

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 4, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024 (5:00 PM)



†Mark Madott

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Benito & Rita Favretto

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Special Intentions of Florence Mohammed

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Rolf Huehmann and Special intentions of Annamaria Piraino,
Robert Walton and Vincent Ghisleni

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Aldo Lista

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Varkey Poranganel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Antonio Palmieri and Special intentions of Jose Joseph

EUCCHARISTIC 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

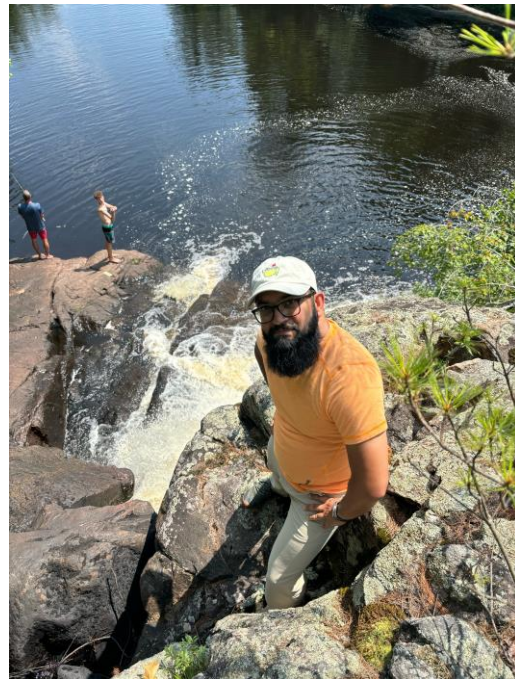
Support Your Parish:

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

Pastor's Blog

While it is always a challenge to get back into the regular rhythm and routine of parish life after vacation, it is good to be back. On my drive to the cottage we rented and while at the cottage, it occurred to me that during the summer time, why would I want to leave Ontario? It is so beautiful and as we used to say, it is a place to be discovered. Other than the pesky bugs, I had a great time of hiking and for the first time driving an ATV.

When not doing something active, it was sitting by the lake and reading, talking about life and discussing politics. Lets just say, it was quite the week for the latter.



My return to the city coincided with the opening ceremony for 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. I had no intention to watch the Olympics but after seeing clips of the opening ceremonies, I will certainly not be following any of the Olympic Games. The well known Bishop Robert Barron has certainly been a leader criticizing the opening ceremonies. [You can watch that here.](#) The olympic organizing committee, knowing the backlash that they faced online and in the media, offered what they thought was an apology. However, it was not an apology. Again, Bishop Robert Barron breaks down why it is not an apology. [You can watch that here.](#) For a longer more point by point breakdown of the statement made by the organizing committee claiming it was not about the Last Supper, you can watch Fr Chris Alair's homily's response [here](#).

Quite frankly, I am quite tired of seeing Christians being made the villain of history and the brunt of open derision and spite. Enough is enough. A couple of parishioners reached out to me letting me know ways that we can make our voice heard. You can reach out to International Olympic Committee (IOC):

By phone (international): 011 41 21 621 61 11

E-mail: pressoffice@olympic.org

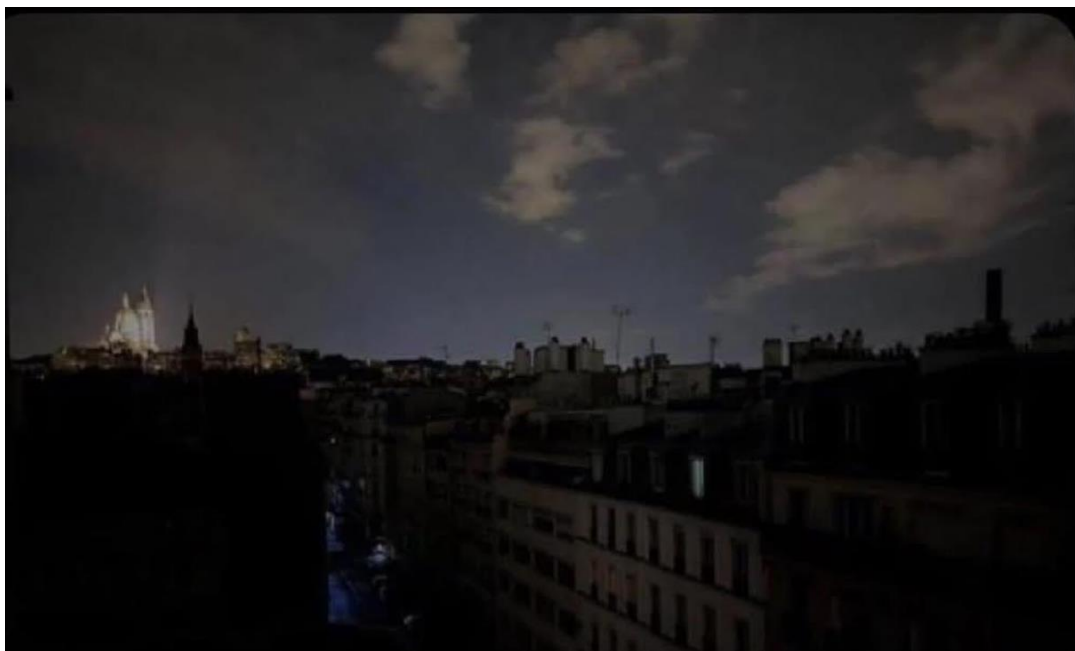
Contact them through their website: www.olympics.com/ioc/contact-us

Write to them at: Maison Olympique, 1007 Lausanne. Switzerland

But more importantly, we should make acts of reparation for the blasphemy that was committed. Here is a prayer that I invite you to recite when you come for Mass this weekend:

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.

After the opening ceremonies, Paris experienced a blackout. There is a picture that shows one place that was not effected by this blackout, The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a beautiful image of how the light of Christ will not be overcome by the darkness.



I hope you all enjoy your August long weekend. Gosh, cannot believe its August...

Fr Michael



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.

SSVP – JULY SUMMARY

While many of us may be able to enjoy a summer holiday away or at home, others continue to struggle to supply adequate food for their families. Thank you to our donors for allowing us to assist. During the month of July, our members made 28 visits and distributed \$3150 in grocery gift cards and \$182.40 in bus tickets.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

Sacramental Preparation 2025

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

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

For questions pertaining to Confirmation, contact Samantha at scameron@archtoronto.org
Please [click](#) here for the calendars.

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