

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Numbers 6:22-27 | Psalms 67:2-3,5-6,8 | Galatians 4:4-7 | Luke 2:16-21
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 (9:00 AM) No Livestream this weekend

†Erma & Guido Barbisan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Lucy Lobo

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023, 2022

1John 2:22-28 | Psalms 98:1-3ab,3cd-4 | John 1:19-28

No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 (7:00 PM)

1John 2:29-3:6 | Psalms 98:1,3CD-4,5-6 | John 1:29-34

†Valentino Europa

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023 (9:00 AM)

1John 3:7-10 | Psalms 98:1,7-9 | John 1:35-42

†Mary Badali and Sp. Intention of Paola De Campo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 (9:00 AM)

1 John 3:11-21 | Psalms 100:1b-2,2-5 | John 1:43-51

†Mary Badali

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023 (9:00 AM)

1John 5:5-13 | Psalms 147:12-15,19-20 | Mark 1:7-11

†Santana De Silva

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023, 2022

1John 5:14-21 | Psalms 149:1-5,6a,9b | John 2:1-11

60th Wedding Anniversary of Achamma & Thomas Kannampuzha

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

PASTOR'S BLOG – ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

January 1, 2023

Thank You

After taking some time away from the parish to rest and recover from a very full Advent season and Christmas celebration, it has given me time to pause and give thanks to make these celebrations beautiful. First and foremost, to the parish staff: Deacon John, Marilyn, Adriene, Samantha, and Sergio for really going above and beyond this year. It was an adjustment for all of us after 2 years of having restricted Christmas celebrations to go all in this year. I could not have done it without them and their support.

Second, to the volunteers who gave of their time and talent to assist the parish staff. These are the people who are working behind the scenes in the hiddenness to make things happen. To those who assisted with decorating the Church and to those who assisted in liturgical ministries (ushers, lectors, altar servers), thank you. I want to give a special shout out to the choir! Hallelujah! What a blessing to our ears to have the choir back for the high holy days and now throughout the year on Sundays at 11am. Under the direction of Jeff Glover, they sounded great. If you heard them and are interested in joining them, please contact Jeff the director through the parish office.

Finally, to the kindness and generosity that many of you showed me and the staff with your gifts. Generosity should always bring about gratitude, and my heart is full of gratitude.

The Death of Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

This morning we received communications that Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI has passed away. "We mourn his passing and give thanks for the devoted pastoral ministry he offered as theologian, priest, bishop and supreme pontiff, but most of all for the witness of his holy life as a disciple of Jesus." We will remember him in our prayers of the faithful this weekend and the Mass on Wednesday 4 January at 9am will be a Mass of the Dead for him.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Mary, Mother of God - The Octave Day of Christmas

As we round out the octave of Christmas (we Catholics celebrate Christmas with great solemnity for 8 days), we turn to Our Blessed Mother Mary who is truly Mother of God. As we start the new year, we entrust it to Mary and ask her to mediate the graces won for us by her Son, Jesus.

A very happy and blessed New Year to each of you.

Fr Michael Simoes

FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEAL

Every Friday at 4:30 pm

Packaged meals will be distributed at the West side entrance of the Church on Peter Street

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.

2022 TAX RECEIPTS

Please note that 2022 Tax Receipts will be issued in February 2023, for all donations received:

- At the parish office, latest by Saturday, December 31, 2022
- By mail, post marked December 31, 2022 or earlier
- In the Saturday, 5 pm New Year's Eve Mass Collection on December 31, 2022

All donations received after December 31, 2022, including the New Year's Day Mass Collection on January 1, 2023 will be considered as your contribution for the year 2023 for which tax receipts will be issued in 2024. No exceptions.

SSVP – IN GRATITUDE

Dear Parishioners and Donors,

It is with deep gratitude that I offer my thanks on behalf of St. Mary's Saint Vincent de Paul team and those whom we serve. Many of our Neighbours in Need (NIN) wrote cards to thank you - these are on the tree in the main entrance (please read) - and many told me to express their thanks to you. Your generosity continues to astound and humble me.

In a few weeks, we will be able to provide some statistics on those we assisted, and how much we gave, in 2022. Of course, behind those numbers are people in need of help. And towards the end of January or early February, we will provide tax receipts to our donors.

As we enter into this New Year, we wish you and your loved ones God's continued blessings, as well as our commitment to continue to offer assistance in a caring way.

Sal Badali

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THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intention of Clermont Martineau
Healing for Judith Reyes

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Healing for Judith Reyes
For the souls in purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Healing for Judith Reyes
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

Healing for Judith Reyes

2023 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

Thank you, to all who picked up your 2023 donation envelope boxes. Those who have still not picked up their boxes, please contact Marilyn Fernandes at MFernandes@archtoronto.org or 905-278-2058.

Please do not use prior year envelopes after December 31, 2022. If you do not have a box of envelopes for 2023, one will be assigned to you.

Please inform us of any changes in your name, address, phone number or email address before the 2022 tax receipts are issued.

IN FROM THE COLD - MISSISSAUGA LAKESHORE WARMING CENTRE

Donations of Juice boxes, individual yoghurt servings, individually wrapped cheese servings, clementines, apples or individually wrapped muffins or buns for breakfast are requested for the new Mississauga Lakeshore Warming Centre. For more information call Margaret Ramsay 905-274-7995.