



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Harbour of refuge, beacon of hope*

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### *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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### *Parish Schools*

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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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#### **Youtube**

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### *A Welcome to Our Parish*

We warmly welcome you into our parish family. St. Mary Star of the Sea is a place where all are invited to come, adore the Lord, and grow in faith. We pray that you may find belonging, encouragement and spiritual growth here.

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### *Ways to Support Our Parish*

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

## ***Readings for this Sunday***

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 9:1-4*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 27*

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 4:12-23*

### ***Weekly Mass Intentions***

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

**Saturday, January 24th | 5:00pm**

***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

† *John Holland*

**Sunday, January 25th | 9:00am**

***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*For those who have no one to pray for them*

**Sunday, January 25th | 11:00am**

***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*For the People of the Parish*

**Monday, January 26th**

***Memorial of Sts. Timothy & Titus***

*No Mass*

**Tuesday, January 27th | 7:00pm**

***Third Week in Ordinary Time (St. Angela Merici)***

*Special intentions of Daniela Trimboli*

**Wednesday, January 28th | 9:00am**

***Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas***

† *Souls in purgatory and Special intentions of Ruth  
Apperley and Helena Babiarz*

**Thursday, January 29th | 9:00am**

***Third Week in Ordinary Time***

*Special intentions of Carmela Racco*

**Friday, January 30th | 9:00am**

***Third Week in Ordinary Time***

† *Valerie Alexander*

**Saturday, January 31st | 9:00am**

***Memorial of St. John Bosco***

† *Josephine Ricci, Souls in purgatory and Special  
intentions of Helena Babiarz, Bern Wilson and Elvira  
da Silva*

## ***Votive Lamp Dedications***

### **Tabernacle**

Special intentions of Basil & Duane Fernades

*For the souls in purgatory*

### **Sacred Heart of Jesus**

*In thanksgiving*

*For the souls in purgatory*

### **Blessed Mother**

*In thanksgiving*

*For the souls in purgatory*

### **St. Joseph**

*In thanksgiving*

### **St. Anne**

*For the souls in purgatory*

### **St. Jude**

*In thanksgiving*

## ***Pastor's Corner***

In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time the Sunday of the Word of God. The effect of instituting the Sunday of the Word of God has prompted Catholics to reflect more deeply on Scripture, encouraging a cultural shift toward reclaiming the Bible as central to Catholic life. Church leaders emphasize that this Sunday highlights the importance of Sacred Scripture in the liturgy and calls Catholics to actively engage with the Bible so it can renew their faith and guide their daily lives and the work of evangelization.

For myself, this Sunday has certainly effected the way I prepare my homilies every week, paying attention to both the literal sense and the spiritual sense of the scripture so that it can be proclaimed. And podcasts like “The Bible in a Year” has touched the hearts of thousands of people. It is not enough to hear regularly that God loves us. When we read the Bible with faith, we get to know that love personally in our life.

So a couple of action items from this weekend can be 1) Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the readings ahead of time. And 2) If you have not done so, go through the Bible in a year using one of the many schemas that exist. It will change your life and transform your relationship with God and others.

## Week at a Glance

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Alpha Information Meeting 7pm	Craft Group Meeting - 10:00am		Divin Mercy Chaplet - 3pm (online)		

### *Pancake Sunday - February 15th*

Bring the whole family and join us on **Sunday, February 15, following the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses**, for our annual Pancake Sunday Fundraiser!

Proceeds support **Parish Summer Camp Stella Maris**, helping provide supplies, youth employment, and keeping camp affordable so more children and teens can take part in a fun, faith-filled summer experience. If you would like to make a direct donation to summer camp please contact Samantha

### *2025 Tax Receipts*

Tax receipts will be issued and mailed out by the end of February for all donations received by December 31, 2025. **Please call Marilyn Fernandes at 905-278-2058 or email MFernandes@archtoronto.org if your mailing address has changed.** Thank you.

### *Spiritual Bouquet for the 2026 Ordinandi*

The Catholic Women's League is collecting the commitment of spiritual prayers and devotions which will be given to the 2026 Ordinandi at the 36th Annual Ordinandi Dinner on March 24th, 2026.

There is a form at each of the exits of the church where you can record your commitment. The form will be available at all masses the weekend of January 17th/18th, January 24th/25th & January 31st/February 1st. Parishioners are invited to record their prayer and devotion commitments in support of our Ordinandi. Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support of the 2026 Ordinandi.

### *Marriage Date Night - Community & Faith Formation*

Join us for a new quarterly gathering for married or engaged couples, with our **first Date Night taking place on February 13th**. Your date will begin with Holy Mass at 7pm, followed by appetizers and drinks, a pot-luck dinner with tables for two, and a guest speaker. Our topic for the evening will be "The Sacramentality of Marriage". This event is adults only, but couples may request a connection to a babysitter (where available) when registering.

We look forward to a meaningful evening to deepen your marriage, grow in faith, and connect with other couples in our community. Please share this with any other couples you know that may be interested! For more information, please contact **Jennifer.medal@outlook.com**.

#### *Date Night Registration*



#### *Interested in helping to babysit for parents attending couples date night?*



### *Smile of the Week*

I was dared to invent a new way of breaking ground as a New Year's resolution, but I realized that would be impossible.

*The shovel is the most ground-breaking invention ever.*

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## *Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau - February 9, 2026 at 2:30pm*

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

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## *Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated*

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 17 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$325 per person (\$225 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact [lgwtoronto@proton.me](mailto:lgwtoronto@proton.me). For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <http://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2026>.

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## *How to Donate to SSVP*

You can use one of the SSVP envelopes found on the poor boxes or a regular envelope marked SSVP.

To donate online through Canada Helps, visit [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) and search for "Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Star of the Sea Conference"

To donate by Interac e-Transfer, please direct your donation to the email [stmarystar@ssvptoronto.ca](mailto:stmarystar@ssvptoronto.ca), and use the Question 'Saint' and password 'Vincent'. Your ongoing generosity means the world to us. Thank you all for your support.

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## *SSVP Helpline*

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



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