



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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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

Readings for this Weekend

First Reading: *Genesis 2:7-25, 3:1-7*

Psalm: *Psalm 51*

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-19*

Gospel: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, February 21st | 5:00pm

First Sunday of Lent

For the people of the parish

Sunday, February 22nd | 9:00am

First Sunday of Lent

†Vicki & Placy Menezes

Sunday, February 22nd | 11:00am

First Sunday of Lent

†James Tesoro

Monday, February 23rd

First Week of Lent (St. Polycarp)

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 24th | 7:00pm

First Week of Lent

†Remy Fresin

Wednesday, February 25th | 9:00am

First Week of Lent

†Soledad Cortez and †Kochouseph Thottam

Thursday, February 26th | 9:00am

First Week of Lent

†Kochouseph Thottam

Friday, February 27th | 9:00am (St. Gregory of Narek)

First Week of Lent

Special intentions of Daniela Trimboli

Saturday, February 28th | 9:00am

First Week of Lent

†Valerie Alexander, †Romulo & Ester Estrella Salvador

†Robert Pereira & In thanksgiving for Nestor Geslani

Votive Lamp Dedications

Tabernacle

Special Intentions of Taryn Stobbart

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Sacred Heart of Jesus

In loving memory of Soledad Cortez

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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

On this First Sunday of Lent, the Church leads us into the desert with Jesus Christ. Accompanying Him with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we step away from the noise long enough to remember who we truly are: beloved sons and daughters of the Father. Prayer roots us in the Father's voice above the many competing voices around us. Fasting reminds us of our spiritual poverty: that we do not live on bread alone, but depend daily on our Father in heaven. Almsgiving stretches our hearts outward, teaching us to love our neighbour in concrete ways as our Father loves us.

However, it is important to remember that these practices are not spiritual self-improvement projects; they train us to imitate Christ in His way of love. One particular way that we can imitate Christ in His way of love is how we resist temptation. The Gospel reminds us that temptation itself is not sin. It becomes sin only when we freely give our "yes" to it. Jesus, fully God and fully man, was tempted by the evil one yet remained faithful. He did not sin. Where Adam fell, Christ obeys. Where Israel murmured in the wilderness, He trusts completely. He conquers not by displays of power, but by humble reliance on God's Word.

By His victory, He shows us that, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, we too are able to resist temptation and remain faithful to God. With the Holy Spirit we can boldly pray to Our Father, "Deliver us from evil."

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>
23	24	25 Craft Group Meeting	26 Eucharistic Miracles Display Thursday-Sunday)	27 Divine Mercy 3pm Stations of the Cross 7pm	28	1

2025 Tax Receipts

Please note that Tax Receipts for your 2025 donations to the Church are being mailed out and you should receive them latest by February 23, 2026.

SSVP - It's In the Mail!

Dear Donors, your tax receipts were dropped off at the Post Office this past Tuesday, and should be getting to you soon (for donations of \$25 or more). If you wish a receipt for a donation of less than \$25, please call our hotline at 647 628-2058. As I was helping to stuff the envelopes this past week, I noticed many names I recognized as long-time donors, and also many names I did not know. Whether you have been giving to us for years, or you have given for the first time, please know that we are grateful and that your donations allow us to assist Neighbours in Need in our community through our home visits. Blessings.

Sal, on behalf of the SSVP Team

SSVP Helpline

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

Summer Camp Registration OPEN!

Back for a another year! Stella Maris Summer Camp registration is now open for summer 2026! Summer Camp will run for two weeks

Week 1: July 20th-24th
Week 2: July 27th-31st



Camp is open to children currently in **JK up to grade 6!** The cost is \$150 per camper for one week with discounts for siblings available! You can scan the QR code to find out more info and to register!

St. Mary Star Of The Sea: Men's Group

All men (21+) of the parish are warmly invited to join the new Men's Group at the Parish. This is a place to build brotherhood, grow as disciples of Jesus, and encourage one another to live lives of virtue. Together we pray, reflect on readings, and share life to strengthen our faith and help us become better men at home, at work, and in the Church. All men are welcome. We will be meeting in the Church once every 2 weeks starting Saturday, February 21st at 7 a.m.

For details, contact Christien Salem at christien.salem@yahoo.com or visit the Parish website.

A Message from the CWL

The February General Meeting of The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is being held on Wednesday February 25th from 1:30pm-3:30pm in the Church Hall. Would you like to become a member? Please join us to sign up.

The CWL Council of St. Mary Star of the Sea, along with other Peel Region councils, will stand in support of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on Sunday, February 22 at 8:00 pm at the Clock Tower at Mississauga City Hall.

CWL members who wish to join us are invited to wear their CWL scarves and unite with us in prayer.

For those who require carpooling, please meet in the church parking lot at 7:15 pm. Limited seats will be available, or you may drive directly to the Clock Tower.

Smile of the Week

My dream job is to clean mirrors

I can really see myself doing that

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