



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### *Parish Hours*

#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 10:30am-5:00pm

**\*Friday: CLOSED\***

Saturday - Sunday: CLOSED

#### **Church Hours**

Monday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-3:00pm/5:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday-Saturday: 8:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-12:30pm

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 7:00pm

Wednesday - Saturday: 9:00am

#### **Lord's Day Masses**

Saturday (vigil): 5:00pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

#### **Adoration**

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am - 10:30am

Friday: 9:30am - 12:00pm

First Fridays: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### **Confession**

Saturday: 9:30am-10:30am or by appointment

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#### **St. James Global Learning Centre**

98 Wanita Rd, Mississauga, ON L5G 1B8  
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### *Let's Connect!*

#### **Website**

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### *A Welcome to Our Parish this Easter Season*

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen! We warmly welcome you into our parish family this Easter. Our parish seeks to be a place where everyone may come to encounter and adore the Risen Lord. We pray that you may find the true joy of the Resurrection this blessed Easter season.

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### *Ways to Support Our Parish*

- In person or by mail:** You can drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office
- By Credit Card:** Make a one-time or recurring gift to the parish offertory or other special funds
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG):** Set up automatic monthly donations. Forms are available at the parish office or can be downloaded from the parish website.
- Online Banking:** You can also contribute through your online banking by emailing [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org)

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## *Readings for this Sunday*

**First Reading:** *Acts 1:1-11*

**Psalm:** *Psalm 47*

**Second Reading:** *Ephesians 1:17-23*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 29:16-20*

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### *Weekly Mass Intentions*

*To request a Mass intention or votive dedication please contact Marilyn Fernandes*

**Saturday, May 16th | 5:00pm**

***Ascension of the Lord***

†*Yvonne Patterson*

**Sunday, May 17th | 9:00am**

***Ascension of the Lord***

*For the People of the Parish*

**Sunday, May 17th | 11:00am**

***Ascension of the Lord***

†*Alan Sr and Alan Jr del Puerto*

**Monday, May 18th**

***Seventh Week of Easter***

*No public Mass*

**Tuesday, May 19th | 7:00pm**

***Seventh Week of Easter***

†*Alex D'Souza*

**Wednesday, May 20th | 9:00am**

***Seventh Week of Easter (St. Bernadine of Siena)***

†*Cleotilde Manguerra and †Hugh Loughran and the special intentions of Sergio Iavicoli*

**Thursday, May 21st | 9:00am**

***Seventh Week of Easter (St. Eugène de Mazenod)***

†*Karishma Iyer*

**Friday, May 22nd | 9:00am**

***Seventh Week of Easter (St. Rita of Cascia)***

†*Valerie Alexander*

**Saturday, May 23rd | 9:00am**

***Seventh Week of Easter***

†*Seven Vincent Garvey †Horace & Shirley Crage*

†*Hugh Loughran*

## *Votive Lamp Dedications*

### **Tabernacle**

*Special intentions of Laura Fernandes*

*In thanksgiving*

### **Sacred Heart of Jesus**

*For the souls in purgatory*

*In thanksgiving*

### **Blessed Mother**

*In thanksgiving requested by Malcolm Vaz*

*For the souls in purgatory*

### **St. Joseph**

*In thanksgiving*

### **St. Anne**

*For the souls in purgatory*

### **St. Jude**

*In thanksgiving*

## *Pastor's Corner*

During a recent visit to St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre, one Grade 4 student surprised me by asking about the Beard-B-Gone fundraiser at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish. The classroom reaction was a mix of excitement and mourning as I announced the beard's upcoming demise. One student eagerly asked if people would be able to watch the shaving happen. While it won't be live and in-person, we hope to film it for everyone to enjoy afterward! Another older student suggested that the highest donor should get the honour of making the first cut. A creative idea... but absolutely not!

But did you know that I took a very loose interpretation from scripture for the idea of this fundraiser to take facial hair and turn it into a visible sign of sacrifice, generosity and fun? In Scripture, those who made a Nazirite vow (cf. Num 6) dedicated themselves to the Lord and avoided the razor for a time. When the vow ended, the hair came off as part of the offering. I thought about taking the clippings and burning it to make the offering more biblical...but the smell would be awful.

As a reminder, all donations from Beard-B-Gone will support our parish Youth Ministry and evangelization efforts, helping young people encounter Jesus, grow in faith, and build a strong Catholic community. So please, continue to pray for our parish and young people and give generously to the fundraiser.

May God use even this small sacrifice — and a slightly colder face — for His glory!

## Week at a Glance

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
18	19	20 Craft Group Meeting (10:00am)	21	22 Divine Mercy (3pm - online)	23 Confirmation Mass (Pentecost Vigil 5pm)

### *Stella Maris Sunday - May 24th*

Stella Maris Sunday is back this month! Join us on Sunday, May 24th following the 11am Mass to celebrate the Birthday of the Church! (Also known as Pentecost Sunday). All Children in grades K-6 are welcome to join us for an afternoon of faith and fun!

### *Corpus Christi - June 7th*

All parishioners are warmly invited to join our Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 7th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Together, we will publicly witness our faith and devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Following the procession, please join us for a Parish Potluck and fellowship. Families are encouraged to bring a dish to share as we gather in community and celebration. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful feast together!

### *SSVP - The Lord at Work!*

Last week our Executive team interviewed a new member, as required in our by-laws. This person expressed his desire to put his faith into action. He stated that he always had Catholic values in his family life while growing up. He felt that one is truly happy when helping others. From my perspective, it was affirming to hear that the good examples set at home really do impact others (even though the "setters" may not realize it), and that giving of oneself benefits both self and others. He also gave a shout-out to Fr. Michael for the invitation to join. We never know when our invitations may bear fruit.

#### SSVP Helpline

For assistance please call 647-628-2058 and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

### *Fr. Michael's Farewell*

Join us as we gather to thank Fr. Michael for his faithful service to our parish community and wish him well on his next chapter. All parishioners are warmly invited to a farewell celebration **on the evening of Sunday, June 14th**

Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, gratitude, and celebration as we honour Fr. Michael and all he has meant to our parish family. More details to follow. We hope to see you there!

### *Confirmation Mass - Sat, May 23rd*

Please join us in prayer for the young people of our parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Pentecost Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 23 at our 5pm Mass

As we celebrate this special occasion in the life of our parish, the Mass will be longer than usual. We thank you for your patience and prayerful participation as we ask for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Confirmandi.

Please keep all of our Confirmation candidates, their families, and sponsors in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

### *Smile of the Week*

Back then, you used to be able to get air for free at the gas station, but now it's \$1...  
That's inflation for you.

## Couples Date Night May 29th

Our Couples Ministry is getting ready for Date Night #2 on May 29th! We welcome you to join us once again for an evening of connection and formation as Catholic married/engaged couples. Your date will once again begin with Holy Mass at 7pm, followed by appetizers and drinks, a pot-luck dinner with tables for two, and a guest speaker during coffee and dessert. Once again this evening is for adults only, engaged or married, but a connection to a babysitter can be requested upon registration.

Our May 29th Date Night topic is "Essentials of Couple Communication", and our guest speaker will be Carey Campbell. Carey is a well-known and respected therapist in the west GTHA, with almost 20 years' experience, and a special interest in couples' therapy. She is also a practicing Catholic, wife, and mother.

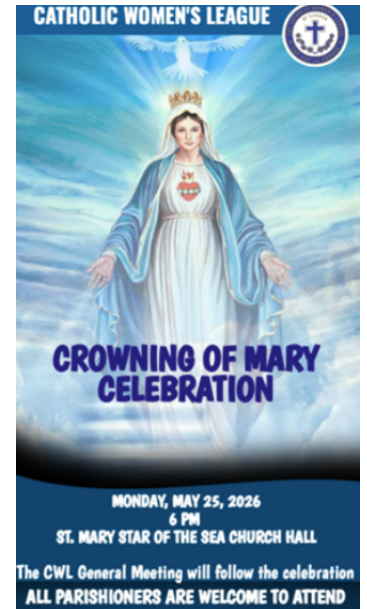
Please register online using the QR code or via the Parish website. Spaces are limited, so consider registering soon! If there is anyone interested in offering their babysitting services to the community for this event, please fill out the Babysitting form via QR code below.

Questions? Reach out to [stmarysots.datenights@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysots.datenights@outlook.com).

## Catholic Women's League

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your generous support of the CWL's 2 donation drives in April: the collection of bikes, tools and sewing machines for Canadian Food for Children and the collection of baby items for the Vita Centre. Your support makes a meaningful difference for families in need.

The Catholic Women's League will be holding a Crowning of Mary Celebration in the Church Hall on Monday May 25th at 6pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Our General Meeting will follow the celebration.



### Date Night Registration



### Date Night Babysitting



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