

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 21, 2023



## ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Acts 1:12-14 | Ps 27:1,4,7-8 | 1 Peter 4:13-16 | John 17:1-11a

†Antonio Furtado



SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 (9:00 AM) **No Livestream this Sunday**

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Mariano L Tan

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

Acts 19:1-8 | Psalm 68:2-3ab,4-5acd,6-7ab | John 16:29-33

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Acts 20:17-27 | Psalm 68:10-11,20-21 | John 17:1-11a

Special intention of Dana Lim

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 20:28-38 | Psalm 68:29-30,33-35a,35bc-36ab | John 17:11b-19

†Norah Loughran and Special intentions of Sergio Iavicoli and Priscilla Menezes and in Thanksgiving by the Fredette family

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 22:30;23:6-11 | Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11 | John 17:20-26

†Joan Bourgeois

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 25:13b-21 | Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab | John 21:15-19

†Anthony Menezes

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 28:16-20,30-31 | Psalm 11:4,5,7 | John 21:20-25

††Alan Sr. & Alan Jr. del Puerto

### 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

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)

## LPA's Blog

### Adriene's Experience

If I could describe my March for Life experience in one word it would be - prayerful. On Wednesday, May 10th, I was blessed to have the opportunity to attend the candlelight vigil held on the Human Rights Monument in Ottawa. The Candlelight Vigil is held the night before the march and rally. During the vigil, we heard powerful testimonies from an ex-abortionist turned pro-life advocate and a heroic woman who on the brink of getting an abortion, chose life for her beautiful baby girl. During the vigil, we also prayed for women considering abortion, post-abortive mothers and fathers, those experiencing a crisis pregnancy, abortion workers, and politicians. We especially prayed for all of the unborn babies, those lost in abortion.

Though the vigil was indeed a beautiful experience, what particularly struck me was the weight of grief in the air, recalling the lives of those lost in abortion everyday, lives of individuals whose names we'll never know, who never got the chance to be. There was a time during the vigil, where roses were brought to a small casket, representing these lives. The imagery of this moment brought to light the heavy truth of why we march. Though the weight of grief was indeed heavy in my heart, there was also a deep peace and a joy I felt in seeing the many other individuals who came to pray, holding their candles, lifting their prayers to Christ with conviction of the victory and power He has over all evil.

I have attended the rally and march in previous years but this was my first time attending the candlelight vigil. What struck me the most was the intimacy of prayer that was shared that evening. One of the speakers mentioned the verse from John 1:5 –

**“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”**

This verse, in a very powerful and profound way, showed exactly what this candlelight vigil is all about. Though the darkness of abortion is real, the light still shines. It is often easy to get discouraged from standing up for the truth in a very real and radical way, especially within a society that fights against it. However, how we show up, in both our physical presence and in our prayer, truly does matter.

This experience was also a proud fiancé moment for me as Adrian's band, Steadfast Worship, was tasked with providing praise and worship music for all of the March for Life events, including the vigil. There are no words to express my gratitude and joy in fighting for a culture of life alongside him. The vigil concluded with a time of praise and worship, and around the corner was a small parish, where they held Eucharistic Adoration after the vigil as well. Spending that intimate time with Jesus to finish off the night was exactly what my big little heart needed, bringing it all back to the One who gives us the courage to stand firm in truth and the one who truly has the victory over death.



The next morning, just before the rally and the march, I also attended the National Mass for Life at Notre Dame Cathedral. Following Mass, they distributed prayer cards which had the “Spiritual Adoption Prayer” which I include here for you. This Spiritual Adoption Prayer was written by Archbishop Fulton Sheen to help save babies from abortion. It involves praying for a baby by a name of own choosing for nine months straight. Although you may never meet your spiritually adopted baby, our good Lord knows exactly who you are praying for.

**“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg  
You to spare the life of (baby’s name), the unborn baby that  
I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion.”**

Here's to building a culture of life through our prayer and witness!

Have a blessed long weekend,  
Adriene

PS. I designed and made shirts (as pictured with Adrian above) that say “women deserve better” along with a forget me not flower for all of the unborn. May or may not start selling this so please let me know if you’d be interested in purchasing one....

### THIRD SHARELIFE SUNDAY – JUNE 4

Thus far we have raised **\$44,209 (35%)**  
toward our goal of **\$125,000**

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

### THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

#### TABERNACLE

Blessings for Sergio Iavicoli  
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#### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving  
For the souls in purgatory

#### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Birthday Blessings for Nigel Power  
For the souls in purgatory

#### ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

### AID TO WOMEN “BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE” CAMPAIGN

“Baby Bottles for Life” will be collected after all masses the weekend of June 10-11. The Baby Bottles for Life campaign is coming to an end! Please drop the baby bottles with your donation into the plastic bins at the back of the church after all masses on the weekend of June 10-11. Please bring back all the bottles, even if they are not full – Aid to Women tries to minimize costs by reusing them for future campaigns. Thank you to all who have already brought in their bottles. Your generosity does save lives!

### SSVP NEWS

As you can probably guess, demand for our assistance is ongoing. We are now registering children of families in need for summer camp. We welcome a new member, Lucy, to our team. If you would like to consider joining us and serving the Lord in this ministry, please call Sal 905-271-0266.

### YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

#### TOTUS TUUS IS COMING!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 23-28th. Totus tuus is an archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes throughout the summer, spreading the Good News through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm. The intermediate/High School programs for grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm. **The cost is only \$100 (day program) \$25 (night program) per person for the entire week. Registrations can be found around the parish or online. For more information, please contact Samantha or go to [www.totustuustoronto.ca](http://www.totustuustoronto.ca)**

Edge : May 26<sup>th</sup> – Topic: Stump the Priest with Fr. Michael

Final LifeTeen : June 30<sup>th</sup> – End of the year party! ☺

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## PENTECOST NOVENA SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY MAY 19**

AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**SATURDAY MAY 20**

9:30AM

**SUNDAY MAY 21**

8:30AM

**MONDAY MAY 22**

9AM

**TUESDAY MAY 23**

2:30PM

**WEDNESDAY MAY 24**

AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**THURSDAY MAY 25**

AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**FRIDAY MAY 26**

AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**SATURDAY MAY 27**

9:30AM

**SUNDAY MAY 28TH**

**PENTECOST**

Donations of books and baked goods are welcome. Contact Angela @ 905-271-1737



**Catholic Women's League  
St. Mary Star of the Sea**

**Bake Book Craft FAIR**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**  
10 AM to 1 PM  
Church Hall, 11 Peter St. S

**Delicious Baked Goods**  
**Handmade Crafts**  
**Books Galore!**

*All Proceeds go to Charities in the Community*

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - SUNDAY JUNE 11TH  
FOLLOWING THE 11AM MASS**

## EUCARISTIC PROCESSION

The procession will begin after the 11am Mass with a time of fellowship in the hall following Benediction. Please extend this invite to your friends and family!

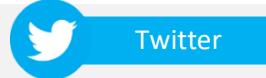


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