St. Mary of the people parish



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

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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.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Mar 19	5:00	Paul Belliveau req Joyce & Joe Belliveau
Sun Mar 20	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass
		Alice Lecoup
		Stanko Romih
		Vito Grazio Deligio
		John & Janaki Patrick
		Deceased Casas Family Members
		Souls in Purgatory
11:00		All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Tue Mar 22	8:30	All Living & Deceased Members of the
		Catholic Women's League
Wed Mar 23	8:30	Guy Kelly req
		Msgr Paul Dwyer Community
Thur Mar 24	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass
		Chuck Roche
		Int Lorraine Roche
Fri Mar 25	8:30	Angela Scanga req Anna & Rinaldo Pulla
	7:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sat Mar 26	8:30	Syzmon Spiak req
		Msgr. Paul Dwyer Community
	5:00	Neomie Richardson req
		Rita Augustine & Family
Sun Mar 27	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass
		Justin Soln
		Antonia Blakolmer
		Chuck Roche
		Esterina Ciardullo
		Joseph Sr & Lina Miniaci
		Anna & Rocco Campanelli
		Carmelina & Pierino Piraino

<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS:</u> On each of the Fridays of Lent, there will be a common praying of the Stations of the Cross following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Plan to join us and enter into the spirit of Lent by walking with Our Lord through the events of his Passion.

RETURN TO ME FOR I AM MERCIFUL: Lenten Mission retreat. Fr. Hansoo Park. March 28 & March 29 at 7PM at St. Gregory The Great Church. Free will offering will be collected. No registration needed. Masks required.

CALLING ALL GIRLS – A SPECIAL EVENING FOR MOTHERS
AND DAUGHTERS: Friday, March 25th – 7 to 10 p.m. (A virtual event hosted by the Catholic Moms Group) An evening of short, high-powered talks including: Noelle Mering – Contending with the Distortion of Becoming a Woman; Gerry Whelan – The Loss of My daughter, My shining Star; Isabella Bruno – Girls, Stress, the Pandemic; Fr. Denis Lemieux – Staying Human in the Digital Age; and Dorothy Pilarski – Your Host and Moderator, Founder of Dynamic Women of Faith. Register: http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/ Cost: \$30. Please see poster on bulletin board.



From the Pastor's Desk

<u>TODAY'S GOSPEL</u>: Today's readings offer us an invitation to break open our biggest ideas about God. Moses tells us that God is a fire that burns without destroying. Jesus suggests that God is not only endlessly *attractive*, but also endlessly *attracted* by us. Jesus talks about the God who wants to shake us out of our lethargy, who wants us to go embrace the metanoia-conversion that opens us to believe in God's love so deeply that we replicate it in our own relationships. Then our productivity will not simply be works or good fruit, but we ourselves will continuously become new and diverse images of the God beyond all names.

<u>SHARE LIFE:</u> Next weekend is Share Life Sunday Have you considered supporting Share Life through our monthly giving? You can enroll in monthly giving via our website by clicking on the "donate" button. You can also do so at sharelife.org. If you need help or have any questions, please call 416-934-3411 or email <u>slife@archtoronto.org</u>. March 27 is Share Life Sunday. Please give generously.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: On Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in our church, we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** with our parish's Grade Two students who have been preparing for First Communion

A LOOK AT OUR INDIVIDUAL FAITH JOURNEY WITH GOD:

Monday, March 28 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering. A day of reflection for men and women. This one-day retreat is about locating ourselves along our ever-changing faith journey with God. Human relationships change over time, they either become more profound or they slowly diminish; likewise, our vocation as a baptized person changes over time. The day will include talks given by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ, Reconciliation Service, confessions available and plenty of time for private prayer and to walk our grounds. Included is lunch and break. The day ends with Mass. A suggested offering of \$50 per person. Register: www.manresa-canada.ca. Phone: 905-839-2864.

DAY OF CONFESSION: In preparation for Easter, we have set aside times on Wednesday, March 30^{th} for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9:30-11 a.m.; 4:00-5:30 p.m. and 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO YOUTH CONFERENCE 2022:

Friday, July 15 to Sunday, July 17 at Canada Christian College, 300 Water St. Whitby. Steubenville Toronto group registration is now open! Steubenville Youth Conference brings together some of the best Catholic speakers and musicians in North America and provides opportunities for our high school teens to encounter Christ and experience the Church in a whole new way. A group can be a parish high school youth ministry, high school altar servers, a high school chaplaincy, or even simply a group of friends with parent chaperones. If you would like to bring a group to "Steubenville" for the first time, but don't know where to start, feel free to reach out to us – we are happy to help! Website: www.steubenvilletoronto.com.

<u>VOCATIONS:</u> The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca



<u>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:</u> Tuesday April 5. 7:00 PM in the boardroom.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday April 19. Mass at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: St. Paul tells us that if our faith is so strong that we could move mountains but do not have charity, we have nothing. We know that charity is the only way we love God through Jesus Christ by loving our neighbor. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul offers us a way to express our love for neighbor by supporting their mission to serve those in need.

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!**

If you discern a desire to engage directly with our neighbors in need by joining the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul call or text Vince at 289-943-5881 and leave a message for more information.

<u>UKRANIAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF:</u> Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian civilians have already fled their homes and are trying to find shelter in neighbouring countries. The United Nations estimates that there could eventually be up to five million Ukrainian refugees, depending on how the war transpires. Pope Francis has called on the faithful to make Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine. On that day – and the days that follow – a donation to help Ukrainians who are suffering due to this war would be a most appreciated gift.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. ORAT is Canada's largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year; it will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible.

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto

website: www.archtoronto.org

By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish - Ukrainian Relief - Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 5. Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by meeting in the hall.

<u>FOOD DRIVE FOR FEED THE NEED</u>: Next 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 in church main entrance before Masses.

CHOIR PRACTICE: ST. MARY'S CHOIR: Choir practice will resume on Wednesdays, at 7:15 p.m. in the choir loft. Please use the Church entrance: south side. We would like to welcome new members. Knowledge of music is not necessary---Just the joy of singing and serving our parish. **Please give serious consideration to joining our choir.**

FR. RON ROLHEISER LENTEN RETREAT: Friday, April 01 – 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 03 – 2 p.m. at **Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre** 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga. Theme: Keeping Christ Incarnate: The Stunning Implications of the Incarnation. Contact: 905-278-5229.

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- 2) Sanitize your hands when entering Church



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