

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalms 130:1-8 | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 (5:00 PM)



†Maria Haring

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 (9:00 AM) [Livestream \(Click Here\)](#)

In thanksgiving

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 | Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-6 | John 8:1-11

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Numbers 21:4-9 | Psalms 102:2-3,16-21 | John 8:21-30

†In loving memory of the Tharian babies

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95 | Psalms 3:52-56 | John 8:31-42

Special intention of Lucy Bizzotto and Marika H.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Genesis 17:3-9 | Psalms 105:4-9 | John 8:51-59

Health and Blessings for Anna Pelc

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023 (9:00 AM) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 PM**

Jeremiah 20:10-13 | Psalms 18:2-3a,3bc-7 | John 10:31-42

†Michael Chojnowski

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Ezekiel 37:21-28 | Psalm Jeremiah 31:10-12abcd,13 | John 11:45-56

Special intention of Joseph Poranganel

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

Francis our Bishop

This weekend will mark a new chapter in the history for the Archdiocese of Toronto as Francis Leo becomes the 13th Archbishop of Toronto. This will be a great change for me...and for all of you. Since I have been ordained in 2014, I am used to saying Francis our Pope and Thomas our Bishop in the Eucharistic Prayer. For all of us, since 2007 we have heard these words during Mass. Over the next few weeks and months, we will have to adjust to hearing Francis our Pope and Francis our Bishop. For me, it would be nice to just say Francis our Pope and Bishop - its the engineer in me I guess - but I don't think I am allowed to. Alas, I am just a humble servant of the liturgy.

For those who would like to welcome the new Archbishop to the diocese, there will be a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Western Pastoral Region on Wednesday May 3rd, 2023 at 7pm in St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

The ShareLife Campaign

As I mentioned in my announcements last weekend, this weekend in the Archdiocese of Toronto is the first collection for the annual ShareLife Campaign. As a parish family, we have been greatly blessed here at St. Mary Star of the Sea. While we did not make our parish goal last year, we certainly did our part in collecting \$118,017.45 which was 78.7% of our parish goal.

This year, with our goal being \$125,000, we can assist the many agencies that ShareLife funds. The aftermath of the last 3 years is being seen on many different levels and the need for assistance is growing. We who have been blessed financially by the Lord are now being invited by him to be generous in our gift.

As I mentioned last weekend, prayer, fasting and almsgiving go hand in hand. They all work together. During this time of Lenten renewal, if we are praying and fasting it necessarily means that we need to give alms. ShareLife could be one of those charities for you to support. And so, I invite you to prayerfully consider giving to the ShareLife campaign. Not only will you transform the life of someone who is suffering with mental illness, loneliness, and those in domestic violence situations, you will transform your own life becoming more like Christ who emptied himself of everything so that we might have life.

Again, a heartfelt thank you for your generosity.

Fr Michael

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

TOTUS TUUS IS COMING!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 23-28th. Totus tuus is an archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes throughout the summer, spreading the Good News through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm. The intermediate/High School programs for grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm. **The cost is only \$100 (day program) \$25 (night program) per person for the entire week. Registrations can be found around the parish or online. If you need more information, please contact Samantha or go to www.totustuustoronto.ca**

Next Edge

Friday, April 21st 6-8pm

Topic: Prayer

Next LifeTeen

Friday, April 14th 6-8pm

Topic: Peer Pressure

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

The Legion of Mary will have their monthly book borrow after the 9 am and 11 am Masses on Sunday, March 26, 2023. Feel free to browse or borrow a book. Kindly return any books you may have previously borrowed.

SSVP

We are sad to inform you that somewhere between March 6th and 12th one of the SSVP poor boxes was once again broken into. We are looking into options to get a stronger box with a sturdier lock. If you would like to speak with someone regarding your individual donation, please leave a message on the SSVP phone line @ 647-628-2058.

The SSVP would like to thank all those who so generously donate to the cause of helping our Neighbours in Need.

SHARELIFE

THIS WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins:

“Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part.”

Our parish goal this year is
\$125,000

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope (available at all the exits of the Church, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate).

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

**NO Community Meal on
Good Friday, April 7, 2023**

**Last Community Meal of the Season on
Friday, April 28, 2023**

We would like to resume serving meals 'in-house' once again, beginning November 2023. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the office 905-278-2058.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special Intention of Krisben Investment Limited
Special intention of Bright Aigbe Idemudia & family

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

INFANT JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving by Pat and Nigel Power
For the Souls in Purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

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Connect with us online! Scan the QR code to visit our parish website.
If you are new to the parish, welcome! Register on the website.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

This Solidarity Sunday, we are called to **Stand for the Land** through a joint expression of faith and charity. Christ's words in today's gospel offer the most profound testament of hope: "**I am the resurrection and the life.**" Those who saw Lazarus emerging from the tomb must have experienced an overwhelming optimism. We are invited to reflect on the profound hope and transformative nature of our faith. Let us shine the light of that faith onto the darkest places of our world. Solidarity through faith and charity can transform the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again." — Raquel Soto, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia). The ACA's vision is to empower communities to influence public policies to preserve their ecologically sustainable lands. Such is the difference our solidarity and support can make. Thank you for helping Development and Peace build a world of justice. More information on Stand for the Land, this first year's campaign of **Create Hope** -- at devp.org/lent.

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2023

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

PALM SUNDAY

PALMS WILL BE BLESSED AT ALL MASSES

5:00PM (APRIL 1)

9:00AM

11:00AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WILL INCLUDE THE WASHING OF FEET AND WILL BE CELEBRATED AD ORIENTUM

8:00PM

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL WILL INCLUDE THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR RCIA CANDIDATES

8:00PM (LIVESTREAMED)

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00AM

11:00AM