St. Mary of the people parish

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PASTOR: Fr. David Bollo - Pastor



He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

Mass for the Intentions Week

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
Tue Apr 19	8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Wed Apr 20	8:30	Elsie Lekich req Maria Vidulich & Family
Thur Apr 21	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass
		Chuck Roche
		George Ward Jr.
		Int Natalie Judge
		Int Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph
		40 th Anniversary
Fri Apr 22	8:30	Charles Carrie req Colin Carrie & Family
Sat Apr 23	8:30	
	5:00	
Sun Apr 24	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass
		Chuck Roche
		Antonio DeFilippis
		Lucia Saccone
		Alfred Piraino
		Janice Roy
		Maria & Nicola Vidulich

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 <u>voterlookup.ca</u>. Through<u>voterlookup.ca</u>, 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.

THE WITNESS OF A LIFE-GIVING FAITH: Monday, April 25th – 9a.m. to 3 p.m. at Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre. A day of reflection for men and women. What does it mean to be alive in our faith in a Christ-like way? What do life-giving Christians in the spirit of the resurrection give witness towards? This day will include talks given by Fr. Trevor Scott, SJ. Confession 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 at www.manresa-canada.ca or phone: 905-839-2864.



TODAY'S FEAST: For the Colossians as for Cornelius, the experience of the Risen Christ and the grace of the Spirit was like the experience of the first disciples who accepted the call to follow Jesus wherever he would lead. Although it may have begun with an overwhelming experience of faith and hope, it became real over the course of a lifelong series of moments of insight followed by questions, temptations, failures and recommitments. Today's Gospel invites us to accompany Peter or John or Mary during the early hours of the first Easter as their certainties about death and failure were thrown into question. They allowed themselves to be confused. They didn't know the answers, but they permitted their hearts and minds to break open. God's plan in Jesus is far bigger than our imaginations. Today, let us not be afraid to face the tomb of old certainties and become thoroughly confused and, naturally, even a bit afraid. Easter reveals God's desire to transform our doubts, worries and fears into blowout experiences of the Spirit.

<u>SHARE LIFE:</u> Share Life Helps During Pandemic. "Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the gradual reopening of our parishes. But we must remember that for many people, their suffering continues. Share Life-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve." – Cardinal Thomas Collins - Thank you for supporting Share Life!

LIVING AND LOVING BODILY: REFLECTIONS ON IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR A NEW DAY: Friday, April 29 – 7 p.m. to Sunday, May 1 – 1 p.m. at Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre. A silent Ignatian weekend retreat in the Jesuit tradition for men and women. We are called to live and love bodily in challenging days. This retreat offers time set aside to reflect on the practice of the presence of God in all things and in all ways – a mysticism for fulness in everyday living. Facilitated by Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ. A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two-night's accommodations, meals, program and spiritual direction. Register at <u>www.manresa-canada.ca</u> or phone 905-839-2864.

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>**THANK YOU!:</u>** We would like to express our appreciation to all whose help and assistance have made our Holy Week liturgies such prayerful celebrations. We are grateful to our Musicians, Choir Members, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers, as well as those others whose behind the scenes work have contributed to the beauty of our church.</u>

VOCATIONS: The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who heard the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

<u>POINTS AND PUNS TO PONDER:</u> Q. What's the difference between love and marriage? A. Love is blind and marriage is an eye-opener!



<u>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GENERAL MEETING:</u> Tuesday April 19. Meeting will start at 7 PM. No Mass

<u>CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>: We invite all men of the Parish to come out Wednesday April 20th at 4PM to perform some small tasks of repair and cleanup around the Church & Hall. Following the repair and cleanup session refreshments will be served.

<u>PLANNING A BAPTISM</u>: If you or someone you know is planning to have an infant baptized in our church in June, July or August 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.

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.

UKRANIAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country, 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 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:**

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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>BAKE SALE</u>: Sat. April 30 & & May 1 in the hall after all Masses. Proceeds go to our Parish and to Catholic charities.

SPRING FLING CARD PARTY: Monday, May 30 at 7 o'clock. Progressive Euchre (optional), prizes & a light lunch. Tickets: \$10.00. Gifts for the Card Party may be left in the box at the Church entrance. Please don't leave cash or gift cards in the box. Contact Joey at 905-576-3386 or Elsa at 905-728-2077.

<u>MILK BAGS:</u> Thank you to all who have been contributing bags for the making of cots for the needy. We now have a surplus and **will no longer be accepting used milk bags** until further notice.

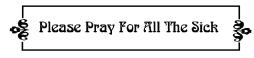
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER: Members of Secular Franciscan Order are members of your Church. We are not an Organization, but an Order of the Church. We follow the Rule of St. Francis of Assisi which is to "Go from life to Gospel and Gospel to life" and we endeavor to do so. If you would consider increasing 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

<u>ROSARY</u> <u>APOSTOLATE</u>: 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 <u>dmellorm@yahoo.ca</u> Text 905-925-4041or 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
- 3) Masks are strongly encouraged



And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

Gord Shields Pina Maffei Megan Klemencic Jerry Doyle Anne Scholtes Elisa Pellegrino Irena Kralj William Kantores Dolly Richards Steve Kralj



Janice Roy, David Lyons, Ronald Czepek, Anthony Pallone, Alex Clarke & Bryan Feland, husband of Joanne Bond

