

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 27, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 (5:00 PM)



†Alberto & Stella Severin

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Pat & Nigel Power

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Lawrence & Irene Miller

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Vincent Lao III and Special intentions of Vincent & Maria Ghisleni and Cesare & Denise Dalle Carbonare

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Bruna Cavasin

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Davita Powell

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Charmaine Saldanha and Laura

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

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!

Thank you

After a very full Holy Week and Easter Weekend, it is nice to get a bit of time to rest and reflect. As always, my reflections after these Holy days goes first to thanksgiving. Just being thankful to the Most Holy Trinity, our God who is Love for the many ways He provided for us during these days in both visible and invisible ways. We are truly blessed! But that thanksgiving to God usually spreads into being thankful for all the support that I received in these days, from staff to volunteers (altar servers, sacristan, lectors, choir, ushers, greeters, liturgical environment decorators). Everyone stepped up to make our parish a very warm and hospitable place, a loving community filled with paschal joy.

So, once again, thank you for all that you do in helping our parish be a lighthouse in Port Credit - a harbour of refuge, a beacon of hope.

The Death of Pope Francis

On Easter Monday, we all woke up to the sad and shocking news that Pope Francis had died. Since February, we have all watched the slow physical decline that he was facing which led to being hospitalized for a few weeks and never really returning to full strength after that time. At the parish, many people were offering Masses for his health, and during the Stations of the Cross, we would pray for both his health and intentions. I fondly remember praying the rosary in St. Peter's square with other Christians alongside the Cardinals and Bishops in Rome while he was in hospital.

At this time of mourning and grief that we are experiencing as Catholics with the passing of our chief Shepherd and successor to St. Peter, our Holy Father Pope Francis, I echo the statement made by Frank Cardinal Leo:

I invite the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and all those who mourn his loss, to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May we honour his legacy and lovingly embrace his invitation to be missionaries of mercy, sharing the light of Christ in abundance as we affirm the dignity of every human life and foster a culture of care and love.

For our community at St. Mary's, I will offer a Mass for the Dead: For a Pope on Wednesday April 30th at 9am. All are welcome to join.

Also, please find attached in this email a Novena for Pope Francis that is also available on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website. This provides an opportunity for the Catholic faithful to unite in prayer during the *Novendiales* (nine days of mourning for the Holy Father), which will begin on April 26, 2025 and end on May 4, 2025.

As we mourn the death of Pope Francis, we also give thanks for his life and ministry as a priest and Bishop in Argentina, and as Pope for the universal church since 2013. I recall when he was elected Pope, I was in my 5th year of seminary formation and we were sitting around the tv in the faculty lounge. Some media outlets sent a crew to catch our first reaction. When Pope Francis stepped out on the loggia, nobody knew who he was except for Fr Barringer, the academic dean. There was certainly an energy in the room and in the Church at his election. Since his election, he has served the flock as our shepherd and a global ambassador of peace, hope and love. We give thanks for the many ways that he has led by example in his compassionate care for others, and served as a witness to the love and mercy of Jesus.

For our community at St. Mary's, I will offer a Mass for the Pope in thanksgiving for the ministry of Pope Francis on Thursday May 1st at 9am. All are welcome to join.

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Public Relations & Communications has also prepared a dedicated site with information about Pope Francis, the College of Cardinals and the Conclave. This site can be accessed at:

www.archtoronto.org/popefrancis

Divine Mercy Sunday Weekend

This is also Divine Mercy Sunday weekend. Please see the weekly newsletter and scroll through this email for all the activities happening at the parish, namely: Divine Mercy Sunday Sundaes, our Easter Egg Hunt and Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour and Confessions.

Next week, I will return with the last of the Pilgrimage: Rome Day 4 and Orvieto.

Fr Michael

SSVP

Just as Jesus gave us the special food of His body at the Last Supper, may each of us share generously this Love as we feed each other, and especially our brothers and sisters in need. We thank you for allowing us to do this ministry.

May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly.
Happy Easter from the SSVP Team.

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.



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

SECOND SHARELIFE SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025

You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

**Thus far we have raised \$26,704 (24%)
toward our goal of \$110,000**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope available at all the exits of the Church or at sharelife.org/donate.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Charmaine Saldanha
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

ST. JUDE

For the souls in purgatory

ST. ANNE

In thanksgiving

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 27th

Following the 11am Mass

For ages 2-8



SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish



Divine Mercy Sundae Fundraiser

Coffee and Snacks following the 9am Mass

Ice Cream Sundaes following the 11am Mass



The Late Mary Badali Memorial Drive for Vita Centre

The CWL is Collecting Donations

**Help Us Stock
the Vita Centre Care Closet
to Support Vulnerable Families in Need**

Date: May 3rd/4th Weekend

When: Before and After All Masses

Where: Main door of the Church

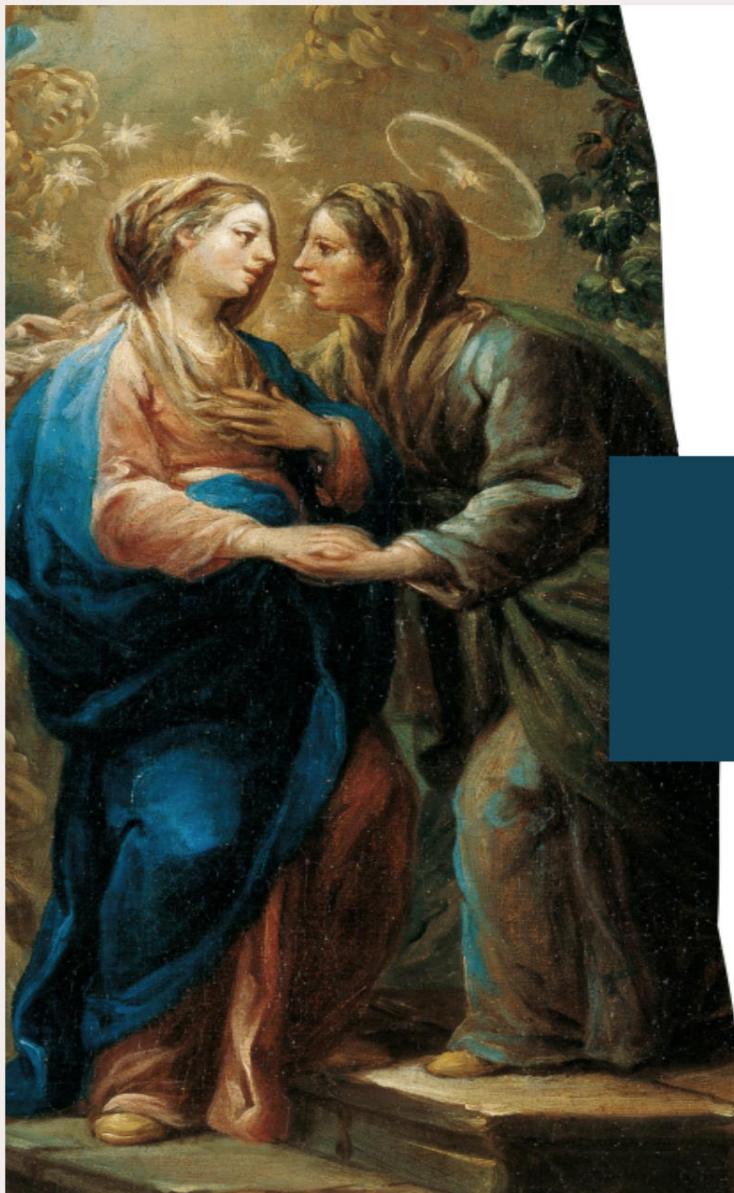
Most Needed Items:

Hygiene products for babies, children and moms, including diaper rash cream, baby shampoo / bodywash, baby lotion, adult shampoo, bodywash / soap, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, etc.

They are also grateful for donations of diapers (sizes 5 and 6), wipes, and other essential baby items.

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.





**During this Jubilee Holy Year,
come spend a day with our
Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope.**

Join us for Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address with Dr. Josephine Lombardi, inspiring witnessings for the adults and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd activities for the children. Draw closer to Mother Mary in praying the rosary together.

Enjoy fellowship with families from across the Archdiocese of Toronto at this outdoor gathering.

Admission is free but registration is required.
All are welcome!

A Day With Mary

DATE

Saturday, May 31, 2025

TIME

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOCATION

**Villanova College
2480 15th Sideroad
King City, ON L7B 0P5**

For Registration contact :

Angela - 647-998-5183/ furtado_menezes@yahoo.com

Charmaine - 647-226-3046 / charmainecsaldanhal@gmail.com

Transportation cost - \$25 per person

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