

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024 (5:00 PM)

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 | Psalm 147:1-6 | 1Cor 9:16-19,22-23 | Mark 1:29-39

†Paul & Denzil Alley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 (9:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Placy and Vicky Menezes

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13 | Psalm 84:3-5,10-11 | Mark 6:53-56

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 (7:00 PM)

1Kings 8:22-23,27-30 | Psalm 24:7-10 | Mark 7:1-13

†Magdalena Santos Logronio

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Kings 10:1-10 | Psalm 37:5-6,30-31,39-40 | Mark 7:14-23

Special intention of Xavier Rampersad and Blessings for Adriene & Adrian and Laura O'Brien

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 (9:00 AM)

1Kings 11:4-13 | Psalm 106:3-4,35-37,40 | Mark 7:24-30

Blessings for Tessie Tesoro

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024 (9:00 AM)

1Kings 11:29-32;12:19 | Psalm 81:10-11ab,12-15 | Mark 7:31-37

Special intention of Louise Wilson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024 (9:00 AM)

1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34 | Psalm 106:6-7ab,19-22 | Mark 8:1-10

†Beniamino Iavicoli, and Special intentions of Francesca Racco, Louise Wilson and Emily Lobo

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Thurs. 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Friday 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

DAILY DEVOTIONS

(after Mass)

Tuesday – Sts. Anne & Joachim

Wednesday – 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: What's Going On? Lots!

I'm back on the blog! It truly is a lot of fun getting to speak to the masses from the blog - I hope you enjoy my words! This week I wanted to take the time to update you all on what's going on in the youth ministry world! Hint: A lot, actually!

Navigation Nights

Navigation Nights are what other people might call "Youth Group". It's basically a time for youth from grades 6-12 to come and hang out with other youth their age and talk about topics regarding the Faith! Some topics we've already covered include: Jesus being the one who satisfies our every desire and Faith and Science! Our next night is this coming Friday and we will be talking about the Bible and what it says about our faith! If you know anyone in that age range feel free to tell them about it. **We meet the second Friday of every month from 6:30-8:00pm!** If you don't know someone in that age range, we always need your prayers!

Steubenville Youth Conference

If you've been listening during the announcements (and I hope you have ☺) you'll know that we are having a Pancake Sunday (yes, in lieu of Pancake Tuesday) fundraiser to send the teens of our parish to the Steubenville Youth Conference! Some of you have come up to me and ask me what exactly Steubenville is, I'm glad you asked! Steubenville Youth Conference is run by a private Catholic University in Ohio called the Franciscan University of Steubenville! The Conference is three days and includes amazing speakers, amazing praise and worship singers and the goal is to encourage teens to pursue a real and honest relationship with Christ and His Church! I first went to the Conference when I was 14 back when it was in Toronto and it changed my life in the best way possible! So if you're available on **Sunday, February 11th** please come downstairs after Mass and donate to our cause and in return you will receive the best pancakes ever made by the teens! Yes... I know it's Super Bowl Sunday that's why we also have takeout containers ;) If you would like to donate outside of this fundraiser please send me an email or catch me after Mass!

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Back again for the second year, we are so excited to host Totus Tuus Summer Camp here at St. Mary's! If you are a daily Mass attender you can attest to the joy that Totus Tuus brought to our parish (and noise... we apologize for that one). Same as last year we are gearing up to welcome four missionaries from the Archdiocese to help us to run summer camp **the week of July 15th!** We have both a day camp and a night camp - the day camp is a typical summer camp for kids in grades K-6 (entering into that grade in September). During the day they have the opportunity to go to Mass, sing songs, learn about their faith and have some fun! The evening program is for our teens grades 7-12 and they have the opportunity to grow deeper in their faith through talks, games and Adoration! Registration is now open, feel free to ask me for more information!

Edge Camp

Another summer camp? Yes! But this time it's an ADVENTURE CAMP that runs from **August 21-25!** We go swimming in the lake, canoeing, high ropes, ziplining, team building, Mass everyday, Confession, learning about the faith! And the best part? Making new friends with kids their age who also want to learn more about the faith! That's right, more than 200 youth in total attend this camp! All youth in grades 6-9 (going into these grades in September) are allowed to attend and it is a sleep away camp! Registration is not open yet but I will let you know when it is!

These are all dramatically different events and programs but in the end the goal is the same - to lead the teens closer to Christ so they can develop a meaningful relationship with Him. Not everything works for everybody so we are working hard to provide the youth with as many opportunities as possible. The best way you can help? Tell a youth about what we are doing here and pray, pray and pray some more! Know that we do pray for you as well!

See you next time!

Sam



SSVP – TAX RECEIPTS

As always, we are grateful to our donors. Tax receipts will be mailed in the next week. Receipts are sent for donations of \$20 or more. Receipts are available for donations under \$20 by request.

SSVP AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I recently read Archbishop Francis Leo's Pastoral Letter on Seeking the Kingdom of God. The quote below, beautifully describing the Kingdom, is found on page 13 of the letter. Our desire, as members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, is that we, along with all of you, are contributing to the building up of God's Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith. The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace..."

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Totus Tuus is back!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus Summer Camp this summer the week of July 15th! For those of you who may not know, Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, Confession, songs and games! The Day camp is for children entering grades 1-6 and runs Monday to Friday and the Evening Program is for youth entering grades 7-12 and runs Sunday to Thursday. The cost is only \$125/child for the whole week for the day program and \$25/child for the whole week for the evening program. Registration is now open and you can find it online on the Parish Website or at the exists of the Church. For more information, please contact Sam, the Youth Minister!

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

For Peace in the World
For Peace in the World

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For the conversion of sinners
For the conversion of sinners

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

For the conversion of sinners
For the conversion of sinners

ST. JOSEPH

In Thanksgiving

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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.



Flipping for Faith **PANCAKE**



SUN, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Join us in our fundraising efforts to send the Youth
to Steubenville Catholic Conference this summer!