

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

October 8, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Isaiah 5:1-7 | Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20 | Philippians 4:6-9 | Matthew 21:33-43



†Elizabeth Poranganel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 (9:00 AM) [\[Click for Livestream\]](#)

†Alan Sr. & †Alan Jr. del Puerto

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

Jonah 1:1-2;2:1-11 | Psalm Jonah 2:3-5,8 | Luke 10:25-37

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Jonah 3:1-10 | Psalm 130:1b-2,3-4ab,7-8 | Luke 10:38-42

†For the Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Jonah 4:1-11 | Psalm 86:3-6 9-10 | Luke 11:1-4

†Joseph & Elizabeth Giraudi and Blessings for Marilyn Fernandes and family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Malachi 3:13-20b | Psalm 1:1-4,6 | Luke 11:5-13

†Greg Krull

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2 | Psalm 9:2-3,6,16,8-9 | Luke 11:15-26

Special intention of Annamaria Piraino

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Joel 4:12-21 | Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 | Luke 11:27-28

†John Saric and Blessings for Noah Tamburello and Pushpa Lobo

EUCARISTIC 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

PASTOR'S BLOG

Last week I spoke a little about the RCIA process and who it is intended for. By way of reminder and more eloquently stated in the Introduction section of the ritual: "The rite of Christian initiation presented here is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully."

As I mentioned, this is a gradual process that can take many years. With many factors at play, the reception of God's grace to the individual, free will, the action of the Church, and circumstances this truly is a spiritual journey. And this journey, ideally, should happen within the context of the parish family: "By joining the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by renewing their own conversion, the faithful provide an example that will help the catechumens to obey the Holy Spirit more generously." This understanding of the RCIA process is aligned with our parish vision: We who have received the life and love of Jesus Christ as disciples are to share that life and love with the person who is seeking the living God in the Church through Her Sacraments.

To broadly categorize this journey, there are four major periods of inquiry and growth with three major steps and their associated liturgical rites that separate the four periods. Each period is to prepare for the ensuing step.

1. The first period is a time of evangelization, proclaiming the Gospel. The hope of this time is for the candidate, in a place of trust and openness, to receive the good news, encounter Jesus and respond with faith. This is a time where we get to explore some of the big existential questions of Who am I, what is my purpose, where am I going and how am I going to get there. For this period, we use the program "The Search" hosted by Chris Stefanick.
 1. The period ends when the candidate who responds in faith to the revelation of God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit and discerns to enter into the catechumenate. The rite that brings them from being a candidate to a catechumen is the Rite of Acceptance into the order of catechumens.
2. The second period is the catechumenate. During this period, the faith which the catechumen already possess is now developed and formed more deeply through intentional catechesis. We do this by going through the articles of faith found in the Apostles Creed. For this period, I am using something new this year, a program called "What we Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith".
 2. The period of the catechumenate ends when the candidate has a firm grasp of the faith which they will profess at the Easter Vigil. The rite that brings them from being a catechumen to the "elect of God" is known as the rite of election or enrollment of names. This is a formal ritual that can take place in a local parish setting but ideally takes place with the bishop of the diocese.
3. The third period is a time of purification and ordinarily coincides with Lent. As Lent is a period of time for all of us to be purified through our practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we may joyfully commit ourselves to Christ and his Church in our profession of faith at Easter, so too it is a time for the elect to be purified for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. While there is material that we continue to be formed in, the time is more intended for spiritual preparation. The rites of purification during this time are called the Scrutinies.
 3. This period ends at the Easter Vigil where the candidates profess the faith of the Church and receive the Sacrament of Initiation.
4. The fourth and final period in the process is a lifelong growth in their new life in Christ. It is a time for deepening the Christian experience and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the community.

As you can see, the RCIA process is in-depth and quite beautiful when the rites are celebrated as prescribed in the ritual book. And when we as a parish family witness these rites and walk with our candidates to the catechumenate, to the rite of election to the Easter Vigil, we are able to reflect on our own journey of faith and how important it is to us.

So, while you won't be hearing any announcements about the RCIA at Mass, if you know anyone who might be interested or has questions about the faith, here is an opportunity to invite them to our community and for them to begin that spiritual journey.

Fr Michael Simoes

SSVP SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

Calls for assistance continue at an increasing rate. During September, our members made 38 visits and distributed \$3989 in grocery gift cards and bus tickets. We are assisting 88 households and 159 people on a (semi) regular basis. How can we do this? - only with your contributions! At this time of Thanksgiving, we recognize our blessings and are grateful that you share yours with those in need in our community.

EARLY NOTICE - SSVP BUNDLE UP

NOVEMBER 11/12

It's time to start setting aside goods for our next Bundle Up!

SHARELIFE

We have currently raised \$87,765 (70%) towards our suggested goal of \$125,000

Please make donations at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope.

THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN THE SCHOOLS

a ministry of evangelization through prayer, is seeking volunteers (male or female) who have a devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our Elementary Catholic Schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for one or two hours (October to May). Training and materials will be provided. Visit us on our Website: www.rosaryapostolate.com If you are interested, please contact Irma at 416-473-2222 ; Pushpa at 905-278-5044 or Arnold at 416-556-7304

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE SEPT. 27TH TO NOV. 5TH, 2023 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Following Life Chain, are you prepared
to sign up for 40 Days for Life?**

Please join with 589 cities worldwide including 18 cities in Canada, for our peaceful prayer vigil to protect mothers and babies, on-site near the abortion facility. Fasting and community outreach are other components of 40 Days for Life. Give up food, T.V., coffee, etc. and spread the pro-life message to those who never see the inside of a church. Each parish has a specific date assigned to it. The date for St. Mary Star of the Sea is **Friday, October 27th any hour between 7:00 am - 6:00 pm**. See the poster at the back of the Church and please sign up for one hour. You can make a difference!

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In Thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Anita Coleman
In Thanksgiving

ST. JOSEPH

For the Souls in Purgatory



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If you are new to the parish, welcome! Register on the website.