
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

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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 Intentions for the Week

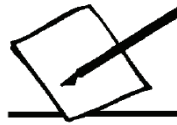


Sat Mar 26	5:00	Neomie Richardson req Rita Augustine & Family
Sun Mar 27	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass Justin Soln Antonia Blakolmer Chuck Roche Esterina Ciardullo Joseph Sr & Lina Miniaci Anna & Rocco Campanelli Carmelina & Pierino Piraino
Tue Mar 29	8:30	Brian Breen req Ken Breen
Wed Mar 30	8:30	Mario Santilli req Giuseppina Santilli
Thur Mar 31	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass Charles Roche Diego Trotta Int Jim & Mary McTeague Int Fr. Donal Cotter
Fri Apr 1	8:30	Chuck Roche req Marion Place Tenants Association
	7:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sat Apr 2	8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	5:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sun Apr 3	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass Bruno Bertolo Angela Scanga Chuck Roche Armando & Ida Occhiuzzi Pasquale, Adelina & Domenic Rua Filomena, Chiara & Genaro Rosati Int George & Ann Ward
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 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.

YOUNG ADULT DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Saturday, April 2 – 11:45 – 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St. Toronto. During our time together we will immerse ourselves into a time of prayer starting with the Rosary before Holy Mass and then reflecting on Scripture through a Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins. We will close the day with Confession, renewing our hearts and souls before the Lord. Register by March 31 at <https://bit.ly/3tdefqb>. Please see poster on bulletin board.



From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Both our First and Second readings reflect on the situation of the younger son who left home and blew his father's fortune on what he thought would be the good life. The young man really did bring shame upon himself as he all but sold himself into slavery. Perhaps the humblest thing he ever said was, "I no longer deserve to be called your son." However, the real subject and message bearer of this story is the father. None of us have any claim to have earned life or any of the privileges or talents that come with our birth. Our life and our talents are free, unmerited gifts. The parable we call the *prodigal son* describes an incurably big-hearted God who knows that love can never be commanded. Rather, while love must be awaited, God responds to a little love with overwhelming, unrelenting, unrepayable generosity and joy. When we escape our focus on our own guilt or righteousness, we can "taste and see" the feast thrown by the unrelenting God who longs for us, patiently waiting to lavish us with ever more prodigal love. Then, with the help of grace, we can begin to act in the image of our relentless, ever-creative, party-loving, life-giving God.

SHARE LIFE: This weekend is **Share Life Sunday**. "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure access to the care they so desperately need. This why it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." - Cardinal Thomas Collins.

DAY OF CONFESSION: In preparation for Easter, we have set aside times on Wednesday, March 30th 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.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION – DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING FOR WOMEN: Saturday, April 2nd 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer & Healing for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, an opportunity for Sacramental Confession and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is **no fee** for the day; lunch will be provided. Please contact the Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722 for more information.

VOCATION: Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or consecrated person? 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. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

STEWARDSHIP: We are shown in today's parable of the Prodigal Son that whenever we fail, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father. God longs to forgive us, so let us strive to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent to prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.

POINTS AND PUNS TO PONDER: Q. What is the opposite of a croissant? A. A happy uncle.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 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.

UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: 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:** Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Mary of the People – Ukrainian Relief Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411 **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 AND LENTEN SOUP NIGHT: Tuesday, April 5 - we invite all members of our council & all ladies of the parish to join us for home-made soup. **Anyone interested in making soup, please call Frances at 905-579-0128 or Joey at 905-576-3386.** It is not necessary to make soup in order to attend. **Mass will be celebrated at 6 o'clock followed by soup and meeting.**

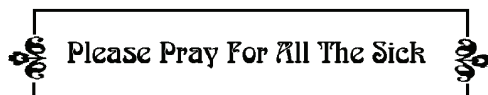
CWL VIRTUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST – Grade 7 and 8 students from St. Christopher Catholic School will participate on Sunday, March 27 at 1 o'clock. If you are interested in supporting these young people by watching the competition you will need a ZOOM link. Please email Alanna at Alanna.Szewczyk73@gmail.com by **Sunday at 12:30 p.m.** for the required information. All the best to the participants!

ROSARY APOSTOLATE: has been faithfully visiting our classrooms once a month to pray the Rosary with our students for 7 years. They are a great inspiration to our students! They are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to visit our schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of only 8 days. Training, screening and manuals will be provided. If you are interested please contact Rosa de Mello 905-743-0758 email dmellorm@yahoo.ca Text 905-925-4041 or Josephine Gangemi 905-576-3386 email josep@rogers.com or cell 905-439-9047

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.**

COVID-19 SAFETY RULES REMINDER

- 1) **If you are sick please stay home**
- 2) **Sanitize your hands when entering Church**



And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

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