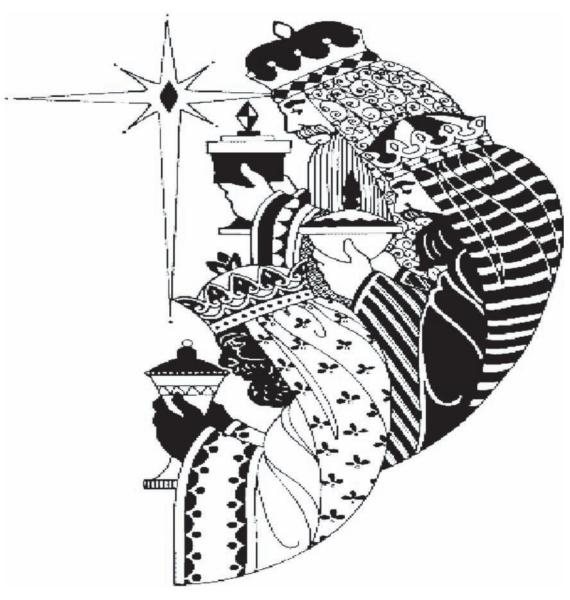
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PASTOR: Fr. David Bollo - Pastor



Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.



Sun Jan 2	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass
		Marion Sweet
		Int Mizzi Kreisz
Tue Jan 4	8:30	Zlata Penava req Iva Bradica & Family
	7:00	Living & Deceased Members of the
		Catholic Women's League
Wed Jan 5	8:30	Steve Jakabfy req
		Msgr Paul Dwyer School Community
Thur Jan 6	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass
		All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Fri Jan 7	8:30	Zlata Penava req Lily & Ivan Chuvalo
Sat Jan 8	8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	5:00	Int Lucy & Gerard Burke & Family
Sun Jan 9	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass
		Walter Labow
		Vito Grazio Deligio
		Vito Mario & Caterina Deligio
		Souls in Purgatory
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER?: It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or your adult child) are planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is **highly recommended** you have a conversation with your pastor early in the process to avoid stress and disappointment at the time when applications are to be submitted. It is expected that teacher candidates attend Mass regularly.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2022: We have placed at the main entrance of the church Offertory Envelopes for 2022 for our envelopes users. Parishioners who were not using envelopes in 2021 and **would like to use them in 2022** are asked to please contact the parish office so we can prepare a box for you. We can only provide an income tax receipt for identifiable donations.

If you have a RED DOT on your box you have been given a new number

Please DO NOT use 2022 envelopes before January 1st

DO NOT use 2021 envelopes after December 31

Envelopes are arranged by surname



From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Matthew begins his Gospel with Jesus, Emmanuel, endangered among his own people and revered by representatives of the Gentile world. Matthew's Gospel ends with Christ's command to make disciples of all the nations and the promise that as our Emmanuel, he will remain with us until the end. The Magi, those people willing to walk together like participants in a synod, can be our guides. More than the time and money required for their journey, they possessed a key combination of self-confidence and desire for more meaning in life. These attitudes urged them to read the signs of the times and to venture into the unknown. Let us look to the Magi as models. They reflected together on the signs of their times and sought wisdom from foreigners, confident that truth from another quarter would only add to the truth they already understood. As a synodal people, let us be on the move, discerning the signs of our times while refusing to be awestruck by selfimportant leaders. Let us share the Magi's humble curiosity. Let us appropriate a share of their courage and confidence so that we too can seek, find and follow Christ in our world.

THANK YOU!: I would like to say, "Thank You" to all those who remembered me in such a thoughtful and generous way during this Holy Season. Your prayers and support, your lovely cards, generous gifts and warm expressions of festive joy are very much appreciated. I pray that God will fill your lives with many blessings in this coming New Year – Rev. David Bollo –

THANK YOU: Our parish would like to express its gratitude to our **Catholic Women's League** council which presented a generous donation of \$500.00 to the parish at their December 7th meeting.

<u>IN APPRECIATION:</u> The parish would like to express our appreciation to all the ladies who work in our **Religious Articles Kiosk**. The ladies' efforts have resulted in a gift of \$900.00 to our parish. We thank all of you for your generous offering of your time and talent. Parishioners: need that *special gift* for an upcoming religious occasion? Why not stop in at the Religious Articles Room. We can take special orders.

RECENT BAPTISM: ALEXANDER ROBERT, son of Roberto and Paula (Chua) GUERRA, was baptized in St. Mary of the People Church on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. "Now joined to his people, may you remain as a member of Christ: Priest, Prophet and King unto eternal life."

STEWARDSHIP: As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her effort s to make Christ known to the ends of the earth and we can do this by simply being a visible witness of our faith. Let us strive to make small actions that display our love for Christ such as saying grace before meals in public, praying the rosary on the bus or saying "God bless you" when someone sneezes or as we say goodbye.

VOCATIONS: "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, a religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus wishes you a Happy, Holy New Year



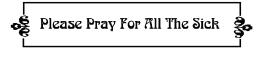
St. Mary's CWL Executive wishes you a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy, Holy New Year

<u>INSTALLATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE</u>: will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 immediately following the CWL mass at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are invited to attend. Please note, the CWL January General Meeting in the hall has been cancelled.

LAY FORMATION PROGRAM: Mariology, Past and Present. If you are interested in learning more about Mary's role in salvation history, please join us for our nest lay spiritual formation workshop on Saturday, January 15, 2022; 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Presenter: Dr. Josephine Lombardi will focus on biblical accounts, Marian dogma and new developments in the area of Mariology. Cost for this virtual event: \$25. + HST. Register at www.staugustines.on.ca/events.

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



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Your support through poor box donations at the front entrance of the church is a way to do this. Gifts of \$10.00 or more will be receipted for income tax purposes. Place your donation in an envelope marked **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Remember to include your **full name and address** so a receipt can be prepared and sent to you at year-end.

The Poor Box offers us an opportunity to love Jesus Christ by helping those in need!

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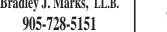
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