittis*, expresses hope and peace.

This feast challenges us to reflect on our readiness to recognize Christ's presence in the ordinary moments of life. Just as Simeon and Anna waited with patient faith, we are called to be attentive and open to God's movements in our lives. The blessing of candles during this celebration also reminds us of our mission to be bearers of light, sharing Christ's hope and love with a world that often walks in darkness. May the Presentation of the Lord inspire us to live with faith, joy, and the courage to be light for others.

Please bring your household candles to be blessed at the beginning of Mass. We will also have candles available for purchase, 2 to a box for \$5. Taper candles will be distributed and lit at the beginning of Mass in accordance with the ritual.

Marriage Sunday

This February 8th and 9th, the Archdiocese of Toronto invites us all to celebrate Marriage Sunday, a special occasion dedicated to honouring the Sacrament of Marriage and the lifelong commitment it represents. Marriage is the cornerstone of family life and a beautiful reflection of God's love for humanity. This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America.

Marriage Sunday encourages us to reflect on the beauty and challenges of married life, offering a chance for couples to renew their commitment to one another. For those who are already married, this weekend serves as a reminder of the sacred promises made before God. It's a moment to express gratitude for the love and support that couples share.

In addition to recognizing the personal bond between husband and wife, Marriage Sunday also serves as a reminder of the role marriage plays within the larger faith community. This year, I invite you to take a moment to pray for married couples, families, and those preparing for marriage. Also, let us commit to strengthening the bonds of love and unity in our own lives, encouraging others to do the same.

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via [livestream Mass](#). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Fr Michael

SSVP DID SOMEONE SAY TAX RECEIPTS ?

We continue the "work of Christmas" (see last week's newsletter), and we continue to be grateful for your support.

The 2024 charitable tax receipts for donations to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of \$20 and over will be mailed in February 2025. Tax receipts for donations less than \$20 are available upon request. If you are expecting a receipt and do not receive one, please leave a message at 647-628-2058 and someone will get back to you.

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, please 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 (also found on the poor boxes):



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.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts for your 2024 donations to the Church are being processed and you should receive it in the mail on or before February 17, 2025.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

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ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA YOUTH
MINISTRY SECOND ANNUAL

Pancake Sunday

FUNDRAISER

\$5

PER PLATE

flip for a cause!

Sunday
March 2nd
(following all Masses)



**All proceeds will be going directly to the St. Mary
Star of the Sea Camp Stella Maris**