

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 16, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Acts 2:42-47 | Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31



For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 (9:00 AM) [Livestream \(Click Here\)](#)

†Alan Sr. & Alan Jr. del Puerto

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Alaini Ciarallo-Laxton

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

Acts 4:23-31 | Psalm 2:1-7a,7b-9 | John 3:1-8

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Acts 4:32-37 | Psalm 93:1ab,1cd-2,5 | John 3:7b-15

†Christine Golec

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 5:17-26 | Psalm 34:2-9 | John 3:16-21

Special intention of Henry K., Vivienne Lombard & Graham Tebbit and †Anthony Menezes

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 5:27-33 | Psalm 34:2,9,17-20 | John 3:31-36

†Nella Callegari

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 (9:00 am)

Acts 5:34-42 | Psalm 27:1,4,13-14 | John 6:1-15

†Alberto D'Orazio

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Acts 6:1-7 | Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 | John 6:16-21

†Keith O'Leary and †Billy Ciarallo

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

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

Bees

If you attended the solemn Easter Vigil, after the lengthy but glorious readings that are proclaimed, my homily, while lengthy, made mention of bees. In the homily, I made reference to a talk that Pope Pius XII gave to beekeepers. It is a fascinating speech which gives much food for thought in our current situation, both inside and outside the Church. If you would like to read it, [here](#) is the link.

Vision

If you attended the Easter Sunday Masses, you would have heard me mention at the end of the homily the parish vision. You might be asking what is a parish vision? The best way to explain it is that is a God-given picture of the future that produces hope and passion in people. The past two years, while the parish doors were shuttered and we were restricted in our ministry, there was a lot on my mind for the future of this parish that was entrusted to me by Cardinal Collins for the care of souls, the spiritual affairs, the finances of the parish, the temporal affairs. One thing that was clear, when we got out of the dark times, we couldn't return to business as usual. The world had changed, we had changed.

During this time, with many things on my mind and heart, I was also provided a lot more time to pray. Bringing these items to Jesus in prayer, along with reading many different books on the subject, brought about an image that saw sheep in the sheepfold entering through a gate that brought them to pasture, that brought them to life. Another image that was vivid was a big net that was catching fish. With the help of a group of parishioners, we took these images and put together a statement that would communicate this vision:

The mission of the Church, following the Great Commission of our Lord to his apostles, is to make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Given that mission, the vision of St. Mary Star of the Sea parish is to invite the parish family to know and receive the love and fullness of life that is offered by Jesus Christ and to share His love and life with others as His disciples.

The hope with this parish vision is to build unity in the parish family, to avoid di-vision and break from an agenda driven approach to parish life. It helps us prioritize and identify where we have to focus our time, effort and resources.

The Connection

So what is the connection between bees and this parish vision? Well, we all have to work towards the common goal. Bees are models of order, duty, gentleness and harmony all working towards the common vision - bringing forth honey and wax. We need to be like the bees working together to achieve the parish vision. And we are not doing this "on our own". This is the work of God, the power of the Holy Spirit operating within us.

This is why I wanted to bring this to you during the Easter season. It is our time to first reflect on our faith in Jesus Christ, to receive the life and love that He offers. And then, we prepare our hearts for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to go out like the first apostles to share that life and love with others.

You will be hearing much more from me about this vision during these beautiful Easter days. This is what excites me and inspires me in my ministry here at St. Mary's. It is going to be quite the adventure!

Fr Michael

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Divine Mercy, Graces and Blessings on Louise Wilson
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In Loving Memory of Antonietta Valentino
In Loving Memory of Antonietta Valentino

INFANT JESUS

In thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Emilienne Levasseur
In loving memory of Antonietta Valentino

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

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.

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

SHARELIFE

Second ShareLife Collection

April 30, 2023

Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need.

**Thus far we have raised \$28,361 (23%)
toward our goal of \$125,000.**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

SSVP SUMMARY FOR MARCH

Our members made 41 visits to Neighbours in Need last month, and distributed \$432.90 in grocery gift cards and bus tickets. Thank you for allowing us to do this ministry.

SSVP HELPLINE:

For assistance please call 647-278-2058

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

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 LifeTeen : Friday, May 12th 6-8pm Topic: Peer Pressure
Next Edge : Friday, April 21st 6-8pm Topic: Prayer

Bundle Up

For the

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



We are collecting your donations at

St. Mary Star of the Sea

11 Peter Street South, Mississauga

On

April 22 - 23, 2023



We DO NOT ACCEPT
appliances, baby or regular furniture,
books, mattresses, dishes,
construction material or video tapes
For more information visit
www.ssvptoronto.ca



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



Saturday May 6th 3:30pm-6:00pm
and
Sunday May 7th 8:00am-12:00pm



In the Church parking lot



We are collecting:

Diapers (larger sizes and pullups), Formula, Baby Food and Cereal, Children's Clothing (new and gently used) up to size 6, Misc Items such as receiving blankets, crib bedding, playpen sheets

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.





DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Join us on April 16th from 3pm-4pm for Eucharistic Adoration.
The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed during this time.

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