

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 (5:00 PM)

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | Psalm 25:4-9 | 1Cor 7:29-31 | Mark 1:14-20



For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 (9:00 AM)

† John David Keyser

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Libania & Robert Carrasco

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

2Samuel 5:1-7, 10 | Psalm 89:20-22,25-26 | Mark 3:22-30

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 (7:00 PM)

2Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19 | Psalm 24:7-10 | Mark 3:31-35

†Lorenza Panella

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 (9:00 AM)

2Samuel 7:4-17 | Psalm 89:4-5,27-30 | Mark 16:15-18

Blessings for Paola De Campo & family and Special intentions of Denise & Cesare Dalle Carbonare

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Acts 22:3-16 | Psalm 117:1bc,2 | Mark 3:7-12

Blessings for Silka Torres

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 (9:00 AM)

2Timothy 1:1-8 | Psalm 96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10 | Mark 4:26-34

The intentions of Deacon Jim Van Lanen

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 (9:00 AM)

2Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17 | Psalm 51:12-17 | Mark 4:35-41

†Starr Tkachuk and Blessings for Scott and Laura Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Wednesday – 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

DEACON'S BLOG

Last week, our Pastor introduced a wonderful initiative that is the commencement of a Prayer Ministry at our Parish. My Brothers and Sisters, great is the mystery of our faith. The Church professes this mystery in the Apostles' Creed and celebrates it in the sacramental liturgy, so that the life of the faithful may be conformed to Christ in the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father. This mystery, then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is Prayer.

Saint Therese of the Little Flower once said. "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole person who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart (more than a thousand times). According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays. The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.

Prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. Thus, the life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him. This communion of life is always possible because, through Baptism, we have already been united with Christ.

Why is prayer important?

- ❖ It helps us focus on what is important—God, Heaven
- ❖ It helps us to stay hopeful in dark times
- ❖ It helps us feel connected to God on a deeper level
- ❖ It helps us deal with difficult emotions and situations
- ❖ It helps us find comfort and peace—puts us in a position to receive God's peace
- ❖ It helps us develop a stronger relationship with God—we open our hearts to him, he works in us and through us to become closer to him
- ❖ It helps us become more compassionate people—we become more like Jesus
- ❖ It gives us strength—a source of courage especially during difficult times
- ❖ It helps keep our minds and hearts clear—prayer can give clarity
- ❖ It is a way to communicate with Jesus for support and guidance
- ❖ Allows the Holy Spirit to mold us and make us more like Jesus
- ❖ It shows us the heart of God because we become one with Him
- ❖ The Lord commands us to pray—he says "When you pray...." not if you pray...
- ❖ It brings about change—change in the circumstances of our hearts

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you, do not worry about anything, rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

The Legion of Mary will have their monthly book borrow after the 9 and 11 am Masses next Sunday, January 28, 2024.

Feel free to browse or borrow a book. Kindly return any books you may have previously loaned.

SSVP AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to make Christmas brighter for 76 households, consisting of 119 adults, of which 17 are seniors, plus 49 children. We distributed \$15,630 in store vouchers, and \$1,476 in bus tickets for a grand total of \$17,106. May God bless you.

St. Mary's continues to be the "little parish that could" (and does!).

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.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intention of Anthony Trimboli
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In Thanksgiving
For the souls in Purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Thanksgiving
For the souls in Purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In Thanksgiving

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SUN, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Join us in our fundraising efforts to send the Youth
to Steubenville Catholic Conference this summer!

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PRAYER MINISTRY



“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” - Philippians 4:6

First Friday Adoration (7-8pm)

First Saturday intercessory prayer (Post Mass)

Weekly Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet (Online)

Daily Mass Rosary Devotion (Pre-Mass)

Begins in the Month of February