

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time

October 15, 2023



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 (5:00 PM)

Is 25:6-10a | Ps 23:1-3a,3b-6 | Phil 4:12-14,19-20 | Matthew 22:1-14

†Stella & Alberto Severin



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 (9:00 AM) [\[Click for Livestream\]](#)

†Joan MacDonagh

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

Romans 1:1-7 | Psalm 98:1bcde,2-3ab,3cd-4 | Luke 11:29-32

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Romans 1:16-25 | Psalm 19:2-5 | Luke 11:37-41

†Zacchaeus & Seraphim Vuksani

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 (9:00 AM)

2Timothy 4:10-17b | Psalm 145:10-13,17-18 | Luke 10:1-9

†Deceased members of the Hutny & Kopystynski families, †Aldo Lista and Healing for Maria Tassone

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Romans 3:21-30 | Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab | Luke 11:47-54

†For the Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Romans 4:1-8 | Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11 | Luke 12:1-7

†Anthony Menezes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Romans 4:13, 16-18 | Psalm 105:6-9,42-43 | Luke 12:8-12

Thanksgiving for 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Special intention of Adriene Adona and †Deceased members of the Rosario family

## NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS WEEK

### 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)

## PASTOR'S BLOG

There was an event this week that made me incredibly sad...and I was filled with righteous anger. On Tuesday evening before Mass, a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought to me one of their envelopes that had the Blessed Sacrament in it. In the best possible interpretation of the *mens rea* of the person who did this, we think that they wanted to give Jesus to the poor. However, this is misguided. We receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and in turn are to be transformed into other Christs and sent into the world to bring Jesus to people by the way we live our lives. Thankfully, the Blessed Sacrament was not taken to some witches coven, satanic ritual or the Masonic temple behind the parish.

What this invites us as a parish family is to consume the Host in front of the priest/deacon. If we notice someone walking with the Host in their hands, we should politely and with charity ask them if they are Catholic and then kindly remind them to consume the Host. If they are not Catholic, kindly ask them to return the Host to you and you can bring the Host to the priest/deacon. This event also invites us to make some act of reparation for sacrilege committed against the Blessed Sacrament.

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As I mentioned in previous blog posts, the month of October is a Marian month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. As we see the world descend into more bloodshed and violence with all the accompanying injustice, we are being invited to deepen our prayer life and turn to our Mother Mary to intercede on our behalf to her Son, Jesus. Maybe this week, turn off the “breaking news” and pray your rosary for peace in your heart and in the world.

But during this month dedicated to Our Lady, a few parishioners and I, along with many others, will be embarking on a Marian Pilgrimage to visit holy sites in France, Spain and Portugal. It is exciting for me because I have never actually been the priest to accompany a pilgrimage. This pilgrimage was originally planned for October 2020 and had to be cancelled due to the events of the world. So it is good that we are going ahead with it this year.

What makes it more exciting is the sites we will visit. The pillars of the pilgrimage will be our time in Fatima and Lourdes. The approved apparitions of Our Lady in both these sites have captured the hearts of many and have led to healing and devotion. And while we will have time to immerse ourselves into that history with all its spiritual benefits, we also will be travelling to other sites where we will visit the relics of saints and learn more about their contribution to the life of the Church. Hopefully the pilgrims and I will make a few more spiritual friends in the great cloud of witnesses.

So, while I am away on pilgrimage, Masses will be offered by visiting priests and to accommodate their schedules, there will be no adoration following our daily Masses. Daily devotions will remain.

Please pray for me and the pilgrims for a safe and blessed pilgrimage. Be assured of my prayers for the St. Mary's parish family.

Fr Michael Simoes

## SSVP SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

Calls for assistance continue at an increasing rate. During September, our members made 38 visits and distributed \$3989 in grocery gift cards and bus tickets. We are assisting 88 households and 159 people on a (semi) regular basis. How can we do this? - only with your contributions! At this time of Thanksgiving, we recognize our blessings and are grateful that you share yours with those in need in our community.

### EARLY NOTICE – SSVP BUNDLE UP NOVEMBER 11/12

It's time to start setting aside goods for our next Bundle Up!

## SHARELIFE

We have currently raised \$87,765 (70%) towards our suggested goal of \$125,000

Please make donations at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope.

## THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN THE SCHOOLS

a ministry of evangelization through prayer, is seeking volunteers (male or female) who have a devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our Elementary Catholic Schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for one or two hours (October to May). Training and materials will be provided. Visit us on our Website: [www.rosaryapostolate.com](http://www.rosaryapostolate.com)

If you are interested, please contact Irma at 416-473-2222 ; Pushpa at 905-278-5044 or Arnold at 416-556-7304

## 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.

## COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSIONS – OCTOBER 21/22

Envelopes are available at all the entrances/exits of the Church for the World Missions Collection next weekend, October 21/22.

Please indicate your full name, address and amount on the envelope and drop it in the Offertory basket along with your weekly donation. There will be no second collection.

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

Healing & Blessings for Uthayasoundari Kuruparan

Blessings for Mary Tellis

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Blessings for Marge & Ferdie Miranda

For the Souls in Purgatory

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving

For the Souls in Purgatory

### ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

# YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Calling all youth from Grades 6-12: Our Youth ministry is back and better than ever! We are introducing our new program called Navigation Nights! This will be a time where all youth are able to come and explore their faith! Our first night is a social and the theme? Jersey Night! So, grab your friends, grab your favourite team's jersey and join us Sunday, November 12th from 4:30-6:00pm! For more information about Youth Ministry please contact me (Sam) via email at [SCameron@archtoronto.org](mailto:SCameron@archtoronto.org)

**40 Days for Life - Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**The beginning of the end of abortion**

**Following Life Chain, are you prepared to sign up for 40 Days for Life?**

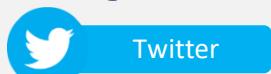
Please join with 589 cities worldwide including 18 cities in Canada, for our peaceful prayer vigil to protect mothers and babies, on-site near the abortion facility. Fasting and community outreach are other components of **40 Days for Life**. Give up food, T.V., coffee, etc. and spread the pro-life message to those who never see the inside of a church. Each parish has a specific date assigned to it. The date for St. Mary Star of the Sea is:

**Friday, October 27th**

**Any hour between 7:00 am to 6:00 pm**

See the poster at the back of the Church and please sign up for one hour. You can make a difference!

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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.

