

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of John & Dolores Contarin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Christine Golec

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Special intentions of Fr Michael Simoes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Mary Secko, Nikola Mladenovic,
Annamaria Piraino & Robert Walton

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Sabrina Samonte

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Alberto and Stella Severin

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Larry Mulhall, †Doris Lalonde and Special intentions of the
Scott Wilson family and Pushpa Lobo

EUCARISTIC 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 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

To give us a little break with all the excitement happening at the parish as we get to the midpoint of September, I figure we take a little break from the activities of the parish and give a couple of updates.

Construction Update

The renewal and restoration of the front steps of the parish hit the ground running at the beginning of July. However, we always knew that the timeline of the project was dependent on the ordering and delivery of the new granite stones to replace the stair treads and risers. Unfortunately, we put the order out at a time when the quarry was busy with other orders and we won't have the granite until mid October. While this does put us back on time, we are grateful that the project will be complete before the temperatures enter into a range when the work cannot be done due to manufacturers specifications on install. Once again, thank you for your patience with this project and we hope, once complete, will bring a fresh look for our parish.

Pilgrimage Update

2025 is a Jubilee Year for the Universal Church. What is a Jubilee Year?

The tradition of the Jubilee has its roots in ancient Jewish customs, particularly the concept of the Jubilee Year outlined in the Old Testament. The Book of Leviticus states that a Jubilee Year should occur every 50 years, during which enslaved people would be freed, debts are forgiven, and the land returned to its original owners. This concept was later embraced by Christianity and incorporated into the Roman Catholic tradition. The first Christian Jubilee was officially declared by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, making Rome the focal point for pilgrims seeking spiritual renewal.

The idea behind the Jubilee is to offer a time of forgiveness, mercy, and spiritual renewal. Pilgrims worldwide journey to Rome during the Jubilee Year, engaging in acts of devotion and seeking the remission of their sins. The pilgrimage is a profound spiritual experience, allowing participants to reflect on their lives, seek forgiveness, and strengthen their faith.

Over the centuries, the Jubilee has evolved, with subsequent popes declaring Jubilee Years to mark significant events or anniversaries in the Catholic Church. The tradition has expanded to include local Jubilees in dioceses worldwide. Each Jubilee brings a unique theme, emphasizing spiritual growth, mercy, and solidarity. While the frequency of Jubilees has varied, their core purpose remains deeply connected to the ancient traditions of forgiveness, renewal, and pilgrimage.

- Read more at: <https://rome.us/tips/the-jubilee.html>

Pope Francis has given a theme to this jubilee year, "Pilgrims of Hope" and invites us to embark on pilgrimages and receive special indulgences sanctioned by the Church. So, if you have not put together any travel plans for 2025, here are two pilgrimages that I would like to bring to your attention.

Pilgrimage Tour to Italy

The first is joining me, Fr Michael Simoes, on a 12 day pilgrimage to Italy. The highlight of this pilgrimage is going to be our time in Rome where there are plenty of spiritual activities that are only available in Rome during a jubilee year. We will also be visiting Assisi, Siena, Florence, Milan and Orvieto. The pilgrimage will depart on February 20th and return on March 3rd. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$4,390 (tax and tip included based on double occupancy). The itinerary can be found on the pilgrimage website: <https://www.connaissancetravel.com/cttour/PILGRIMAGE%20TOUR%20TO%20ITALY%202025.html> For more information please contact me MSimoes@archtoronto.org or Agnes, the tour coordinator agnes@cttour.ca. If you are still hesitant or would like to learn more, there will be an information presentation in the parish hall on September 25th at 7pm.

Pilgrimage Tour to Poland, Hungary, Austria, and Czech Republic

You may also consider joining Fr. Stephen Buzzese on a 12-day pilgrimage to Poland, Hungary, Austria, and Czech Republic. (He is a good friend of mine.) See breathtaking landscapes with palaces, historical sights, and cruise along the most scenic section of the Danube River. The pilgrimage will depart on Tuesday, April 29 and return on Saturday, May 10. The cost is \$5,995.00 (based on double occupancy). For more information, please contact Fr. Stephen at pastor@stdenischurch.ca or 905-685-5911.

From the Archdiocese of Toronto

One of the reasons we are having our Parish Family Potluck on September 29th is to celebrate the Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. Michael the Archangel. Similar to last year, His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo has written a letter to the faithful on the occasion of this celebration. We have also received the Novena prayers for the feast which you can find below. The Novena begins on September 20th and concludes on September 28th.

To access the letter from Archbishop Leo, please use this link:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leo-invites-the-faithful-to-join-novena-for-saint-michael-the-archangel/>



Novena to St. Michael the Archangel

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Heavenly and Almighty Father, God of mercy and compassion, we give you thanks and praise for all your kindness and blessings which you bestow upon us, your beloved children, and for the opportunities of spiritual renewal which you provide out of the abundance of your unfailing love and graciousness. As we honour the glorious Archangel St. Michael, whose zeal for your almighty power obtains for us your own loving protection, in the name of Christ our Saviour and Brother and through your Holy Spirit, guide our steps along the path of holiness of life, and guard our thoughts as we journey through this life to our heavenly homeland. Confident of the powerful intercession of our patron saint St. Michael, we now ask for this grace (*say your intention*).

Inspire in us the same humility and thirst for justice and holiness which animated your great servant and angelic messenger. May our lives give glory to you, our families bear witness to your love and our communities of faith be filled with the grace and joys of your Kingdom. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

St. Michael, filled with the wisdom of God, pray for us.
St. Michael, perfect adorer of the Incarnate Word, pray for us.
St. Michael, crowned with honour and glory, pray for us.
St. Michael, our help in all adversities, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Fr Michael



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION 2025

Registration for First Holy Communion Preparation 2024-2025 is now open and will close on Saturday, October 5th. Please see the [parents information package](#) on our website for details to register and for the schedule.

<https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/first-holy-communion>

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2025



We will be hosting a parents information session for parents of students who are of age to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June of 2025 (current grade 7's). The meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 11am in the parish hall. Registration is required, please use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/DduMbnJUxxtc5pJ9A> or go to the parish website www.stmarystarofthesea.ca/confirmation to register. If you have any further questions, please contact Samantha Cameron via E-mail (SCameron@archtoronto.org)

OZANAM EDUCATION FUND – BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

While home visits to Neighbours in Need might be our most-well known work, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul also has an education fund to assist Neighbours in Need with scholarships to assist with post-secondary education. Education is one of the most effective ways to break the cycle of poverty. Funding comes from donors, and all funds go to scholarships, as the administration of the funds is done by volunteers.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, or would be willing to sit on the Board to oversee the scholarships, please call Sal at 905 271-0266

SHARELIFE

Thus far we have raised \$53,572 (50%)
toward our goal of \$108,000

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

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Duane Fernandes
Special Intentions of Pushpa Lobo

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In loving memory of Doris Lalonde
In thanksgiving

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Doris Lalonde
For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

SSVP HELP LINE: 647-628-2058

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



Please watch your step...

WE ARE OPEN
WHILE FRONT STEPS ARE UNDER
CONSTRUCTION

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DECEASED

10:00 AM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, 2099 Dickson Rd., Mississauga, ON L5N 1Y6

**Please note that there will be NO MORNING MASS AND CONFESSIONS at
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church on Saturday, September 28, 2024**



**I love my
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Calling all moms! Our next parish Catholic Mothers group meeting is this coming Thursday, September 19th at 7:30 pm in the St Joseph's room (basement).

Come and be a part of an encouraging and supportive community of women and grow deeper in your faith life and vocation.

Email us your questions and to add you to our notifications for next meetings.
staroftheseacatholicmomsgroup@gmail.com

Meetings are schedule on 1st Saturday of the month @10 am and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – REMEMBERING OUR FOUNDER AND PATRON

In 1833, Frederic Ozanam and a group of students from the Sorbonne University in France formed the St Vincent de Paul Society to take up the challenge of working with the desperately poor in Paris. They adopted St Vincent de Paul, a 16th century cleric renowned for his work with the poor, as their patron. The Society went on to become an international organization found in 130 countries with over a million members. The first Canadian conference began in Quebec in 1846 and in 1850 Toronto founded its first Conference at St Michael's Cathedral. The feast day of Blessed Frederic Ozanam is September 9. He died in 1853. The members of our Society look to him as a model of service as we go about our visits to the poor in their homes.

Frédéric Ozanam always respected the poor while offering whatever service he could. Each man, woman, and child was too precious to live in poverty. Serving the poor taught Frédéric something about God that he could not have learned elsewhere. (Franciscan media)

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

September 1-October 4

For the Cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.
(Pope Francis' prayer intention for September.)

Further suggested actions:

1. Undertaking projects to promote solidarity, with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants and children at risk, as well as supporting other social service programs in the community and around the globe.
2. Encouraging and supporting sustainable production and consumption, making ethical investments, divestment from fossil fuels and refraining from any activity harmful to the planet and humanity.
3. Supporting economic decisions that are made for the common good such as a livable minimum wage and protection of the dignity of workers.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
Food | Fellowship | Fun!

PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

SUNDAY, SEP 29TH

In the parish parkinglot
(following the 11am mass)

Please inform a parish staff member of what
you plan to bring for the potluck



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

HOPE WITH



SOAP

WE NEED:



COLLECTION OF SOAP BARS (NO LIQUID SOAPS) TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE NEEDY IN AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA THROUGH THE CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

**BEFORE AND AFTER EACH MASS
SEPTEMBER 7 & 8
SEPTEMBER 14 & 15**



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