

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 2, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025 (5:00 PM)



†Leona Osborne

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Pat & Hugh Loughran

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 (7:00 PM)

†Brian Atheo

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 (9:00 AM)

9:00 am - †Doris Lalonde and Special intentions of Tessie Tesoro,
Vincent Ghisleni and Alita Romani & family

7:00 pm - Special intentions of the Miller, Ward & Wells families

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Samantha Cameron

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Maria Binotto

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Vivian Partenio and Special intentions of Nicole & Geoff
Graham

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

LPA's Blog - March 1/2

Since Fr Michael is still away on pilgrimage, it is now my (Adriene's) turn to write the weekly blog. The last time I wrote the blog, I shared with you "a day in the life of the LPA". In the times before that, I would write about wedding planning updates and here I am nearly 6 months married with not many updates to give. When people ask me what married life is like, my usual response is that it truly feels like a romantic comedy!

Recently, we received the full gallery of our wedding photos and a video that highlights special moments from our big day. As Adrian and I looked through the photos and watched our wedding video, we couldn't help but feel all the emotions from that day again — the giddiness, the joy, and the overwhelming sense of love. I'm so thankful that we can look back at these memories and relive these moments of joy.

Reflecting on this, I'm reminded of our relationship with the Lord. Just as there are seasons of great joy and consolation, there are also moments of desolation and challenge. My spiritual director once shared that in times of joy, it's important to pause and truly thank God for those moments, particularly those moments of encounter with the Lord where we experience His love profoundly. He told me that during times of desolation, we can revisit these pockets of grace and relive the joy and peace that God has gifted us, strengthening us through difficult seasons.

In the next few days, we will officially begin the Lenten season. During Advent, we enter into a season of preparing for Christ's birth and now with Lent, we enter into another liturgical season of preparing for the Church's greatest celebration, Easter. As Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, we too spend these 40 days following after Him in the Lenten desert. Lent is a penitential season meant to deepen our relationship with God. It is marked by the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During Lent, we are called to "true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully" (USCCB).

As we approach this Lent, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on your relationship with the Lord, especially on those moments of encounter with Him that have been filled with grace. I invite you to reflect on these gifts and hold them close, particularly as we journey through the Lenten desert. It's not enough to simply think of them as "nice" moments, but to truly reflect on and relive the grace that God has given us in them.

As a reminder, we will have two Ash Wednesday Masses on Wednesday, March 5th, at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. We hope you can join us as we begin the Lenten season together!

- Adriene

SSVP

As we pray for Pope Francis, let us heed his words, found in his autobiography:

"We must not stumble upon tomorrow, we must build it, and we all have the responsibility to do so in a way that responds to the project of God, which is none other than the happiness of mankind, ... without excluding anyone."

If you have donated to SSVP in 2025

The CRA is administering the extension for 2024 charitable donations. If you have made a donation to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul between January 1st, 2025 to February 28th, 2025 and wish to receive a 2025 tax receipt to include with your 2024 tax filing, please leave a message at 647-628-2058 and someone will contact you.

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 (also found on the poor boxes). 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.



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For assistance, please call: 647-628-2058

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

2025 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Blessings for Nadiya Lim
Blessings for Nadiya Lim

BLESSED MOTHER

Blessings for Nadiya Lim
Blessings for Nadiya Lim

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

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ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA YOUTH
MINISTRY SECOND ANNUAL

Pancake Sunday



FUNDRAISER

Flip for a Cause!

Sunday
March 2nd
(following all Masses)



**All proceeds will be going directly to the St. Mary
Star of the Sea Camp Stella Maris**

The CWL invites you to the World Day of Prayer. A global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.



World Day of Prayer

2025

**"I Made You
Wonderful"**

Psalm 139: 1-18

Artists: Tarani Napa and
Tevairangi Napa



**« J'ai fait de toi
une merveille. »**

Ecumenical Worship Service Information

Friday, March 7, at 2 pm

St Stephen's-on-the-Hill
998 Indian Road, Mississauga
905-278-9245

Refreshments will be served following the service

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Service rédigé Préparé par le Comité JMP des îles Cook, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Mouvement des chrétiennes du Canada





SUMMER



CAMP



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



WEEK 1: JULY 7-11
WEEK 2: JULY 21-25

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