

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 (5:00 PM)

Exodus 20:1-17 | Psalm 19:8-11 | 1Corinthians 1:22-25 | John 2:13-25

†Mary Ritchie

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Maria & Renato Coletti

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

2Kings 5:1-15ab | Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4 | Luke 4:24-30

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Daniel 3:25,34-43 | Psalm 25:4-5ab,6,7bc,8-9 | Matthew 18:21-35

Healing for Ian Adamson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 | Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 | Matthew 5:17-19

Conversion of Annamaria Piraino & Robert Walton and
Special Intention of Cesare & Denise Dalle Carbonare

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Jeremiah 7:23-28 | Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 | Luke 11:14-23

Special intention of Adriene Adona

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 (9:00 AM) Stations of the Cross (7:00 PM)

Hosea 14:2-10 | Psalm 81:6c-8a,8bc-9,10-11ab,14 and 17 | Mark 12:28-34

Special intention of Samantha Cameron

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Hosea 6:1-6 | Psalm 51:3-4,18-21ab | Luke 18:9-14

Blessings for Ruth Apperley

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

The Precepts of the Church

- 1) You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
- 2) You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- 3) You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
- 4) You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- 5) You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church

As we come to the 3rd Sunday of Lent, we come to the fifth and final precept of the Church (CCC 2043):

The fifth precept ("You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church") means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own abilities.

This precept is a bit difficult to write about. Our Canadian culture and especially Canadian Catholic culture is very shy about talking about finances. Many of my brother priests had to go through the Family of Faith campaign a few years back which weighed very heavy on them. And of course, in these times that we live, talking about money and giving is challenging given the inflation on regular household groceries and goods, heating and fuel for the car. But in the spirit of goodwill, I hope you will read this blog and not think that Father is ungrateful. I am constantly comforted and thankful for the generous donations of the St. Mary Star of the Sea parish family.

But I wanted to bring to your attention that statistics have shown a decline in charitable donations as a result of COVID and the increased cost of living in groceries, energy and other commodities due to inflation. There are many other reasons people have stopped donating to the Church which I have heard from friends and family. This has not been the case here at St. Mary's. You are all so good in your consistent and faithful practice of the faith and support of the Church and the various charities through the offertory and special collections. While many institutions and worthy charities solicit funds in this holy season of Lent, the local parish is primary in meeting the needs of the faithful and doing the work of evangelization.

And so during this holy season, where we are moving from the sentiment of love to the essence of love, I hope that you would prayerfully consider keeping St. Mary Star of the Sea as the beneficiary of your almsgiving. It really is not amount that matters, as Our Lord teaches in the Gospel of the widows mite, it is the intention in which it is given. We want to foster a culture of sacrificial giving of your time, talent and treasure. This is already happening in so many beautiful ways but let's dig in a bit during this Lenten season to give just a little bit more. This will help fund the mission of the church, making faithful disciples of the Lord in our families and with our young people inviting them to receive the love and life of Jesus. Remember that as we have received much from the Lord, His life and love, we ought to share that with others.

Fr Michael

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

TOTUS TUUS

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 exists of the Church. For more information, please contact Sam, the Youth Minister!

SSVP

Two months of 2024 have flown by, but for some of our Neighbours in Need, time has been a challenging journey as they face daily struggles to make ends meet, secure a decent meal, and enjoy the peace and joy that many of us take for granted. The requests for assistance have increased tremendously. In just the last three weeks of February, we made 28 visits, providing over \$3000 in grocery cards and over \$200 in bus tickets. Beyond material support, there is a heartfelt plea for prayers for our Neighbours in Need. Your assistance is deeply appreciated.

SSVP HELPLINE

For assistance, please call 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

For the conversion of sinners
For the souls in purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of the Cornacchione family
For the conversion of sinners

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special intentions of the Cornacchione family
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ST. JOSEPH

In Thanksgiving

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