

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 04, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 03, 2025 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, MAY 04, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Anita Coleman and Deceased members of the Tonic and Baratto families

SUNDAY, MAY 04, 2025 (11:00 AM)

†Anita Delores Lutes

MONDAY, 05 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 06, 2025 (7:00 PM)

Special intentions of Rita Voigt

WEDNESDAY, MAY 07, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Johanna Gysbers and Special intentions of Vincent & Maria Ghisleni and Cesare & Denise Dalle Carbonare

THURSDAY, MAY 08, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Wieslaw Hutny

FRIDAY, MAY 09, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Michael Edward Grinton

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Alberto & Stella Severin

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wed & Thurs - 9:30 am to 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

The Conclave

We received news on Monday that the College of Cardinals have decided, following the nine days of mourning (*Novendiales*) for the Pope, to schedule the beginning of the [Conclave on May 7th](#). While we continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, we should also begin to pray for the Cardinals gathered as they discuss, discern and decide on the next Pope:

Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals. May the Princes of the Church listen attentively to Your Spirit during the conclave.

Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints. Please Lord, protect and guide your Church during this time of transition.

Amen.

On Wednesday May 7th, I will offer the Mass for the election of a Pope for the Cardinals as they gather in Conclave.

Rome: Day 4 - St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Peter in Chains

Watching bits and pieces of the coverage of the death of Pope Francis, from the visitation in St. Peter's Basilica, his funeral in St. Peter's Square to his burial in St. Mary Major, brought back fond memories of the pilgrimage in Rome. This penultimate blog on the pilgrimage definitely aligns with the events of last week.

Because we spent 4 days in Rome, our last day was not rushed, trying to get to see the last items on the agenda. It was a nice easy pace that allowed us to receive what the Lord wanted us to receive. We began the day by going back to St. John Lateran for a guided tour with our local guide. This time, we were more intentional about going through the Holy Door and realized, once we entered, there was a Mass being celebrated in the nave of the Church. Once again, this hindered our movement to walk around and see the beautiful statues and art that were around us. I have seen on film many times the statues of the apostles that are at the pillars of the Church, but to see them in person, their size and detail was inspiring. Other than St. John, we know that each of the Apostles suffered and died for the proclamation of the Good News, and each of the statues has the means in which they suffered and died for the faith. Once again, they tell the story of these "ordinary, uneducated" men and how their experience of the Resurrection transformed them and transformed the world around them.

After our tour, we went across the street to the [Scala Sancta](#) and climbed the steps that Jesus climbed in his trial before Pontius Pilate. Because it is a very holy site, great reverence is required - silence and no photos. As I walked up the stairs (the passage to do it on your knees was full), I offered up a decade of the Rosary, meditating on the sorrowful mysteries, for all those who suffer religious persecution in our world today. As I have noted, we have more martyrs for the faith today than the early Church, and much of that persecution is not physical violence but political in nature - the restriction of religious freedom. In our own country, this type of persecution is against conscience rights of physicians and doctors when it comes to abortion and euthanasia. Moreover, Frank Cardinal Leo - while we were in Rome - [wrote two letters](#), one with regard to the expansion of MAID and the other with regard to removing charitable status for charities that speak out against abortion. [The Catholic Register](#) (you can pick one up at the church if there are any left) has an article of what the effect of removing charitable status for charities will mean for the Catholic Church. After this election cycle, we must continue to pray for our elected officials to protect the most vulnerable in our society, both the unborn and the elderly and to defend religious freedom.

After our prayerful visit to the sanctuary of the holy steps was complete, we made our way over to St. Mary Major and walked through the last of the 4 Holy Doors of Rome. Our local guide provided us with the historical commentary on the major basilica of Rome, but I wandered off and started exploring alone. There was one item I wanted to see while visiting this Basilica and that was the icon of [Salus Populi Romani](#). The link gives the details of the icon and the reason why I wanted to visit and spend some time in prayer before it. Before Pope Francis died, I knew that this was an important basilica for him. Now with his testament, and his place of burial, it really rings home of the importance of this basilica in the life of the Church.

It was really crowded with a concert being sung and then a Mass with the Syro-Malabar community following, so I was able to sneak in and say my prayers.

It was nice, at this leg of the pilgrimage, to entrust the pilgrimage into Our Lady's hands and that she might intercede for a safe journey home.

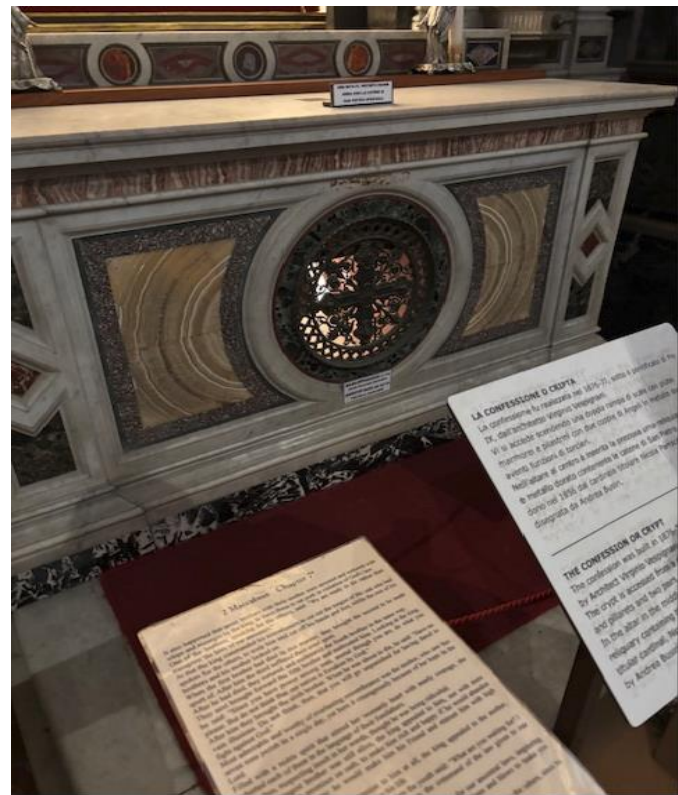
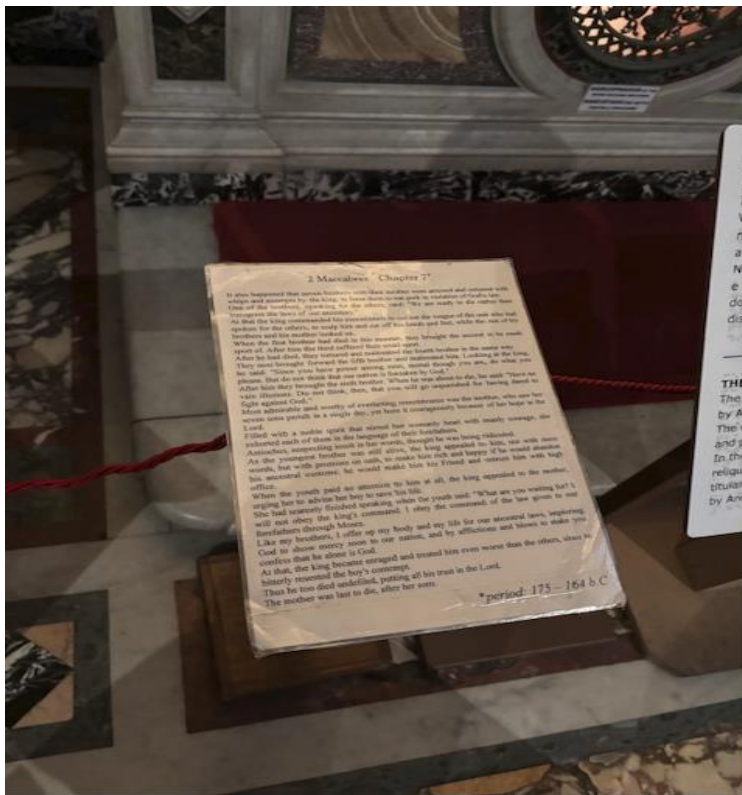
Once we completed our visit of the Basilica, we said goodbye to our local guide and had some free time before Mass at St. Peter in Chains. During this time, I walked and found a nice restaurant to eat another pasta that is famous in Rome, *Cacio e Pepe*. Effectively, it's a pasta that is covered lightly in a cheese and pepper sauce. It's such a simple recipe, but very delicious. I think it is one of the reasons why I enjoyed the meals...simple yet flavourful. After eating some pasta paired with a nice glass of wine, I wandered around some more to find a gelato spot. I could not come to Rome and not have gelato. It was not one of the spots that was recommended to me during my stay, but it hit the spot.

After a light lunch and walk, I found a nice Church to say my afternoon prayers. There was a saint buried in this obscure Church (I didn't take a picture and record who this was) and it speaks to life in Rome and Italy. You never know what surprise is in many of the Churches.

Our final spot for Rome before was celebrating Mass in St. Peter in Chains. In this Church, it was the experience of celebrating Mass in the side altar, where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, and on the other side is the famous [Michelangelo's Moses](#) where tourists are walking, taking pictures and shows the distinction between tourist and pilgrims. In between the two spots, under the high altar, were the chains in which St. Peter was confined in before he was crucified upside down in Rome. But there was also something very obscure that gave me a great deal of joy: The sarcophagus of the 7 Maccabean martyrs.

There is one more blog to come on the pilgrimage, but you will have to wait until the end of the Easter season to read it - it will make sense when I release it why I chose to delay its publication...that and this one has reached a pretty good amount of words.





Fr Michael

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Daniela Trimboli
Special intentions of Daniela Trimboli

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of Laura
In thanksgiving

BLESSED MOTHER

Special intentions of Theresa Brenton
Special intentions of Jadwiga

ST. JOSEPH

For the souls in purgatory

ST. ANNE

In thanksgiving

ST. JUDE

For the souls in purgatory

SECOND SHARELIFE SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

On the second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

**Thus far we have raised \$27,514 (25%)
toward our goal of \$110,000**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope available at all the exits of the Church or at sharelife.org/donate.

SSVP

BORED? HOW ABOUT JOINING A BOARD!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is always looking for good people to join the Board of Directors.

Join Our Board and Make a Difference! Are you, or someone you know, passionate about making a positive impact in the Greater Toronto community? The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Greater Toronto Central Council is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Board of Directors and help shape the future of our organization.

About Us:

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Greater Toronto Central Council invites interested persons to apply to the corporation's Board of Directors. The Society serves persons in need through two streams: a coordinated 1,400-member volunteer outreach responding to immediate needs of persons in the community experiencing food insecurity and other challenges, and through longer term staffed programs including emergency, transitional, supportive housing, subsidized summer camps for children and additional support services. The annual operating budget is 10 million dollars with a significant portion received from government and other funders. To learn about the Society, we invite you to visit our website: www.ssvptoronto.ca

The Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers from the community who are elected to a 3- year term of office.

The Board is seeking candidates with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Business Management, Public Affairs & Communications
- Government and Funder Contracts and Compliance, Finance, Accounting, Risk Management
- Legal Expertise, Diversity Issues, Human Resource Management
- Construction & Project Management, Information Technology

Commitment:

- Prepare for, and actively participate in monthly Board meetings, special events, and perform follow-up tasks.
- Actively serve in the Society to advise and work with other board members on new initiatives, advocacy & outreach, governance, succession planning, marketing & communications
- Advocate for our needs in the community and among your colleagues and peers.

All Board Members must submit to a Vulnerable Sector Screening Police Check. We encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds. How to apply: info@ssvptoronto.ca

SSVP

One of the last acts of ministry of Pope Francis was his intention to wash the feet of prisoners in Rome. We remembered this act of Jesus 2 weeks ago on Holy Thursday. May each of us be inspired to follow the example of service to others.

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, please visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> and search for "Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Star of the Sea Conference" or use the QR Code.



To donate by Interac e-Transfer, please direct your donation to the email 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.

SSVP HELPLINE :

For assistance please call 647-628-2058

Leave your name and a brief message and someone will get back to you at the earliest.



The Late Mary Badali Memorial Drive for Vita Centre

The CWL is Collecting Donations Help Us Stock the Vita Centre Care Closet to Support Vulnerable Families in Need

Date: May 3rd/4th Weekend

When: Before and After All Masses

Where: Main door of the Church

Most Needed Items:

Hygiene products for babies, children and moms, including diaper rash cream, baby shampoo / bodywash, baby lotion, adult shampoo, bodywash / soap, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, etc.

They are also grateful for donations of diapers (sizes 5 and 6), wipes, and other essential baby items.

Vita Centre is dedicated to the provision of excellent support, education and counselling for vulnerable parents with children up to 6 years of age in Peel region (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon). The Care Closet is available to their clients.





**During this Jubilee Holy Year,
come spend a day with our
Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope.**

Join us for Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo,
grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through
a keynote address with Dr. Josephine Lombardi,
inspiring witnessings for the adults and Catechesis
of the Good Shepherd activities for the children.
Draw closer to Mother Mary in praying the rosary
together.

Enjoy fellowship with families from across the
Archdiocese of Toronto at this outdoor gathering.

Admission is free but registration is required.
All are welcome!

A Day *With Mary*

DATE

Saturday, May 31, 2025

TIME

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOCATION

Villanova College

2480 15th Sideroad

King City, ON L7B 0P5

For Registration contact :

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Charmaine - 647-226-3046 / charmainecsaldanha@gmail.com

Transportation cost - \$25 per person

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