

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Hours

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:30am-5:00pm Saturday - Sunday: CLOSED

Church Hours

Monday - 9:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday - 9:00am-3:00pm/5:30pm- 7:30pm Wednesday - Saturday: 8:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-12:30pm

Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass Tuesday: 7:00pm

Wednesday - Saturday: 9:00am

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday (vigil): 5:00pm Sunday: 9am & 11am

Adoration

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am - 10:30am

Friday: 9:30am - 12:00pm First Fridays: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Confession

Saturday: 9:30am-10:30am or by

appointment

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A Welcome to Our Parish this Advent Season

As we prepare to welcome Christ in our hearts and our homes this Advent season, we wish to welcome each of you into our parish family. Our parish seeks to offer a place for everyone to come and adore the Lord, we pray that you may find warmth, encouragement and spiritual growth this advent season.

Ways to Support Our Parish

- In person or by mail: You can drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office
- By Credit Card: Make a one-time or recurring gift to the parish offertory or other special funds 2.
- **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG):** Set up automatic monthly donations. Forms are available at the parish office or can be downloaded from the parish website.
- Online Banking: You can also contribute through your online banking by emailing campaign@archtoronto.org for details

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Readings for the First Sunday of Advent:

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm: Psalm 122 Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Weekly Mass Intentions

To request a Mass intention or votive dedication please contact Marilyn Fernandes

Saturday, November 29th | 5:00pm First Sunday of Advent For the people of the parish

Sunday, November 30th | 9:00am First Sunday of Advent †Alan Sr & Alan Jr del Puerto

Sunday, November 30th | 11am First Sunday of Advent †Bambina & Emedio D'Orazio

Monday, December 1st *No public Mass*

Tuesday, December 2nd | 7:00pm Advent School Mass & Blessing of the Crèche Special intentions of Devin Anthony

Wednesday, December 3rd | 9:00am First Week of Advent Special intentions of Tessie Tesoro

Thursday, December 4th | 9:00am First Week of Advent Special intentions of Tessie Tesoro

Friday, December 5th | 9:00am First Week of Advent †Gloria Melanson

Saturday, December 6th | 9:00am

Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

†Melecio Capillo Sr & Special intentions of Carmela
Vassallo & family

Votive Lamp Dedications

Tabernacle

In thanksgiving
For the souls in purgatory

Sacred Heart of Jesus

In thanksgiving For the souls in purgatory

Blessed Mother

In thanksgiving For the Souls in purgatory

St. Joseph

For the souls in purgatory

St. Anne *In thanksgiving*

St. Jude

For the souls in purgatory

Pastor's Corner: The First Sunday of Advent

As we begin this new liturgical year with the season of Advent and as we slowly draw to the end of this special Jubilee year, we are invited by Holy Mother Church to wait patiently for the Lord to come and that patient waiting prepares us not just for Christmas Day and its festivities with family and friends, but for the fullness of life that Christ brings both now and at the end of time.

In the first reading from this weekend's reading, we read from the prophet Isaiah, "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." As I reflect on this passage from the prophet, I ask the question, "How do we climb the LORD's mountain?" I want to be instructed in His way and I want to walk in His paths. The answer to my question came through St. Caesarius of Arles. He writes, "Everyone wants to get to the top — well, the first step to take is humility...Begin with the first step, humility, and you will already be climbing."

In this time of waiting patiently, preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, humility teaches me that I am not in control, that Christ will come in His time, because His time is the best time.

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Week at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Advent School Mass & Blessing of the crèche - 7:00pm	3	4	5 First Friday Adoration (Church) - 7:00pm	6 First Saturday Intercessory Prayer Family Craft Event (hall) - 10:00am	7 Second Sunday of Advent

Advent School Mass & Blessing of the Crèche

On Tuesday, December 2nd at the 7:00pm Mass, we welcome our parish school community for a special School Mass and the blessing of the crèche. This beloved Advent tradition helps us begin the season with reverence, gratitude, and joyful expectation of the Nativity

Rorate Mass

Join us for our candlelit Rorate Mass on **Saturday**, **December 13th at 7:00am**. This early-morning Advent tradition invites us into a beautiful moment of stillness and anticipation for the coming of the Light of the World. Following the Mass, everyone is welcome to join us in the church hall for breakfast, this is great opportunity for friendship & fellowship!

SSVP - We are grateful for you!

One of our intentions in the prayer at our monthly meetings is for our benefactors, that is - you! A few of us have the honour of opening and counting the donations to SSVP. It is uplifting to see the generosity of so many good people. We realize that our donors do not have unlimited funds, and that there are many charities asking for donations. Please be assured that we value each donation, and that we are very aware of using your gifts wisely and carefully. Blessings to all.

Family Craft Event

Join us for a Family Craft Morning in celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas! Families are asked to bring a baked good to share, and children should bring an extra pair of shoes for a special surprise. The cost is \$10 per family (cash or cheque accepted on Saturday, December 6) to cover supplies. Please register by November 30 using the QR code or by emailing Adriene aadona@archtoronto.org

CWL Potluck

Attention CWL Members: We are excited to conclude 2025 by celebrating together at our much-awaited Christmas Potluck on Wednesday, December 10th at 11:00am. Please bring a ready-to-serve platter to share. Join us for fun, games, and festive cheer as we come together to celebrate the joy of the up coming Christmas season!

A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners for your generous donations of new hats, gloves scarfs and monetary contributions for all the residents of Elisa House. Your kindness and compassion are truly appreciated! Thank you & God bless.

Smile of the Week

My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect...

...And for that I am eternally grapefruit.

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ADVENT SCHEDULE

Blessing of the Crèche

Tuesday, December 2nd - 7:00pm Mass

Family Craft Event

(registration required)

Saturday, December 6th - 10:00am

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8th - 9:00am Mass

Rorate Mass

Saturday, December 13th - 7:00am Mass *9am Mass and post Mass confessions are cancelled for this day*

Blessing of the Bambinelli

Saturday, December 13th - 5:00pm Mass Sunday, December 14th - 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

Advent Confessions

Friday, December 19th

9:30pm-12:00pm - Visiting Priest & Fr. Michael

2:00pm-4:00pm - Visiting Priest

6:00pm-8:00pm - Fr. Michael

Saturday, December 20th **4:00pm-5:00pm -** Visiting Priest

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The parish office is closed from December 22nd -January 4th

Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24th - 5:00pm (Christmas Eve Mass) Wednesday, December 25th - 12:00am (Midnight Mass) Wednesday, December 25th - 9am & 11am Mass

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 27th - 5:00pm Mass Sunday, December 28th - 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st - 5:00pm Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Wednesday, January 1st - 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3rd - 5:00pm Mass Sunday, January 4th - 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

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Coming January 2026

Advertising space will be available on the back page of our parish bulletin. If you or your business are interested in supporting our parish through an ad, please contact Samantha Cameron via e-mail for more information SCameron@archtoronto.org