

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 (5:00 PM)

For the People of the Parish



SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Erma & Guido Barbisan

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 (11:00 AM)

†Antonietta Valentino

MONDAY, 12 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 (7:00 PM)

For the beatification of Edel Quinn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Vincent Ghisleni and Special intentions of Maria Ghisleni and Alita Romani & family

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Fr. Michael Simoes

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Giovanni (John) De Zen

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025 (9:00 AM)

†Mary, Marshal and Rohan Fernando and Special intentions of Marilyn Fernandes

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Habemus Papam

With the joy of the Risen Lord, we thank God for the election of the Successor of St. Peter, the American born Cardinal, Robert Prevost who took the name Leo. These next few days, months and years, we will get to know more about Pope Leo XIV through his pastoral ministry. In the meantime, we lift him up in prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide him to guide the Church in unity and peace. May God grant wisdom and strength to our Holy Father. We also pray for Frank Cardinal Leo and Thomas Cardinal Collins that they have a safe journey back to Toronto.

Looking ahead...Save the Dates

We are entering into the 4th week of Easter, and that just means our shift in focus in the liturgy moves towards focusing on the life in Christ within the Church. We start with Good Shepherd Sunday and continue along towards the celebrations of the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost.

With these solemnities fast approaching, I would like to invite you to our **Parish Mission “Unlock the Door” - 9 days of Masses (Thursday May 29th - Sunday June 8th)** that will help us in our preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. I have invited Fr Allan MacDonald, CC to lead the Mission, celebrating and preaching these Novena of Masses. Please see the schedule attached to this email.

Please note, during this time, the 9am Masses (with the exception of Saturdays) will be cancelled. We want everyone in our parish family to come to the mission so that they can experience what the Apostles experienced in that first Pentecost - the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Ordination Weekend

On the second Saturday of the month of May, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Orders - men being ordained to the Priesthood. This year, the Archdiocese has 3 young men who will be ordained and will be serving in parishes throughout the GTA. Please offer your prayers for:

- 1) Rev. Fr James Cyfko
- 2) Rev. Fr Alvin Joys
- 3) Rev. Fr Jesus Fidel Anon

While 3 men being ordained is a time to celebrate as an Archdiocese, we must continue to pray for an increase in vocations. Fr Matt McCarthy (who frequently assists me over weekends at the parish) has said very clearly, the only thing that the Lord asked us to do for vocations is pray - *Pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He may send Labourers into His harvest.* I would invite you, echoing the invitation of Frank Cardinal Leo, to offer 3 Hail Marys daily for this specific intention.

Mother's Day

Usually Ordination Weekend coincides with Mother's Day - and they are not mutually exclusive of each other. There is pious tradition that pays respect to the role of a mother in the life of a newly ordained priest's formation. To recognize this, the newly ordained priest gives to his mum the *maniturgium*. This is the white linen towel that is used to wipe the chrism oil that anoints the hands of the priest by the bishop. The oil that is used on the hands of the priest is sacred, having been previously blessed by the bishop, and so the *maniturgium* cannot be discarded in the trash. While it could be thrown in the laundry basket to be cleaned, priests over the years decided to save these linen towels and present them to their mothers at their first Mass.

According to an age-old tradition the mother saves the towel in a safe place until she dies. Then when her body is prepared for the funeral the *maniturgium* is placed within the hands of the mother. The pious tradition then narrates what happens when the priest's mother arrives at the pearly gates of heaven.

When she arrives to the gates of heaven she is escorted directly to our Lord. Our Lord says to the woman “—I have given you life, what have you given to me?” She hands him the *maniturgium* and responds, “I have given you my son as a priest.” At this Jesus grants her entry into paradise.

It is a beautiful and consoling tradition that is always a touching ceremony to witness. Many more tears are shed when a young priest presents the towel to his mother, tears of joy instead of sorrow. 11 years ago, I remember vividly these tears shed and the joy shared between mum and I. Not so many tears these days except that of laughter and joy.

Fiat Magazine

This weekend we will be distributing the spring edition, issue 3, of *Fiat Magazine*. While the previous issues featured our ministries, their presence and activity in the parish, this issue brings our focus towards our finances. Every year we are required, as a charity, to provide you with an annual financial statement. Over the previous years I have had that statement published as an insert/attachment to our weekly newsletter. The parish finance council and I decided that we would use our magazine as the medium to distribute this financial statement. It allows for more transparency with our parish finances and gives a proper report on our financial health that is accessible to all. We hope that you pick up a copy and respond with generosity to our parish's need.

On Retreat

Finally, say a prayer for me and many other priests who are heading on the mandatory priest retreat this week. We begin on Monday morning and conclude Thursday at lunch. For me, it will be a nice time away to focus on the things of heaven rather than those of the earth with my brother priests

Fr Michael

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

BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Anita Coleman

In thanksgiving

ST. JOSEPH

Special intentions of Peter Krajewski

ST. ANNE

In thanksgiving

ST. JUDE

For the souls in purgatory

SSVP - APRIL SUMMARY

During the month of April, our members made 19 home visits and distributed \$2240 in grocery gift cards and \$143 in bus tickets. Our parishioners very generously donated \$2140.37. Thank you and blessings!

How to Donate to SSVP

You can use one of the SSVP envelopes found on The poor boxes or a regular envelope marked SSVP.

To donate online through Canada Helps, please visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> and search for "Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Star of the Sea Conference" or use the QR Code.



To donate by Interac e-Transfer, please direct your donation to the email stmarystar@ssvptoronto.ca, and use the Question 'Saint' and password 'Vincent'. Your ongoing generosity means the world to us. Thank you all for your support.

SSVP HELPLINE :

For assistance please call 647-628-2058

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

SSVP - BORED? HOW ABOUT JOINING A BOARD!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is always looking for good people to join the Board of Directors.

Join Our Board and Make a Difference! Are you, or someone you know, passionate about making a positive impact in the Greater Toronto community? The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Greater Toronto Central Council is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Board of Directors and help shape the future of our organization.

About Us:

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Greater Toronto Central Council invites interested persons to apply to the corporation's Board of Directors. The Society serves persons in need through two streams: a coordinated 1,400-member volunteer outreach responding to immediate needs of persons in the community experiencing food insecurity and other challenges, and through longer term staffed programs including emergency, transitional, supportive housing, subsidized summer camps for children and additional support services. The annual operating budget is 10 million dollars with a significant portion received from government and other funders. To learn about the Society, we invite you to visit our website: www.ssvptoronto.ca

The Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers from the community who are elected to a 3- year term of office.

The Board is seeking candidates with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Business Management, Public Affairs & Communications
- Government and Funder Contracts and Compliance, Finance, Accounting, Risk Management
- Legal Expertise, Diversity Issues, Human Resource Management
- Construction & Project Management, Information Technology

Commitment:

- Prepare for, and actively participate in monthly Board meetings, special events, and perform follow-up tasks.
- Actively serve in the Society to advise and work with other board members on new initiatives, advocacy & outreach, governance, succession planning, marketing & communications
- Advocate for our needs in the community and among your colleagues and peers.

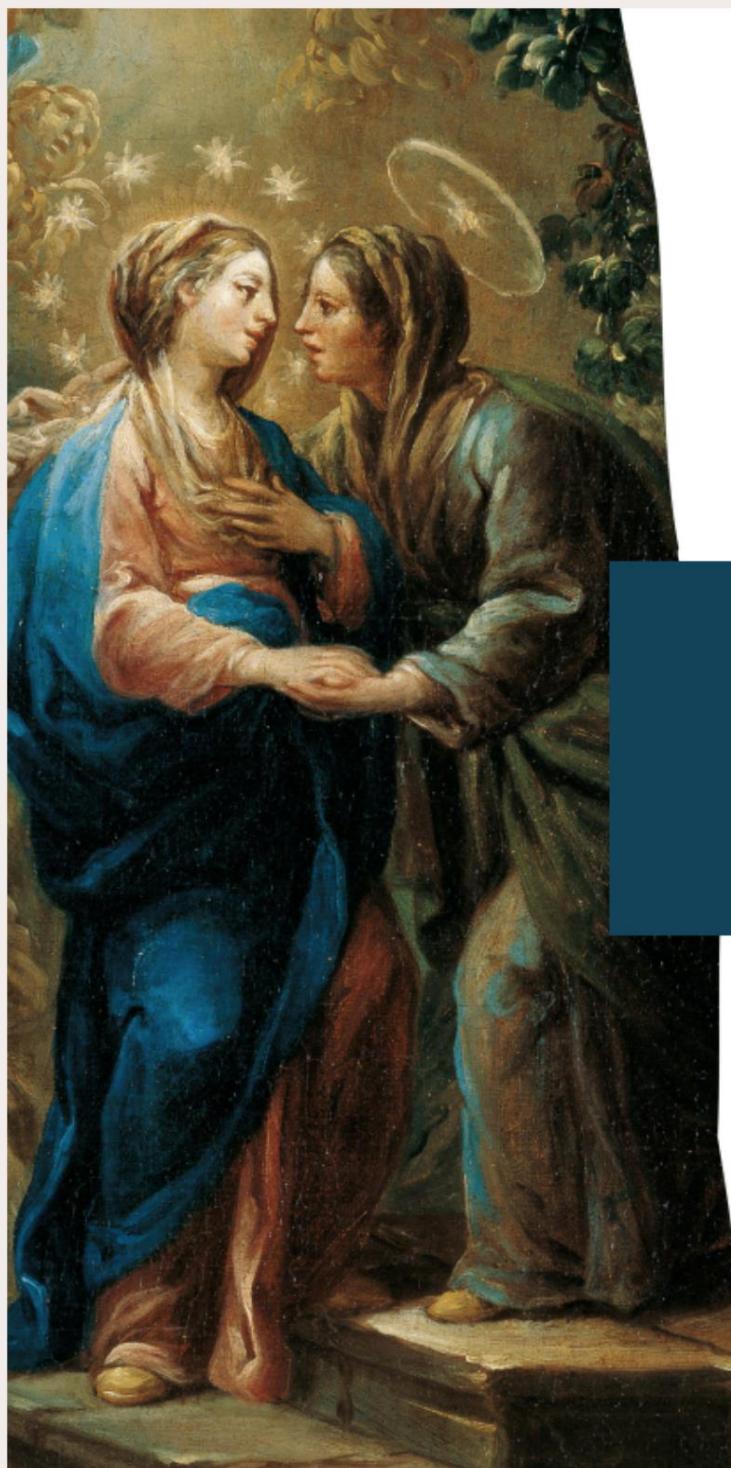
All Board Members must submit to a Vulnerable Sector Screening Police Check. We encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds. How to apply: info@ssvptoronto.ca

SHARELIFE - SOW THE SEEDS OF HOPE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

The future of the Church depends on men and women heroically answering God's call. When you support ShareLife, you enable the discernment, formation and education of those who will serve in our parishes through the Office of Vocations and seminaries. Your kindness makes it possible for future priests to attend St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary where they learn to tend to the Lord's vineyard and work for the salvation of souls. In addition, St. Augustine's Seminary educates permanent deacons and lay people serving our parishes. Thank you for your prayers and commitment towards young people on their journeys of faith.

**Thus far we have raised \$28,259 (25.7%)
toward our goal of \$110,000**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope available at all the exits of the Church or at sharelife.org/donate. **Please make checks payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea**



**During this Jubilee Holy Year,
come spend a day with our
Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope.**

Join us for Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address with Dr. Josephine Lombardi, inspiring witnessings for the adults and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd activities for the children. Draw closer to Mother Mary in praying the rosary together.

Enjoy fellowship with families from across the Archdiocese of Toronto at this outdoor gathering.

Admission is free but registration is required.
All are welcome!

A Day With Mary

DATE

Saturday, May 31, 2025

TIME

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOCATION

**Villanova College
2480 15th Sideroad
King City, ON L7B 0P5**

For Registration contact :

Angela - 647-998-5183/ furtado_menezes@yahoo.com

Charmaine - 647-226-3046 / charmainecsaldanha@gmail.com

Transportation cost - \$25 per person

Registration Deadline is May 14

PARISH MISSION
Unlock the Door

WITH FR. ALLAN MACDONALD, CC

FULL SCHEDULE:

DAY 1:

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH (6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS 8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 2:

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH (6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS, 8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 3:

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST (9AM MASS, 10AM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 4:

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST (5PM VIGIL MASS) & SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST (9AM AND 11AM MASSES)

DAY 5:

MONDAY, JUNE 2ND (6PM CONFESSIONS, 7PM MASS & 8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 6:

TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD (6PM CONFESSION, 7PM MASS & 8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 7:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH (6PM CONFESSION, 7PM MASS & 8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 8:

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH (6PM CONFESSION, 7PM MASS & 8PM CONFESSIONS)

DAY 9:

FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH (6PM CONFESSION, 7PM MASS & 8PM CONFESSIONS)

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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.

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