

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 | Ps 66:1-7,16,20 | 1 Peter 3:15-18 | John 14:15-21

†Stella & Alberto Severin



SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 (9:00 AM) Livestream Link [\[Click Here\]](#)

†Erma & Guido Barbisan

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

Acts 16:11-15 | Psalm 149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a,9b | John 15:26—16:4a

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Acts 16:22-34 | Psalm 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8 | John 16:5-11

Special intention of Dana Lim and †Luigia Bertolo (Barbisan)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 17:15,22—18:1 | Psalm 148:1-2,11-14 | John 16:12-15

†Most Rev. J. Edward Troy, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Saint John, NB

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 18:1-8 | Psalm 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4 | John 16:16-20

Special intention of Ettore & Maria Binotto

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 18:9-18 | Psalm 47:2-7 | John 16:20-23

†Alex D'Sousa

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Acts 18:23-28 | Psalm 47:2-3,8-10 | John 16:23b-28

†Karishma Iyer and †Lynn & Frank Carroll

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

Thoughts from March for Life



This week's and next week's blog is brought to you by Adriene and Sam who went to March for Life this past week. It will include our reflections and experiences from such a beautiful and inspiring event.

Sam's Experience:

Well, Well, Well - I **finally** have my first March for Life under my belt! We did end up bringing a couple of parishioners, which was so great to see! However, next year, I want to bring enough of us to fill a whole bus (just call me a girl with great expectations)!

Since this was my first year going and there were so many thoughts and emotions going through my head and heart, I decided that sharing what I felt before going to the march vs. what actually happened during the march was the best way to go about it!

What I felt before - Apprehensive. From what I have heard from a friend who had attended in the past, there can be a lot of push back from other groups that could get rather aggressive. **What actually happened:** Thousands of people turned out to support and defend life! Were there other people there? Sure - but it didn't compare to the many people there to join the march! I also have to acknowledge and give a big thank you to all of the police officers who had us all feeling very safe and secure the entire time (one of which I had a very amazing and fruitful conversation with!) All I can say is it was the most peaceful and beautiful event I have ever had the chance to go to!

What I felt before - Excited! Despite my apprehensive feelings, I was still excited to get out there and let my voice be heard! **What actually happened:** that excitement was heightened by 100x once I saw how many people turned out! The energy was electric, positive and joyful the entire time! I met and made friends with people from other local parishes to people from ACROSS THE COUNTRY! I was hanging with some teens I knew during the march, they had praise and worship music bumpin' as we walked - it was an overall great time!

What I felt before - Tired. Both physically and emotionally. Physically - mostly because I had to wake up at 4:45am to make the bus on time (Fun fact: I am only a morning person after coffee or 9am - whichever comes first). Emotionally - because my heart breaks that we still have to march to defend the most vulnerable of our society and advocate for their basic human right, that is, to even get a chance to live. **What actually happened:** It was a full day and we didn't get back until 10:30pm! So I am physically tired haha! But I think my final emotions and thoughts cover if I am still tired emotionally...

What I felt before - Grateful. Prior to the march I was so grateful to the campaign life coalition who organized the March and who constantly fight this ongoing battle! **What actually happened:** Not only was I left feeling even more grateful but I left feeling hopeful! It was hopeful to see how many people thought this was important enough that they called out sick from work, used their vacation days or traveled from afar to come and march in solidarity. It was hopeful to see not just Catholics, but non-denominational Christians, Orthodox believers - heck! I even saw some people who don't belong to a religion come out to march!

At some point along the walk I saw moms with newborns, dads with a wagon full of toddlers, teens blasting music and young adults documenting this moment for social media. I saw corporate workers in suits and ties who took their lunch break to come and march, people with disabilities (a person who was blind with a guide dog and someone in a wheelchair). I saw elderly people who couldn't march so they lined up along the route with their rosaries and their signs in solidarity. I saw UNITY and that made me hopeful.

All that being said... This will not be my last March 4 Life!

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of the mothers in our parish family, a very happy mother's day! The love of a mother is remarkably heroic and I pray that during this mother's day, you are reminded of how loved and valued you are for your sacrifice and love for your family.

Next week you'll hear from Adriene and her experience with the candlelight vigil 😊

Ok, last thing.... On May 15th a very special person was born..... HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR MICHAEL SIMOES!!! Make sure to greet him on your way out of Mass ;)



AID TO WOMEN "BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE" CAMPAIGN

Aid to Women "Baby Bottles for Life" fundraising campaign. Aid to Women is a Christian charity offering pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women in crisis, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. In addition to providing counseling, we provide material, emotional, spiritual and financial support for these mothers in need. Representatives from Aid to Women will be at the back of the church after each mass the weekend of May 13-14 handing out their baby bottles that contain more information about the campaign. You are asked to return the bottles to the parish with your donation on the weekend of June 10-11. 100% of the donations received go directly to Aid to Women's life affirming work.

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Envelopes for the Pope's Pastoral Works collection are available at all the exits of the Church. Use one for your donation and drop it in the Offertory basket along with your Offertory donation. There will be NO second collection.

SSVP MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL

Our members made 30 visits to Neighbours in Need, and distributed \$3,450 in grocery gift cards and \$186 in bus tickets. We are returning to our model of in-home visits. Thank you for your support.

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 special intentions of Fr. Michael Simoes
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special intentions of the Rynkun family
Special intentions of the Rynkun family

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In loving memory of Anita Coleman
Special intention of Paola De Campo

ST. JOSEPH

For the Souls in Purgatory

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

TOTUS TUUS IS COMING!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 23-28th. Totus tuus is an archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes throughout the summer, spreading the Good News through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm. The intermediate/High School programs for grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm. **The cost is only \$100 (day program) \$25 (night program) per person for the entire week. Registrations can be found around the parish or online. For more information, please contact Samantha or go to www.totustuustoronto.ca**

Edge : May 26th – Topic: Stump the Priest with Fr. Michael

Final LifeTeen : June 30th – End of the year party! 😊

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ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

PENTECOST NOVENA SCHEDULE

FRIDAY MAY 19

AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAY MAY 20

9:30AM

SUNDAY MAY 21

8:30AM

MONDAY MAY 22

9AM

TUESDAY MAY 23

2:30PM

WEDNESDAY MAY 24

AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY MAY 25

AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY MAY 26

AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAY MAY 27

9:30AM

**SUNDAY MAY 28TH
PENTECOST**