

# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 12, 2024



## ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 (5:00 PM)



For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Guido & Erma Barbisan

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Angela Anastasi & Maria Sena

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 (7:00 PM)

†Grace Visconti

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of James Tesoro, Basil Fernandes  
and Brian Atheo

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Leonor Castillo

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Alberto and Stella Severin

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Special intentions of Nathan Fernandes and Ann Fernandes &  
family

### 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](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org)

## Youth Minister's Blog: Go into the world and proclaim the good news!

As a part of Confirmation preparation we are hosting a retreat and during this retreat there is a session in which we asked the Confirmandi to submit anonymous questions. They could ask whatever they want, no judgement, and we will do our best to give them the Catholic answer.

We got one fantastic question that I would like to address in this blog :) The question is: ***Is there anything you have to do after Confirmation or do you just live your life as before but with the Holy Spirit?***

I love this question for many reasons but the main reason is because I like to think the apostles thought the same thing shortly after the ascension. I can imagine the collective "Welp...what do we do now?" thought. The Lord has ascended to the Father and there are people out there that very much want them dead because of Who they follow. What do they do now?

The answer I am giving to our Confirmation candidates is the same thing that Jesus said to the apostles, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." The same thing that Jesus tells each and everyone one of us to do. At Confirmation the gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord - are sealed and strengthened. We are called to use these gifts to build up the kingdom of God while we are here on earth. They're not meant to lie dormant, think about if you got a really nice car as a gift, you accepted it, but never drove it! What a waste!

I wanted to bring this question/answer to the blog because it serves twofold as an answer to the question for the candidates as well as a reminder for us all. If someone you knew was getting Confirmed...even if one of our Confirmation candidates this year came up to you and asked you this question and asked for an example from your life, what would you tell them? How have you been spreading the good news? Something to think about this Ascension weekend!

I can't leave this blog without wishing all of the mothers a very happy Mother's Day! To all the mothers, grandmother's, God Mothers, religious sisters and mother figures, the happiest day to you! If you know a mother or really anyone who needs a flower, the youth ministry will be hosting our Mothers Day Flower Sale after every Mass this weekend! All proceeds will be going to support their trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer. Any and all donations are welcome!

Sam

P.S - Couldn't leave this blog without ONE more thing. Our pastor, Fr. Michael celebrated 10 years of being a priest this past Friday and is celebrating his birthday this coming Wednesday! So if you see him, make sure to let him know how much you appreciate him! (I definitely didn't tell you though... shhh ☺)

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

### TOTUS TUUS IS BACK!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus Summer Camp this summer the week of July 15th! For those of you who may not know. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, Confession, songs and games! The Day camp is for children entering grades 1-6 and runs Monday to Friday and the Evening Program is for youth entering grades 7-12 and runs Sunday to Thursday. The cost is only \$125/child for the whole week for the day program and \$25/child for the whole week for the evening program. Registration is now open and you can find it online on the Parish Website or at the exits of the Church. For more information, please contact Sam, the Youth Minister!

### SHARELIFE

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, Catholic Family Services of Durham

**Thus far we have raised \$28,128  
toward our goal of \$108,000**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope (available at all the exits of the Church), or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

### SSVP – APRIL MONTHLY SUMMARY

Our members continue to make home visits to our Neighbours in Need, thanks to your generous donations. During the month of April, we made 26 visits and distributed \$2665 in grocery store vouchers and \$806 in bus tickets. We also delivered a bed, thanks to the thoughtful donation of a parishioner. Blessings to all.

#### **SSVP HELPLINE: 647-628-2058**

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

### THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

#### TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Maria Binotto  
Special intentions of Basil Fernandes

#### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For the conversion of sinners  
For the souls in purgatory

#### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Anita Coleman  
For the souls in purgatory

#### ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

### CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION

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# PENTECOST NOVENA

Please join us in praying the Pentecost Novena this year from May 10th to May 19th for the intentions of our 12 Confirmation students! If you would like to join in this novena please click on this link [stmarystaroftheseapc.flocknote.com/PentecostNovena2](http://stmarystaroftheseapc.flocknote.com/PentecostNovena2)



## Mother's Day

May 11/12 weekend after all the Masses

## FLOWER SALE

\$5/ROSE

All proceeds go to the Youth of the Parish  
attending the Steubenville Conference



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