

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 (5:00 PM)

Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalm 130:1-8 | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45

† Joseph MacDonald

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 (9:00 AM)

† Alan Sr. & Alan Jr. del Puerto

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62 | Ps 23:1-3a,3b-6 | John 8:1-11

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 (7:00 PM)

2Sam 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 | Ps 89:2-5,27,29 | Rom 4:13,16-18,22 | Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

† Joseph & Irene Sannuto

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95 | Psalm Dan 3:52-56 | John 8:31-42

Special intentions of Gianella Lazaro and Maria Binotto

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Genesis 17:3-9 | Psalm 105:4-9 | John 8:51-59

† Alberto D'Orazio

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024 (9:00 AM) Stations of the Cross (7:00 PM)

Jeremiah 20:10-13 | Psalm 18:2-3a,3bc-7 | John 10:31-42

† Alberto and Stella Severin

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Ezekiel 37:21-28 | Psalm Jeremiah 31:10-12abcd,13 | John 11:45-56

Special intentions of Kenny Lobo, Nathan Fernandes and † Vito Agozzino

EUCARISTIC 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: The Gaze of Jesus

Last week you heard from Adriene and all the beautiful things going on in her ministry and life from First Communion prep to her wedding prep (YAY)! With my turn on the blog I wanted to share a reflection from the Lenten devotional I have been following this year. For context, this is a daily devotion for women from the Catholic community Blessed is She and it follows the same schedule weekly -

- Sunday:** The Way of the Cross
- Monday:** Lectio divina on a verse from Isaiah 53 prophecy
- Tuesday:** Personal Story from one of the authors
- Wednesday:** Visio divina based on sacred mosaic art
- Thursday:** Personal story from one of the authors
- Friday:** Lectio divina on the fulfillment of the Isaiah 53 prophecy
- Saturday:** Reconciliation

Following this devotion has done wonders for my prayer life because it allowed me to pray in so many different ways, but there was one reflection in particular I wanted to share going into the 5th Sunday of Lent. It comes from the Sunday narration with Jesus on the Way of the Cross. If you are reading this at home or sitting in the parish, no matter where you are, take a moment to put yourself in that setting of walking alongside Jesus to Calvary...

“Jesus glances towards His Mother. A look of loving endurance passes between them, one they have shared before. You long to reach out to both; what they can bear, you feel unable to stand. How can He stand it all so patiently? Then Jesus’ gaze turns to you, the intensity of it blocking out the chaos around you. You think to yourself ‘I can’t be like you; I am too sinful.’ Your repentant heart reaches out to Him as you, in your shame, cast your eyes to the ground. Then you feel His Mother wrap her mantle around your shoulders; she prays silently for you. Under her care, your eyes once again lift to His compassionate face and His waiting gaze.”

The compassionate gaze of Jesus. When I first read this I was in Adoration and when I looked up towards the monstrance I had to turn my eyes away from Jesus in the Eucharist similar to this narration. Inviting the Holy Spirit into my imagination I could vividly imagine gazing into the eyes of Jesus - the intense sacrificial love seen there was overwhelming. Jesus died on the Cross for all of us, each and every single one of us and in his eyes the entire time, sacrificial love.

As we head into the last week of Lent before Holy Week I want to encourage you, as you pray with your own Lenten devotions or readings but especially if you pray through the Stations of the Cross, don’t just read the words and travel through the scene but reflect on the face - particularly the gaze of Jesus.

Sam

TOTUS TUUS

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!

SHARELIFE SUNDAY - THIS WEEKEND

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Our parish goal this year is \$108,000.

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

SSVP – FEBRUARY SUMMARY

During the month of February, our team members made 28 home visits, and distributed \$3340 in grocery gift cards and bus tickets. We received \$1510 in donations. We are grateful to all of our donors, and we remember you in our monthly prayers. In January, we welcomed a new member to our team - Kim. We now have 13 members!

Jesus teach us how to walk with You and be Your presence in the world.

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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.



THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Maria Binotto
Special intentions of Samuel Del Puerto

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Healing for Dermott Thomas
Healing for Dermott Thomas

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special intentions of the Cornacchione family
In loving memory of Edith Krajewski

ST. JOSEPH

Special intentions of the Cornacchione family

SSVP HELPLINE

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.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Day of Confessions

Friday March 22nd: 9:30am-12pm (Visiting Priest)

Saturday, March 23rd: 10am-12pm (Visiting Priest)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 23rd: 5pm Mass

Sunday, March 24th: 9am and 11am

(Confirmation Rite of Enrollment at 11am)

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

Thursday, March 28th: 8pm Mass

Altar of Repose: 9pm-12am

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Friday, March 29th: 3pm Service

Stations of the Cross (Youth Lead): 7pm

Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 30th

Easter Basket Blessing: 9:30am-9:40am

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 8:30pm

The Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st: 9am and 11am