

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 (9:00 AM)

In thanksgiving

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Nicola Piacentino

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Richard Beach

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Adriene Adona & Adrian Gill

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Anthony Menezes

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Marilyn Fernandes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Linus Wan & family

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

9:30 am - 10:30 am

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

As we arrived at the September long weekend, I always marvel at how summer comes and goes so quickly. Time flies when you are having fun and serving the Lord. For myself, I was able to get a little bit more time away from the parish to get some much needed rest and renewal. These times away allow for the creative side of my mind to activate and I come back with new ideas which can be discussed amongst the staff and leadership team. This is how the “Blessing of Backpacks” and the “Backpack Drive” came to fruition.

## FIRST ANNUAL BACKPACK DRIVE AND BACKPACK BLESSING!



### SEPTEMBER 28/29 AT ALL MASSES

THIS YEAR ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH IS HOSTING A BACKPACK DRIVE TO PROVIDE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO STUDENTS AT OUR PARISH SCHOOLS! DONATED ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT TO MASS THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 28/29TH TO BE BLESSED!

ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN BACKPACKS TO BE BLESSED AS WELL!

<b>Requested Items:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pencils</li><li>• Black or blue pens</li><li>• compass</li><li>• protractor</li><li>• Small box of crayons and/or coloured pencils</li><li>• Notebooks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Looseleaf paper</li><li>• highlighters</li><li>• 12" ruler</li><li>• pencil case</li><li>• and of course a backpack!</li></ul>

### Blessing of the Backpacks

Since 2022, the staff and leadership team have been looking for ways to connect with our parish schools outside of the normal school liturgies. One of the ideas that I had while on my cottage getaway was to have the blessing of backpacks. This is an opportunity to extend an invitation to the families who attend our parish schools, St Luke's and St. James' along with all other families who homeschooled or send their children to private or the public school and to those who have their children in day care to come to the parish and begin their school year with a blessing. And yes, even high school students are welcome! We look forward to welcoming all the children and teens of our parish families on the weekend of September 28/29 at all Masses where the blessing will take place after communion.

## Backpack Drive

One of the ideas that I had while on a little trip across the border was found in a church that we visited: a Backpack drive. Through this drive, we wish to provide backpacks and school supplies to our parish schools and to other charities who are may need them. We know that having the proper school supplies are needed to excel in school and some of our neighbours in need could certainly benefit from these items. We also know that school items get exhausted, lost or misplaced. These backpacks and school items can certainly assist in these situations. Please bring a backpack filled with school items (See Picture above) to the parish on the weekend of September 28/29th for them to be blessed and we will distribute to the schools. You may also bring just school supplies to the parish any weekend leading up to September 28th/29th and we will get them to the schools and those who are in need. Many thanks for your generous support of this endeavour.

## Prayer Ministry Update

As we make our way back into September, we wanted to communicate that our prayer ministry will begin on October 4th beginning with the Divine Mercy prayed online at 3pm, First Friday Adoration night at 7pm with a focus on St. Francis of Assisi and his devotion to the Eucharist, and First Saturday Intercessory Prayer following the 9am Mass and St. Michael's devotion. We are also making some additions to the ministry, so please stay tuned for those exciting developments!

Please enjoy this September long weekend and my prayers go with you as you get back into a regular rhythm and routine on Tuesday.

Fr Michael



If your child will be preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation next year, registration and enrolment will begin in the fall.

Mark your calendars! We are planning ahead and have set dates for the preparation programs. Please see the schedules attached. Note that there is a faith formation series for parents that are scheduled for the fall.

To receive more information about registration and updates, kindly fill out the forms on our parish website to join our emailing list. More information will be sent out in the fall.

For First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion: <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/first-holy-communion>

For questions pertaining to First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, contact Adriene at [aadona@archtoronto.org](mailto:aadona@archtoronto.org)

For Confirmation: <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/confirmation>

For questions pertaining to Confirmation, contact Samantha at [scameron@archtoronto.org](mailto:scameron@archtoronto.org)

Please [click](#) here for the calendars.



Please watch your step...

# WE ARE OPEN

WHILE FRONT STEPS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## CWL - SOAP DRIVE

The CWL is doing a Soap drive for Dr. Simone of Canadian Food For Children. Soap is needed for the less fortunate people, not only does it keep oneself clean but helps curb the spread of diseases, provide proper hygiene and gives confidence when one is cleaned.

We kindly request you to bring in your donations of ONLY soap bars on the weekend masses of September 7/8 & 14/15. Boxes will be left at the exits of the church where you can place your donations of soap bars.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our parish Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has assisted 75 families coping with food insecurities within our parish boundaries so far this year, with over 200 visits, and the number of requests is growing. It is only through your generous financial assistance that we can continue to do this.

We thank you for your continued support and remind you of the Poor Boxes located in the front and side entrances.

You may also donate on-line through Canada Helps or make an e-transfer to us. Please call our number for details (905-278-2058 ext 2).

## SHARELIFE

Thus far we have raised \$53,572 (50%) toward our goal of \$108,000

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for your generosity.

## SSVP HELP LINE : 647-628-2058

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

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

Special Intention of Mary Ndukwe Bende  
Special Intention of Krisben Investment Limited

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving  
For the souls in purgatory

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of  
Christopher Bende & Williams Idemudia  
Special Intention of  
Bright & Ogechi Aigbe Idemudia & family

### ST. JOSEPH

For those who have no one to pray for them

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