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# *St. Mary* of the people parish

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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

## **DAILY MASSES**

Tuesday to Saturday 8:30 A.M.

## **ROSARY**

Daily recitation following morning Mass at approx 9:00 A.M.

## **HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION**

Thursdays 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Fridays 9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

## **ALL DAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday of Each Month concluding with 7 P.M. Mass.

## **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

Tuesday - Saturday following morning Mass

## **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION**

Wednesday during morning Mass

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:45 P.M. or by appointment.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Contact the office for information

## **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Notice must be received one year in advance.  
Couples must attend a marriage preparation course.

## **PASTOR**

Fr. David Bollo - Pastor

## **RECTORY OFFICE**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

## **SCHOOLS**

St. Christopher's (905) 725-7672  
Paul Dwyer Catholic High (905) 723-5255

## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

Catholic Womens League (905) 728-2212  
Knights of Columbus (905) 728-2212  
St. Vincent de Paul (905) 213-3860  
Natural Family Planning (Rose) (905) 683-9055  
Catholic Cemeteries (Resurrection) (905) 668-8912

## **BULLETIN**

Copy must be in to office no later than Monday 4:00 P.M.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please register using forms at back of Church or at Office.

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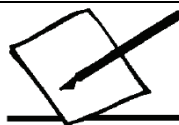
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# Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Dec 4	5:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sun Dec 5	9:00	Domenico, Adelina & Pasquale Rua req Paul & Debra Rua
	11:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Mila Cuvalo Teresa Belko Valentino Pulla Mila Zovak Earl Cudmore Irma & Cecilia Carcich Deceased Ricciuto Family Members
Tue Dec 7	8:30	John Rerecich req Nerina Rerecich
	7:00	Living & deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League especially Connie Flontek
Wed Dec 8	8:30	Mila Zovak req Jure Cuvalo & Family
Thur Dec 9	8:30	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Mila Zovak Teresa Belko Alice Lecoup Bernard Koster Lidia Marquez Vito Grazio Deligio
Fri Dec 10	8:30	Francis & Norm Barker req Mary Lynch
Sat Dec 11	8:30	Mila Zovak req Ivan Chuvalo
	5:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sun Dec 12	9:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Joseph Filippetto Mila Zovak Teresa Belko Bernard Koster Joe & Lorraine Corey Armando & Ida Occhiuzzi Souls in Purgatory
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

**COVID-19 THIRD DOSE VACCINE APPOINTMENTS:** Durham Region Health Department is now expanding eligibility for third doses of COVID-19 vaccine, as recently announced by the province. Eligibility to receive a third dose of vaccine includes: Individuals 70 and older (born in 1951 or earlier). Health care workers and designated essential caregivers in congregate settings including long-term care home and retirement home staff and designated caregivers. Individuals in these eligibility groups can receive a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine a minimum of **six-months (168 days)** after receiving their second dose. Booster doses are being offered to these groups based on evidence of gradual waning immunity six months after receiving their second dose, and a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. There are many options for Durham Region residents to receive their third dose, including participating pharmacies and health care providers administering COVID-19 vaccine and at Durham Region community immunization clinics.

Eligible residents can begin booking third dose appointments at Durham Region community immunization clinics on November 4. Community immunization clinics are currently open in Ajax, Oshawa, and Clarington. For a list of clinics, hours of operation or to book an appointment visit [www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment](http://www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment) or call 1-888-444-5113.



## From the Pastor's Desk

**TODAY'S GOSPEL:** John the Baptist takes on the role of preparing the time and space for God and the people to encounter one another. Like Isaiah, he calls his people to level the slopes, straighten the curves and smooth the roads of their lives so that they can encounter God's saving power among them. John invited people to experience what he had experienced: the freedom of knowing that God was about to do something great with them. In the words of Baruch, the people who went to John's baptism were symbolically removing their mourning clothes and outfitting themselves to take the road of transformation — of themselves and their history. The thing about genuine conversion or metanoia is that we can't plan it. It is God's offer in a particular moment of history — a grace of insight that shakes us up and turns us around. All we can do is be open to it. So, let us gather the willing and accompany one another on the adventure God offers us with this new Advent of the year 2021. The time is right.

**LAY FORMATION PROGRAM ADVENT RETREAT: Praying With(out) Images – Devotion to Icons and the Practice of the Jesus Prayer in Eastern Christian Spirituality.** Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dr. Brian Butcher will be the facilitator. He will lead the group through an insightful reflection on the gift of praying with or without images. The cost is \$25 + HST. The event will be virtual, using ZOOM. Register at [www.staugustines.on.ca/events](http://www.staugustines.on.ca/events).

**DAY OF CONFESSION:** In preparation for Christmas, our parish will have some extended hours of confession. In addition to Saturday afternoon, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11 a.m.; 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church sacristy. There will be no Confession on Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PLANNING A BAPTISM:** If you or someone you know is planning to have an infant baptized in our church in January, February or March 2022, please contact the church office and inquire about our next Baptismal Preparation Session. We ask that couples be **registered** with the parish and that Catholic parents be in **regular attendance** at Sunday Mass.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** As this special season of “giving” begins, you are asked to remember the poor and less fortunate through your donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Their baskets are at the doors of the church.

**VOCATIONS:** Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

**STEWARDSHIP:** In the gospel today, we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, “To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them.” We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church. “A mind that is stretched by new ideas never goes back to its original shape.”



**EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday December 14 at 7:00 P.M. in the parish hall

**GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday December 21. Mass at 7:00 P.M. Meeting to follow in the Parish Hall. **Installation of officers will be conducted following the Mass**



**CWL FOOD DRIVE FOR FEED THE NEED:** Collection this weekend. Items requested: Canned Protein (tuna, salmon, peanut butter), Fruits & Vegetables (pasta sauce, canned veggies, fruit cocktail), Breakfast Food (hot/cold cereal, pancake mix, syrup). Items may be left at church main entrance.

**CWL ADVENT MASS:** Please join us, as we celebrate the season with an Advent Mass on **Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.** CWL announcements and parish presentations will be made immediately following the mass. There will be no CWL General Meeting in December.

**YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** This is a great opportunity for all young adults (aged 18 yrs. to 39 yrs.) to actually experience their faith and encounter Jesus on a personal level. In this pilgrimage you will discover and see where Jesus walked, taught and performed miracles with other Christian Young Adults. Come and join Father László (of Holy Family Parish, Whitby) on this amazing *Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan* on May 12 to May 22, 2022 ( \$3,490.00 for 11 days). Call Halina at 647-294-4116 for more details or to reserve your spot today! Here's the link for the full itinerary: <https://www.ih Tours.com/tour/pilgrimage-to-holy-land-and-jordan/>

## **COVID-19 SAFETY RULES** **REMINDER**

- 1) **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN OVER YOUR NOSE**
- 2) **NO SINGING**
- 3) **Maintain 6 feet distance.**
- 4) **If you are sick please stay home**
- 5) **Sanitize your hands when entering Church**

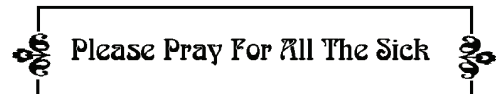
**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas program will be the same as last year. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions we have ordered Walmart gift cards which will be offered to those families requesting assistance this Christmas. Higher value cards will be given to allow them to purchase gifts for children as well as food and clothing.

This program is placing an added strain on our finances so we are **begging for cash (or cheque) donations** of any amount. **Do not offer gift cards.** Your donation can be placed in the "Poor Box" at the front entrance of the church or in the church collection basket. If a receipt is required please place your donation in an envelope and include your full name & address.

Donations may also be made on-line at the Society's website [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca) click on "Donate Now", donating by credit card through Canada Helps; direct your donation to **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary of the People Conference.**

**This offers all of us an opportunity to serve our neighbours in need at this Holy Season of Christmas.**



**And Those Who Love and Minister to Them**

Gord Shields  
Pina Maffei

Anne Scholtes  
Elisa Pellegrino

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## **Rest in Peace**

Eileen Tessier, Maddalina De Carlo, Jim Benincasa, Florence Monaghan & Lynn Fry daughter-in-law of Marg & Norm Fry



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