# 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**

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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.



Sat Apr 9 Harry Lack Sr req Beatrice Lack & Family Sun Apr 10 9:00 All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish 11:00 **Multiple Intention Mass** Chuck Roche Antonia Blakolmer David Lyons Antonio Delvechio Mario Santilli Benedetto De Filippis Int Magdalina Bressan & Family Tue Apr 12 No Morning Mass All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish 7PM Wed Apr 13 8:30 Ron Montgomery req Martha Pender Thur Apr 14 7PM Mass of the Lords Supper All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish 3PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion Fri Apr 15 Sat Apr 16 8PM **Easter Vigil** All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish Sun Apr 17 9:00 **Multiple Intention Mass** Ron Czepek John Holowaty Chuck Roche Erman Mazzarolo John Hill Deceased DeCarlo Family Members Souls in Purgatory 11:00 All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

<u>CONFESSION</u>: In preparation for Easter, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Tuesday, April  $12^{th}$  7:00 – 8:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, April  $13^{th}$  4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION: The collection on Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> will be for the benefit of the Holy Places in the Holy Land. Each year on Good Friday our parish is called upon to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many of these Christians depend on this collection for their lives. This collection helps to maintain not only the Holy places above all, but also the pastoral welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christians brothers and sisters and the local population.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCURATE CATHOLIC VOTER LISTS:

The upcoming year will be a busy one for Ontarian voters, with the Ontario Provincial Election and Municipal and School Board Elections happening just a few months apart.

The voice and vote of Catholic ratepayers is important to the future of our Catholic schools. To vote for Catholic trustees, our Catholic District School Board ratepayers must be registered as separate school supporters. To make the process of verifying support easier for voters, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has created <a href="voterlookup.ca">voterlookup.ca</a>. Through <a href="voterlookup.ca">voterlookup.ca</a>, all Ontario residents can check to ensure that their information is accurately reflected on MPAC's Preliminary List of Electors for the municipal and school board elections. Visit voterlookup.ca to confirm information and follow the easy steps published on the website to make any necessary updates and corrections. Only separate school supporters can vote for Catholic trustees.



## From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S GOSPEL: This week invites us to embark on a retreat with the whole church. Today, we process into Jerusalem and preview the Passion story. Monday, we remember how Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus as messiah before he suffered. Tuesday, we witness Jesus' anguish about being betrayed and abandoned by his disciples. On Wednesday, we watch as Judas conspires with those who reject Jesus words and deeds. On Thursday, we begin the threeday liturgy that begins with the invitation to communion, passes through despair and ends with the mystery of living in God's invincible love. When we begin this annual liturgical retreat, we do not know which element of the mystery will captivate us. We cannot plan to do more than pay attention and be willing to find ourselves in the position of various ones of the actors in the drama. This week, we remember that the implication of the Incarnation is that God assumed the apparent powerlessness of suffering so that we might participate in divine life and the power of undying love.

<u>SHARE LIFE:</u> Share Life Agencies need your support. The LA Centre for Active Living is a Share Life funded agency that helps seniors. They note: "This pandemic has had a big impact on the world, revealing new needs in our communities, and it is through Share Life's support that we have been able to provide prepared meals and pantry goods every week to our members through our Food Delivery program. Your support is invaluable and we cannot thank you enough!" Thank you for supporting Share Life!

<u>MASS OF CHRISM:</u> You are invited to join the celebration of the Mass of the Blessing of the Oils via livestream on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.: visit www.stmichaelscathedral.com/livestream

TRANSFER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST: After the Last Supper, Jesus led his Apostles to a quiet place of prayer. Our personal vigil with Christ begins on Holy Thursday as we honor the Blessed Sacrament. Following age-old tradition, the table of celebration will be cleared in preparation for the service of the Lord's Passion, on Good Friday. The starkness of the sanctuary should impress upon us that Jesus emptied himself totally for us on Good Friday, only to fill us with his blessed joy on Easter morning. Following our Mass and Procession to Transfer the Blessed Sacrament, solemn adoration will continue in the church until 11:00 p.m. Plan to spend some time in solemn adoration.

<u>PASCHAL FAST:</u> Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. It is in the best interest of the Church that this day be practiced in the parish community as a day of true penance. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age. It is praise worthy to continue this fast into Holy Saturday. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

<u>VOCATIONS</u>: Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you feel God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca

**POINTS AND PUNS TO PONDER: Q. What's** the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? **A.** One is very heavy and the other is a little lighter.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday April 19. **Meeting will start at 7 PM.** 

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:

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.



<u>CARD PARTY:</u> St. Mary's CWL council is pleased to announce that we will once again be hosting our Spring Fling Card Party on the evening of **Monday, May 30.** Tickets will be going on sale in the next few weeks. Please watch the bulletin for more information closer to the date.

<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS:</u> On Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a common recitation of the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in the church. **The church will be closed on Holy Saturday morning.** 

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER: Members of Secular Franciscan Order are members of your Church. We are not an Organization, but an Order of the Church. We follow the Rule of St. Francis of Assisi which is to "Go from life to Gospel and Gospel to life" and we endeavor to do so. If you would consider increasing your spirituality or love for God through the love and living of the Gospel, we invite you to visit with us at our Sunday afternoon meeting at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall, to see what we do. You may also help yourself to one of our Brochures at the back of the Church. Peace and All Good

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 <a href="mailto:dmellorm@yahoo.ca">dmellorm@yahoo.ca</a> Text 905-925-4041or Josephine Gangemi 905-576-3386 email <a href="mailto:josep@rogers.com">josep@rogers.com</a> 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
- 3) Masks are strongly encouraged



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