

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Genesis 12:1-4a | Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 | 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 | Matthew 17:1-9
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023 (5:00 PM)

†Denzil & Paul Alley



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

†Anita Coleman & Dec. members of Toncic & Barratto families

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

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023, 2022

Daniel 9:4b-10 | Psalms 79:8-9,11,13 | Luke 6:36-38

No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Isaiah 1:10,16-20 | Psalms 50:8-9,16bc,17,21,23 | Matthew 23:1-12

†Special intention of Arnold Mendes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

Jeremiah 18:18-20 | Psalms 31:5-6,14-16 | Matthew 20:17-28

†Dora Santoro-Frangella, †Naomi Wiratunga

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Jeremiah 17:5-10 | Psalms 1:1-4,6 | Luke 16:19-31

Special intention of Agatha Simoes

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023 (9:00 AM) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 PM**

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a | Ps 105:16-21 | Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Relatives & Friends of the Fietta family

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Micah 7:14-15,18-20 | Psalms 103:1-4,9-12 | Luke 15:1-3,11-32

†Francis Tellis 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

PASTOR'S BLOG

March 5, 2023

Yes...the pastors blog has returned. I hope you enjoyed the LPA's and Youth Minister's blog the last couple weeks. While you are getting to know me through these blogs, it is good that you get to know some of our staff and maybe something they said led you to want to get to know them even more and have that conversation with them.

Home again, Home again jiggy jig

After 8 long months of being displaced from the rectory while it was being renovated, it is with great thanks, relief and joy that I have moved back into the rectory. The last of the major things to happen, the storage cube, has been emptied and has been taken away. Let me say this, I never want to go through that again. Ever. Trying to move back in while having a full day of Ash Wednesday Masses at the parish and services at the schools along with the regular administrative duties to go along with that probably added a lot of greys to my beard and took away hair from my already balding head. There are still many items that will be addressed. But, this Lent, I am not going to think about it...or at the very least make a list and take care of it down the road.

Did I say it was good to be home? If not, it is good to be home. And now begins the adjustment and settling in phase of living in the rectory again. I am looking forward to getting back into my routine, not having to drive in to the parish every morning and with the storage cube gone, to have my car in the garage!

Was there anything that I learned through this experience? A tonne! Here are two lessons that I think we all need to learn and re-learn. The first is, always in God's time because His time is the best time. The second, a healthy separation and good boundaries around the office and the rectory. While it was difficult living away from the parish, it taught me to not bring parish work outside of the parish. Living with the office attached to the rectory, this will be difficult but will certainly be desired.

Before I sign off on this blog, there are many people to thank that made this possible and reduced the stress of a major project. I won't name their names but, it was truly a team effort and to them, my heartfelt gratitude. And of course to all of you who have been praying for the success of this project, thank you!

Saturday Update

Thank God I am back at the rectory after that storm last night. Yipes. But living at the rectory during a storm again is eerie...but I ain't 'fraid of no ghost.

Anyways, after a storm like that, it made me think of some safety concerns we should be aware of. The first is, on extremely windy days and after snowfalls like the one we just experienced, I would invite you to use the parking lot entrance or elevator entrance rather than the front steps. Even with a railing to hold onto and salt/ice melt use, sometimes the wind plus slippery conditions could lead to an accident. Plus, the wind and the wooden door has been known to be hard to control. So, on days like today, I would suggest to avoid the front steps and use the other entrances.

Fr Michael

SSVP FEBRUARY SUMMARY

During February, our team made 16 visits, and distributed \$1910 in grocery card vouchers, and \$74 in bus tickets. We also ordered 3 beds for Neighbours in Need from our Saint Vincent de Paul warehouse. Thank you for allowing us to continue this ministry. May you have a fruitful and blessed Lenten season.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE : THE COURAGE TO CREATE HOPE

To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "...you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion." These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, on our neighbours, on our great human family, on our children and on their descendants. « And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. » (Matthew 25:40). What will you do this Lent to Create Hope? More information on Stand for the Land, this first year's campaign of Create Hope -- at devp.org/lent

SSVP HELPLINE: 647-628-2058

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

COMMUNITY MEAL EVERY FRIDAY AT 4:30 PM

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

We would like to resume serving meals 'in-house' once again, beginning November 2023. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the office 905-278-2058.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

Special intention of Victoria Greco
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Special Intentions for
Bright Aigbe Idemudia
Special Intentions for
Chinedu & Chigozie Ezenwa

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Special Intentions for Krisben Inv Ltd
Special Intentions for
Ogechi Aigbe & Children

ST. JOSEPH

Special Intentions for
Christopher Ndukwe Bende.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

LENTEN RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
9am - 2pm

RSVP through our parish website or by submitting a physical registration form to Adriene



"Join us for our parish Lenten retreat from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, March 18th. The day will include a time for prayer and reflection, small group discussion, and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. RSVP through the registration form found on the parish website: <https://stmarystarofthesea.ca/len-ten-retreat> Physical registration forms can be found at the entrances and exits of the church. If you would like to submit a hardcopy, please return them to Adriene at the parish office.

Please note, there is no cost to attend however donations are welcome to cover the onset costs of the retreat. Registration will close on Wednesday, March 15th."

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. If you need more information, please contact Samantha or go to www.totustuustoronto.ca

Next LifeTeen : Friday, March 10th 6-8pm – Topic : Having a personal relationship with God

Next Edge : Friday, April 21st 6-8pm – Topic : Prayer

MARCH 2023

EDGE MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

MAR
13

MOVIE DAY!

MAR
15

GAME DAY!

MAR
16

SPORTS DAY!

10am-2pm!

No sign up required! Please pack a lunch!

MARCH 2023

LIFETEEN MARCH BREAK EVENTS



MAR
14

MASS +
MOVIE NIGHT
(7-9)

MAR
16

BOWLING!
(7-9)



IF YOU WANT TO COME BOWLING PLEASE SEND
AN EMAIL TO SAM TO CONFIRM YOUR
ATTENDANCE AND FOR DETAILS!

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