

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 (5:00 PM)



†Paul & Denzil Alley

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions for Maria Binotto

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Maura Fernandes

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Janet Miceli, †Jean Greco, †Doris Lalonde, †Claude Bisson and
Special intentions of Vincent Ghisleni

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Pat Pageau

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Tessie Mckinley

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Paolo Ong Legarda and Special intentions of the Scott Wilson
family and Joseph Pathyil

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 – SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Last week in the blog I reminisced about the life of the parish community...110 years of pastoral ministry in beautiful downtown Port Credit. The pilgrimage of faith that this community has walked through many generations being led by both the clergy with their pastoral vision and the faithful who worked tirelessly to help achieve that vision truly gives glory to God.

On this particular weekend I was reminded by a photo album in my office of my small part played in the 110 years as I was "installed" as your parish priest 6 years ago in 2019. It was an event that brought our parish family together with a potluck reception that truly humbled me with the generosity of this community. (Another reason to celebrate with our parish family potluck this weekend!) So, this 6 year anniversary, what did I do? I went back into the archives of my messages, at that time with the paper bulletin, and re-read my reflection following the special event. Here is what I wrote:

In his homily at the Mass of installation, His Excellency Bishop Boissonneau spoke about this event in the life of the parish. All of us, as children of the Heavenly Father through Baptism, are called by him to assist in building up the kingdom of God here in this small portion of the Kingdom in Port Credit Mississauga. Remember, as I was escorted to the various places in the Church where I exercise my ministry of Baptizing, hearing Confessions and absolving sins, sanctifying, preaching, praying and offering the Holy Sacrifice, you also made a promise, with the help of God, to assist me in these areas.

Each of you belong to this parish community and each of you are entrusted, as stewards, to give of your time, talent and treasure to help the community grow in faith and become other Christ's to the world.

As the parish embarks in these next years of pastoral ministry...as I embark in these next years as your parish priest, we still have the same missionary mandate that was given 2000 years ago by Jesus *to go and make disciples*. This has not changed and cannot change despite the many changes that have happened and will happen in our world. So, we boldly enter into this future with a vision that is both inspirational and hopeful. You have probably heard this vision in statement form:

The vision of St. Mary Star of the Sea parish is to invite the parish family to know and receive the love and fullness of life that is offered by Jesus Christ and to share His love and life with others as His disciples.

But as they say a picture is worth 1000 words. So, in prayer, I received that picture: a lighthouse. But not any lighthouse the one by Snug Harbour and is a landmark of Port Credit. It is a place where people gather and take pictures. But then I asked: "Shouldn't this be St. Mary's?" And then a word came to describe the picture: *A harbour of refuge, a beacon of hope*.

Where we are going as a parish requires us to become the lighthouse of Port Credit. Where we, a broken people in a broken world can come and find refuge - in prayer, in the sacraments, in a community that is hospitable and where people feel safe and belong. But to also radiate hope to those who are searching, maybe lost to find a way home back to the Church, our Mother.

Each of us are being invited to that vision: a lighthouse. Every time you walk, drive or go past that lighthouse, think of St. Mary's and how we are to become a harbour of refuge and beacon of hope in Port Credit. We know that the light is not ours, it is Christ who came into the world to enlighten the hearts of men and women. And he invites us to Come and See, to walk with him, to receive that light and let it shine forth.

Fr Michael



Please watch your step...

WE ARE OPEN
WHILE FRONT STEPS ARE UNDER
CONSTRUCTION



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION 2025

Registration for First Holy Communion Preparation 2024-2025 is now open and will close on Saturday, October 5th. Please see the [parents information package](#) on our website for details to register and for the schedule <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/first-holy-communion>

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Envelopes are available at all the exits of the Church for a second collection which will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend, September 28/29, 2024 for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Please make cheques payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea.

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

After the morning Masses, this Sunday, September 29, 2024 the Legion of Mary will have their book borrow at the main entrance of the Church. Kindly return any books you may have previously loaned.

SSVP – LOONIE/TOONIE COLLECTION

On the same weekend as our Bundle Up (Oct. 19/20), we will also have a Loonie/Toonie collection. This is the first time we have done this, and we are asking for your help, as we have been distributing considerably more money in gift cards and bus tickets for our Neighbours in Need than we have been receiving in donations. All of us are aware of the increased reliance on helping agencies such as ours, food banks and social services. St. Mary's parishioners have always been generous and supportive, and we appreciate any assistance you can provide. We invite you to put a loonie or toonie (or any amount) in one of the poor boxes (at each entrance) or to give your donation to one of our members at the Bundle Up truck. God bless you.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST DAY – SEPTEMBER 27

When Blessed Frederic Ozanam began his work of assisting the poor in Paris, he decided to name his organization after another Frenchman he admired greatly, St. Vincent de Paul, whose feast day was this past Friday. St. Vincent founded a religious order known as the Vincentians (with 4,000 members in 86 countries), and co-founded the Daughters of Charity with Ste. Louise de Marillac. He dedicated his life to the service of the poor. St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "the Apostle of Charity" and "the Father of the Poor". He is the patron saint of charitable societies.

SHARELIFE

**Our parish goal is \$108,000
Thus far we have raised \$53,772 (50%)**
Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at sharelife.org/donate.

SSVP HELP LINE : 647-628-2058

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

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

Calling all moms! Our next Mothers group meeting is this Thur Oct 3rd at 7:30 in the St Joseph's room (basement), a switch from Sat Oct 5th.

We'll be covering the topics of **"Guardian Angels and Best practices for use of Technology at Home"**.

Come and be a part of an encouraging and supportive community of women and grow deeper in your faith life and vocation.

Email us your questions and to add you to our notifications for next meetings.

staroftheseacatholicmomsgroup@gmail.com

Meetings are schedule on 1st Saturday of the month @10 am and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of James Tesoro
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving



October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of ecologists, brings the Season of Creation to an end. However, caring for all of God's creation is a yearlong endeavour. Hopefully, we can continue to look for ways to cut our consumption and live lives of simplicity, delighting in creation and consumed with love for Christ as St. Francis modeled for us.

On September 29, 2024 we celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Unfortunately, the world still experiences conflict, natural disasters and economic crises that displace millions of people from their homes, many of whom face oppression and exploitation. We are called to show love and compassion to migrants and refugees who are our sisters and brothers, and work towards a solution not only for their resettlement but also to improve conditions in their native land.

Our parish has previously sponsored 4 families from different parts of the world. It was a wonderful and spiritual experience for the members of St. Mary's Resettlement Committee. Most of the committee members have either moved to other parishes or have retired due to an increase in age. What a great opportunity to show Christ's love and compassion it would be for younger parishioners to continue this practice by forming a new Resettlement Committee, and contacting ORAT (Office for Refugees – Archdiocese of Toronto) to offer to sponsor a refugee family.

Let us pray:

God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay. Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home. Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care. Amen. (Pope Francis)



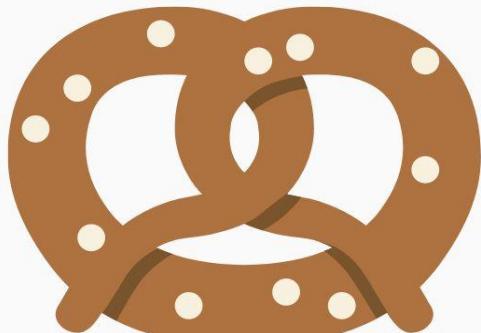
ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
Food | Fellowship | Fun!

PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

SUNDAY, SEP 29TH

In the parish parkinglot
(following the 11am mass)

Please inform a parish staff member of what
you plan to bring for the potluck



GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER
12/13
2024

Donations can be brought
to the parish - Just speak
to a parish staff member!

Specific Items Needed:

- Tuna & Canned Meat
- Coffee & Tea Bags
- Condiments
- Peanutbutter and Jam
- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Granola Bars
- Pancake Mix
- Dried Meats
- Bagged Rice
- Beans & Chickpeas

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VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE

Connect with us online! Scan the QR code to visit our parish website.
If you are new to the parish, welcome! Register on the website.



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