

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 (5:00 PM)



Special intentions of Daniela Trimboli

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 (9:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 (11:00 AM)

Special intentions of Deacon John & Serina Coletti

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Freda Kantor & Special intentions of William Kantor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Clermont Martineau and Special intentions of Louise Wilson
and Nathan Fernandes

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Alex Riddell

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Duane Fernandes

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Anthony Ng, †Roberto Giannone and Special intentions of
Benny 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

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

This might seem like a trend and maybe it will become one but in my homily on the 4th Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, I preached about our need for God and our need for community. This need is revealed by the spiritual disease that plagues our time: loneliness and despair.

Now, you might be thinking, "Father is just saying what members in the Church are observing." But, the world also sees the human person's need for community. When I was first ordained and assigned to a parish in Pickering, St. Isaac Jogues, I went looking for a gym. There were many places to go and some with good incentives (cheaper, better amenities), but I found myself at a CrossFit gym which was more expensive with very little amenities. Why? Because they did a great job marketing and sold me on the community aspect of CrossFit. It is class based, you are with other like minded people having the same goals of becoming "the best version of yourself". And I enjoyed it. The workouts were challenging, the coaches were very welcoming, and the people I was working out with made me feel like I belonged. While it was difficult to leave St. Isaac's, my first assignment as a priest, it was also difficult to leave my CrossFit gym and the people that I had been training with for almost one and half years.

In reflecting on this experience, CrossFit is not the only brand that markets themselves as a community oriented experience. Pretty much every gym sells itself based on group class workouts. F45 gyms describe themselves as "a global fitness community specializing in innovative, high-intensity group workouts that are fast, fun, and results-driven." From the Orangetheory website we find: "Orangetheory is a total-body group workout that combines science, coaching and technology to guarantee maximum results from the inside out. Our workout is not HIIT. It is heart rate-based interval training, where you train through 5 heart rate zones designed to charge your metabolism for MORE caloric afterburn, MORE results, and MORE confidence, all to deliver you MORE LIFE. Orangetheory is more than a gym because the work you do here in our studio will make all the difference out there in your world."

The language, "global-fitness community" and "more than a gym...will make all the difference out there in your world" are the selling points for these gyms. People will pay more money for this experience. Why? Because of our need for community. And while the need for community is met, the rest of it is pretty empty because it becomes all about the self - personal bests, competing with your personal results.

Through these observations that I have been making over many years, I ask the question, why not the Church? The Church challenges me to grow in my relationship with God and with others and be "the best version of myself", we are a global community, and when we live out the obedience of faith, we will make a difference in the world. So what is lacking? Belonging.

Hospitality is not just the "ministry" of a group of people in the Church. Hospitality is to be the heart of everyone: To be open to God and open to one another by welcoming them. I heard a statistic recently that it takes 7 minutes for a new comer to a parish to make a decision if they will return to the parish...to feel like they belong. These 7 minutes are before the opening hymn begins, and before father preaches a homily.

Going back to my experience at the CrossFit gym, when I walked into my first class, I knew that even though I knew nothing about the lifts and the progression of the class, I knew that I was supported by the coaches and by all the other participants. I was warmly welcomed with a handshake, was given a high five and a word of support because I was nervous about the class and not knowing anything. They helped me get through that class and guess what, I went back for more.

So, something to think about especially as we come to the Sacramental season where we celebrate First Holy Communion (this Sunday April 28th at 11am) and Confirmations (Saturday May 18th at 5pm). Are we opening our lives and our hearts to God so that we are able to be warm and open to one another especially the stranger or the person we don't know? For us and for them, that one smile, that simple handshake, that word of welcome: Life sharing can be life changing.

Fr Michael

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

FIRST COMMUNION MASS 2024

Sunday, April 28th
11 AM

This Sunday, April 28th during the 11am Mass, 22 children will be receiving the Body of Christ for the very first time. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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 exits of the Church. For more information, please contact Sam, the Youth Minister!

SECOND SHARELIFE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND – APRIL 27/28

“The largest thank you to all ShareLife donors for your continued generosity! With your support, our centre is able to provide assistance to seniors in need through our community programs.” – Jaymie Daunt, LA Centre for Active Seniors

**Thus far we have raised \$25,902
toward our goal of \$108,000**

Donate through the parish using a ShareLife envelope (available at all the exits of the Church), or at sharelife.org/donate.

PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE DONATIONS FOR THE COMPASS

Help us reach our goal of 2000 units of each item. Drop off donations in-person at 427 Lakeshore Road East, Mississauga or donate online at <https://thecompass.ca/donate-now/>

SSVP - BUNDLE UP

A great big thank you to our parishioners for their donations to our Bundle Up collection, supporting the work of Saint Vincent de Paul. The truck was full!

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Duane Fernandes
Special intentions of the Fernandes family

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of Nathan Fernandes
Special intentions of Nathan Fernandes

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Loving Memory of Antonietta Gazzola
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ST. JOSEPH

Special intentions of Benny Lobo



I love my
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LOVE. LAUGHTER. MOMENTS OF GRACE.

Calling all moms! St. Mary Star of the Sea is launching a Mother's group, focused on supporting moms in their vocation. Come this Saturday, May 4th at 10 am and be a part of an encouraging and supportive community of women and go deeper in your faith life. It really takes a village to raise children. Stay tuned for more details on how you can join the meetings.



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 4th/5th Weekend
When: Before and After All Masses
Where: Main door of the Church

Most Needed Items:

Diapers (sizes 5,6,7), Formula, Baby Toiletries (baby wash, lotion, diaper rash cream), Baby Food Pouches, Baby Cereal, Baby and Toddler Snacks
New and gently used clothing sizes 4T, 5T and 6T

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.





Mother's Day

May 11/12 weekend after all the Masses

FLOWER SALE

\$5/ROSE

All proceeds go to the Youth of the Parish
attending the Steubenville Conference

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