



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Harbour of refuge, beacon of hope

Parish Hours

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:30am-5:00pm
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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A Welcome to Our Parish During this Lenten Season

As we journey in the desert this Lenten season, we wish to welcome you into our parish family. We desire to offer a spiritual harbour where all can come and cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord through fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, March 21st | 5:00pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent

†*Jeanne Steverengo*

Sunday, March 22nd | 9:00am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

For the people of the parish

Sunday, March 22nd | 11:00am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

†*Marianna & Francesco Varano*

Monday, March 23rd

Fifth Week of Lent (St. Turibius of Mogrovejo)

No public Mass

Tuesday, March 24th | 7:00pm

Fifth Week of Lent

Special intentions of Kenny Lobo

Wednesday, March 25th | 9:00am

Solemnity of the Annunciation

†*Maria Haring and special intentions of Tessie Tesoro, Eva and Francis*

Thursday, March 26th | 9:00am

Fifth Week of Lent

†*Frank Saldanha*

Friday, March 27th | 9:00am

Fifth Week of Lent

Special intentions of Daniela Trimboli

Saturday, March 28th | 9:00am

Fifth Week of Lent

†*Valerie Alexander and †Loretta Allis*

Smile of the Week

The book on chronology I ordered has finally arrived...

...It's about time

Votive Lamp Dedications

Tabernacle

*Special intentions of Eric Boucher
Special intentions of Robert Richard*

Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Special intentions of Kathleen & Eileen Lobo
In thanksgiving*

Blessed Mother

*In loving memory of Edith Krajewski
In thanksgiving*

St. Joseph

For the souls in purgatory

St. Anne

In thanksgiving

St. Jude

For the souls in purgatory

Pastor's Corner

It is usually around this time in the Lenten season that I field questions about the veiling of statues. Some parishes veil statues from Ash Wednesday onward while others don't veil statues at all. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains that it is the 5th Sunday of Lent that statues may be veiled. This practice, though striking, is rich in meaning and invites us into a deeper experience of the holy season of Lent.

Lent began with a call to repentance through the Lenten observances of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Now, as we move closer to Holy Week, the Church shifts our focus more directly to the suffering and Passion of our Lord. The veiling of images marks this transition. It creates a sense of simplicity and even absence, encouraging us to reflect more profoundly on Christ's sacrifice for us.

There is also a spiritual purpose behind this temporary "hiding." Just as Christ withdrew from public view before His Passion, so too the beauty of sacred images is concealed. In this way, the Church invites us to walk more closely with Him in these final days.

The absence we experience now is not without hope. Rather, it heightens our longing. When the veils are removed at Easter, the return of these images will reflect the joy and glory of the Resurrection in a powerful way.

Let us embrace this time with renewed devotion, allowing the simplicity of our surroundings to draw us more deeply into prayer and into the mystery of Christ's love.

Week at Glance

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
23	24	25 SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION Craft Group Meeting (10am)	26	27 PARISH DAY OF CONFESSIONS Divine Mercy (3pm online) Stations of the Cross (7pm)	28

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Lenten Day of Confessions

Friday, March 27th

9:30am-12:00pm: Fr. Michael + Visiting Priest

2:00pm-4:00pm: Visiting Priest

6:00pm-8:00pm: Fr. Michael + Visiting Priest

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 28th/Sunday, March 29th

Palm Sunday Mass (5:00pm Vigil, 9:00am, 11:00am)

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper (8:00pm)

Altar of Repose (until midnight)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 3rd

**Divine Mercy Novena begins this day and will be prayed at 2:30pm*

Celebration of the Lord's Passion (3:00pm)

Stations of the Cross (7:00pm)

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4th

Blessing of the Easter Baskets (10:30am)

Divine Mercy Novena (3:00pm **online**)

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

The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 5th

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (9:00am & 11:00am)

Divine Mercy Novena (3:00pm **online**)



Archdiocese
of Toronto

Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (C-218, **The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

What is Bill C-218? Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party. We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons. It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

TAKE ACTION AT HelpNotHarmCanada.ca TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



SCAN ME

CWL and Canadian Food For Children

We are collecting gently used bicycles as well as gently used tools (basic and electric) and sewing machines in working order for Canada Food for Children. These items will empower individuals in marginalized countries. The bicycles will increase their ability to access vital community resources and networks. The tools will help people make a living and the sewing machines are for their mission partner in El Salvador to use in the sewing school. If you have any to donate, please drop off at the St. Vincent de Paul truck in the church parking lot. *Bundle Up Weekend (April 11th/12th)*

Bundle Up For the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



We are collecting your donations at

St. Mary Star of the Sea

11 Peter Street South, Mississauga
On

April 11 - 12, 2026



We **DO NOT ACCEPT** appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes
For more information visit www.ssvptoronto.ca



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List of Items Accepted and Not Accepted at Bundle Up Weekends.& Stores

Accept

All Clothing
(Any Condition)

All Footwear
(Any Condition)

Bedding
(Any Condition)

Drapery/Towels

Toys
(New only)

Don't Accept

Please we do not accept the following :

Baby items
(Cribs, Car seats, strollers, or any other baby furniture)

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(Any Condition)

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(Any Kind)

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(Any Kind)

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