



## ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 (5:00 PM)

†Julieta and Antonio Furtado



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 (9:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 (11:00 AM)

†Giuseppe & Cipriana Ciraco

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 (7:00 PM)

Special Intentions of Charlotte Flaherty

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Maxine Gabin and  
Louise & Bernard Wilson

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Jovita Aspiras

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Daniela Trimboli

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Lancy Rebello, †Alec Cajetan Saldanha and Special intentions of  
Pat Krajewski

### 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

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## **Message on the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel**

**29 September 2025**

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo**  
**Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you on the occasion of the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel which the Church celebrates on September 29<sup>th</sup>, and who is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto. St. Michael reminds us that our Christian life is not adrift, happenstance, or a series of accidents, but a vocation. Living the life of a disciple is characterized by a call to stand with God in truth, charity, and justice. During this Jubilee Year — set aside by the Church as a time of renewal, reconciliation, and hope — our celebration takes on an added dimension, resetting our gaze on the ultimate horizon: God's faithful love and the bright promise of immortality. As "Defender of the Church", St. Michael reminds us that our hope is not naïve optimism but the theological virtue (CCC, 1817-1821) that steadies us amid conflict and distress (cf. *Dan 12:1*).

As many know, St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, anchored in the heart of the city, is named after the Archangel. Our feast recalls that the archdiocese's very identity is stamped by the ministry of St. Michael: to worship God, resist evil, protect the vulnerable, and serve the common good (cf. Pope Francis, *Address*, 5 July 2013). When faced with a worldview that is myopically focused on the passing things of this world, a lost sense of sin, and promotion of harmful individualism, St. Michael's patronage encourages us to be discerning, forward looking, and all-encompassing by recalling the primacy of God and placing our trust in God alone (cf. Pope Benedict XVI, *Homily, Feast of the Archangels*, 29 Sept 2007).

The name "Michael" comes from the Hebrew and means "Who is like God?" or in Latin, "Quis ut Deus?". It is traditionally associated with the Archangel's battle-cry and victory over Satan and as such stands as a question that humbles power and purifies misplaced zeal when taken seriously. It can serve to shape civic imaginations, and caution leaders, citizens, and disciples alike that no

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ideology can save, and no economic plan can heal the deepest wound of the human heart (cf. St. Gregory the Great, *Homily 34*). Only the living God — adored in the Eucharist, encountered in the poor, and proclaimed with expectant joy — can do that. This is the primacy of God proclaimed by St. Michael that bids us to go to hospitals, shelters, boardrooms, construction sites, indeed all places of work and leisure with a renewed vocation: to share the truth, to act justly, and to keep hope alive.

During this Jubilee Holy Year we are encouraged to engage in pilgrimages, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and works of mercy, charity and justice. The feast of St. Michael is a natural waypoint for all three. Pilgrimage is not merely a physical trip, but a journey of the heart that involves conversion and confidence in God (*Spes non Confundit*, 5). The very name “Michael” calls for this conversion, purification and confidence. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not mere moral bookkeeping or airing of dirty laundry, but a restoration of baptismal grace and recommitment of self. Again, it is the same clarity of vision and recommitment, the very light of Christ given at baptism that St. Michael bears against the “father of lies”. Finally, one of the four principal roles of St. Michael is to protect and defend God’s people. Our spiritual and temporal works of mercy — feeding, visiting, welcoming — are how we “push back” the darkness in the city we love. (cf. *Spes non Confundit*, 7-15).

My dear brothers and sisters, the upcoming Feast of St. Michael anchors our spiritual warfare of everyday living and fidelity. Nevertheless, our beloved patron is not a mascot for aggression but a model of adoration and service. In this Jubilee, may St. Michael teach us to choose praise over complaint, intercession over cynicism, and solidarity over isolation. Included with this letter is the Novena to St. Michael the Archangel. I would like to renew my invitation once again this year to join me in praying the Novena to St. Michael for authentic renewal of our Catholic institutions, parishes, schools and universities, healthcare and social agencies. The Novena to St. Michael begins on 20 September and ends on 28 September. Under his patronage, may the Archdiocese of Toronto grow as a city on a hill - where the beauty of the Gospel is proclaimed, the sacraments are celebrated, the poor are cherished, and hope rings out above the noise. Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us.

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## Novena to St. Michael the Archangel

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Heavenly and Almighty Father, God of mercy and compassion, we give you thanks and praise for all your kindness and blessings which you bestow upon us, your beloved children, and for the opportunities of spiritual renewal which you provide out of the abundance of your unfailing love and graciousness.

As we honour the glorious Archangel St. Michael, whose zeal for your almighty power obtains for us your own loving protection, in the name of Christ our Saviour and Brother and through your Holy Spirit, guide our steps along the path of holiness of life, and guard our thoughts as we journey through this life to our heavenly homeland. Confident of the powerful intercession of our patron saint St. Michael, we now ask for this grace (*say your intention*).

Inspire in us the same humility and thirst for justice and holiness which animated your great servant and angelic messenger. May our lives give glory to you, our families bear witness to your love and our communities of faith be filled with the grace and joys of your Kingdom. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Michael, filled with the wisdom of God, pray for us.

St. Michael, perfect adorer of the Incarnate Word, pray for us.

St. Michael, crowned with honour and glory, pray for us.

St. Michael, our help in all adversities, pray for us.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



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### **Description of and Instructions for praying a Novena 20-28 September 2025**

A *novena*, meaning nine, is an ancient style of prayer that is carried out consistently over a nine-day period for a particular intention and is usually directed to the intercession of a specific Saint, Our Lady, an Angel or to a Divine Person of the Blessed Trinity. The nine days, or *novena*, has its Scriptural origin in the number of days in between Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost, during which the Blessed Mother and the Apostles were together in constant prayer until the descent of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 1: 6-14).

To pray a novena, a few things should be kept in mind. First, we approach the Lord with faith, trust and in a humble, loving manner. Second, we choose a particular intention to be mentioned throughout the novena. Three, we decide to whom we address this prayer, the intercession of Our Lady or a Saint or Angel in particular. To determine the novena's starting date, count backwards nine days from the Saint's feast day; the last day of the novena is the day *before* the Saint's feast day. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel is celebrated on 29 September, the Feast of the Archangels, which means this novena begins on 20 September 2025.

The pattern of prayer is the same for each day: the opening prayer, which includes your specific intention, followed by one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be, and ending with the Prayer to Saint Michael and a short litany. If you miss a day, just keep going: the main focus of any prayer is always about deepening our relationship with God and dwelling in his loving embrace.

For further information on popular piety addressed to Holy Angels, see the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments **Directory in Popular Piety and the Liturgy Principles and Guidelines**, published by the Holy See, December 2001, specifically #213-217.

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#### **Schedule for the Archdiocesan Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto Solemnity celebrated 29 September 2025**

Day 1: September 20  
Day 2: September 21  
Day 3: September 22  
Day 4: September 23  
Day 5: September 24  
Day 6: September 25  
Day 7: September 26  
Day 8: September 27  
Day 9: September 28

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## 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](mailto:aadona@archtoronto.org)

<http://stmarystarofthesea.ca/first-holy-communion>

## SHARELIFE

**Thus far we have raised \$65,110 (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](https://sharelife.org/donate). *Please make cheques payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea.*

Thank you for your generosity!

## LEGION OF MARY LIVING ROSARY

St Mary Star of the Sea Church

**Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

## 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](mailto: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.

## COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country, the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place of the weekend of September 27 and 28. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

## LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW – SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

The Legion of Mary will have a table at the back of the Church for their Book Borrow after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses next Sunday, September 28, 2025.

Please feel free to borrow any books you may like to read and kindly return any books you may have previously loaned. Thank you!

## 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

Special intentions of Pat Krajewski  
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### ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

### ST. ANNE

For the souls in purgatory

### ST. JUDE

In thanksgiving

## SSVP HELPLINE: 647-628-2058

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



*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 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:SCameron@archtoronto.org)). If you would like to volunteer please contact **Adriene** ([AAdona@archtoronto.org](mailto:AAdona@archtoronto.org))

# Bundle Up

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*On*

### September 27 - 28, 2025



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