

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Isaiah 58:7-10 | Psalms 112:4-9 | 1Cor 2:1-5 | Matthew 5:13-16
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Special intention of Lyette Alley



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 (9:00 AM) [Livestream \[Click Here\]](#)

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 (11:00 AM)

†Mary Badali

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023, 2022
Genesis 1:1-19 | Psalms 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c | Mark 6:53:56

No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 (7:00 PM)
Genesis 1:20-2:4a | Psalms 8:4-9 | Mark 7:1-13

Special intention of Benny Lobo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 (9:00 AM)
Genesis 2:4b-9,15-17 | Psalms 104:1-2a,27-28,29bc-30 | Mark 7:14-23

†Angelo Fietta and Special intention of Bern Wilson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023 (9:00 AM)
Genesis 2:18-25 | Psalms 128:1-5 | Mark 7:24-30

Special intention of Emily Lobo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 (9:00 AM)
Genesis 3:1-8 | Psalms 32:1-2,5-7 | Mark 7:31-37

†Beniamino Iavicoli

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023
Genesis 3:9-24 | Psalms 90:2,3-4abc,5-6,12-13 | Mark 8:1-10

†Judith Reyes and †Angela & Jim Roger

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.
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4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking.
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PASTOR'S BLOG – ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

February 5, 2023

Parish Ministry Fair

This weekend we will be hosting our parish ministry fair. As Adriene mentioned at the close of her announcement, *The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.* Each of us who are reading (or writing) this blog, are coming to Mass and receiving the Sacraments because of someone who has handed on the faith to us. I was listening to a song on the country playlist. Again, it speaks into what your action (or inaction) has upon others. The name of the song is Three Wooden Crosses sung by Randy Travis.

Over the last month, I have invited you to pray with the list of ministries. This past week, I have been praying for you that your hearts may be opened and to be generous with your time, talent and treasure. I pray that the faith that we have received continue to be handed on through the family, the domestic church and through sacramental preparation that prepares hearts making disciples that reach out to Jesus in faith. I pray that our young people have a place where they can come to know the love and life that is found in a relationship with Jesus, to grow in their faith and be able to encounter the world and spread that love and life that they have received to evangelize the culture.

From my own personal experience, even in attending Catholic School, it was my parents, my priests and the catechist at the Church that helped me choose the good and reject the bad. We need this today more than ever.

Once again, here is the list of ministries. We look forward to seeing you in the hall for the ministry fair following all Masses.

Pastoral

- Edge (Grade 6-8)
- LifeTeen (High School)
- Family Life
- Hospitality

Sacramental

- Baptism Preparation
- First Reconciliation/Communion Preparation
- Confirmation Preparation
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

Liturgical Ministries

- Ministry of Care - Communion to the Homebound/Nursing Homes
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion/Sacristan
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Choir
- Children's Liturgy

Administrative

- Volunteer Screening

Coffee Sunday

In addition to our ministry fair in the hall, we are also hosting our first Coffee Sunday following the pandemic. It is a great way to meet other parishioners, grab a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and enjoy each others company. I am reminded of our last major event in 2020, our Lenten Mission with Fr Ben St. Croix from the Companions of the Cross. The mission was built around the understanding that Jesus comes to us, we go to Jesus and then we bring Jesus to others. Coffee Sunday is an opportunity for that fellowship, that time for you to know that you are welcome in our parish family and you belong in our parish family.

Re: The Ad on TV

I do not watch cable television. However, it has come to my attention that there has been an ad running on cable during primetime, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, to be exact about our parish and Fr Sheridan. It is professionally done and it must have cost quite a bit for it to run during primetime. However, please note that it is not affiliated with the Archdiocese of Toronto. I have asked the diocese to inquire further about their intent with the information they are gathering and they were obstinate and emphatic with not being transparent. We have tried our own phishing scam to get more information with a very vague reply about a digital photo album. This raises many red flags for me and hopefully for you. So, if you choose to respond, proceed with caution.

Fr Michael Simoes

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

The Edge Camp Parent information session has been moved to Tuesday, January 31st at 7pm in the Parish Hall! Hope to see you there!

This summer we will be hosting a summer camp called Totus Tuus (July 23rd-28th) for youth in grades 1-6 for the day program and grades 7-12 for the night program! Registrations is now open and spots are limited so register soon!

FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEAL

Every Friday at 4:30 pm

Packaged meals will be distributed at the West side entrance of the Church on Peter Street

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Development and Peace is the Canadian arm of Caritas International, created by the Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1967. As its name suggests, its purpose is - to assist in the **development** of struggling countries, through material and moral support, and - to educate Canadians about global situations of injustice (sometimes caused by Canadians), in order to bring about change and **peace** in our world.

You are encouraged to become a lifetime member of D' & P, through a donation of \$10 (or more). This would make you part of an international movement for social justice, adding your voice to those who work for justice and peace. To become a member, just search the Development and Peace website.

Each year, Development and Peace runs a campaign to raise awareness of the needs of our sisters and brothers in the Global South. This year's campaign, **Stand for the Land**, is in solidarity with those who are defending their homelands in the global south by protecting their land, water, environment and human lives. To join in this campaign launch, everyone (member or not) is invited to register for an online workshop on Saturday, February 11 from 9 - noon at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89JDPDdPFQ5pklqbKSExbJkk>

SSVP – JANUARY SUMMARY

January started off with a flurry of calls for help. Our team made 29 visits, distributing \$2788.80 in gift cards and bus tickets.

We are grateful for your support, and remember you in our prayers.

Tax receipts for 2022 donations of \$20.00 or over have been mailed.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In loving memory of Judith Reyes
For the healing of Clermont Martineau

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For the Souls in Purgatory
In Thanksgiving

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In Thanksgiving

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