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# *St. Mary* *of the people parish*

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## **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**

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

## **RECTORY OFFICE**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 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.

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# Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Dec 3	5:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sun Dec 4	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Meintje Klumper Giuseppe Gallo Domenic Russo Marion Hoskin Giuseppe Chiodi Riccardo Digiardino Deceased Coscarella Family Members
Tues Dec 6	8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Wed Dec 7	8:30	Art Iezzi req Anna Maria Iezzi
Thur Dec 8	8:30	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Joseph Radovic Michael Gerard Cooper Marion Hoskin Mary MacIlwraith Gabrielle Stratford Deceased Colavecchia & Ambra Family Members
Fri Dec 9	8:30	Dale O'Meara req Staff of Msgr Paul Dwyer Catholic High School
Sat Dec 10	8:30	All Deceased Residents of Marion Place req Marion Place Tenants Association
	5:00	Ron Boissoin req Teresa Russo & Family
Sun Dec 11	9:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Bruno Bertolo Sheila Power Vito Grazio Deligio Armando & Ida Occhiuzzi Living & Deceased Memma Family Members Souls in Purgatory
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - CUSTODIAN:** St. Mary of the People is seeking a full time Custodian who will be responsible for custodial services and basic repairs of the Church, Hall, Rectory and its property to ensure a clean, safe and attractive environment for all. Please contact the parish office for a description of responsibilities and general requirements. Once you have seen the responsibilities and requirements those wishing to be considered should submit their resume and cover letter to Fr. David Bollo. We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

### MASSES FOR 2023

Please note that Masses for 2023 will be available  
In the parish hall  
Wednesday December 7 at 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Registered Parishioners** are reminded that only 3 Masses per family will be booked. One on a Sunday and two weekday Masses.  
**Only Registered parishioners are able to book an announced Mass.**  
**Non-Registered families may request Multiple Mass Intentions.**

**LAY SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Catechists: Stewards of the Mysteries of God.** Seeing our life as a catechist through the Fathers of the Church. Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Augustine's Seminary, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost: \$50 in person; \$20 on line. Please see poster on bulletin board.



## From the Pastor's Desk

**TODAY'S GOSPEL:** Metanoia, translated here as repentance, is quite distinct from being sorry and making a firm purpose of amendment. Metanoia is an exciting, life-giving shakeup and shift of outlook. John summoned his people to metanoia, not because they are sinners, but because the kingdom of heaven was at hand. Repentance concentrates on self: myself as perpetrator and my offense. Metanoia is a response to an invitation that focuses on God's promise that something new is in the offering. It is an invitation to a conversion of mindset. Nevertheless, practicing it will change our lives. John tells us to prepare, to ready ourselves for the coming of God's reign. Now is the time to envision what that can mean and to begin to act as if it were true. Let us prepare the way of the Lord!

**SEASON OF ADVENT:** Advent has a two-fold nature. It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of **joyful** expectation.

**SERRA CLUB MASS:** The members of the Durham Serra Club invite you to join them for Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (and each second Thursday of the month) in St. Mary of the People Church. Our monthly Serra Club meeting follows in the parish hall. New members are always welcome.

**DAY OF CONFESSION:** Our parish will have a Day of Confession in preparation for Christmas, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Times: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.; 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church. On Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> we will have confessions from 2:30 – 4:45 p.m.

**RECENT BAPTISM:** **Amelia Stefania**, daughter of Brian & Gloria (Sorrentino) **Oldfield** was initiated into the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism in St. Mary of the People Church on Sunday, November 20, 2022. "With your family and friends to help you by word and by example, bring that dignity unstained, one day, into the everlasting life of heaven."

**PLANNING A BAPTISM:** If you or someone you know is planning to have an infant baptized in our church in January, February or March 2023, 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.

**VOCATIONS:** Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 616-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**STEWARDSHIP:** Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a time to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of all the gifts and blessings we have received. Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives, and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

**THE LIGHTER SIDE:** **No Kidding** (real exam responses) **Q.** What does "benign" mean? **A.** Benign is what you will be after age eight.



**EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday December 6 at 7:00 P.M. in the parish hall

**GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday December 20. Mass at 7:00 P.M. Meeting to follow in the Parish Hall.

**Parish Financial Report January – December 2021**

**Receipts**

Offertory	\$ 231,702.00
Christmas & Easter	\$ 11,020.00
Baptism, Funerals & Marriages	\$ 15,635.00
Mass Offerings	\$ 9,736.00
Other Donations	\$ 2,728.00
Bank Interest	\$ 3,344.00
Maintenance	\$ 21,997.00
Sundry Receipts	\$ 33,224.00
Administrative Receipts CEWS	\$ 12,033.00
Special Collections	\$ 51,501.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 392,920.00</b>

**Payments**

Clergy Salaries & Stipends	\$ 46,153.00
Lay Salaries & Musicians	\$ 90,057.00
Payroll Remittances	\$ 21,233.00
Office Expenses	\$ 5,237.00
Church Utilities	\$ 13,502.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 10,363.00
Ground Maintenance – Landscaping	\$ 7,340.00
Liturgical Mass Expense	\$ 2,887.00
Other Church Payment	\$ 1,034.00
Hall Expenses	\$ 9,579.00
Insurance	\$ 7,770.00
Rectory Expenses	\$ 10,464.00
Assessments	\$ 55,348.00
Misc.	\$ 14,406.00
Special Collections	\$ 71,406.00
Property Additions-Restorations	\$ 879.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$ 367,658.00</b>



**CWL CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mandarin. Cost: \$28.80. **Note: Mass will not be celebrated before the event.** Money will not be collected ahead of time, but you must register to get your name into a draw for a prize. Call Elsa at 905-728-2077 or Joey at 905-576-3386 or (cell) 905-439-9047 **before Dec. 5.**

**2023 MEMBERSHIPS:** are now due. Please enclose **\$25.00** in the pink CWL envelope found in your Sunday Offering box & drop it in the collection basket. (cheques preferred when using envelopes) **New members are always welcome.** For information, phone Joey at 905-576-3386.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's Christmas program will be the same as last year. We have purchased Walmart gift cards which will be offered to those families requesting assistance this Christmas. The Society is requesting **cash (or cheque) donations** in any amount. **Please Do not offer gift cards.** Your donation can be placed in the "Poor Box" at the front entrance of the church or in the church collection basket. If a receipt is required please place your donation in an envelope and include **your full name & address.** A receipt for income tax purposes will be issued in the New Year.

Donations may also be made on-line at the Society's website [svdptoronto.org](http://svdptoronto.org) click on "Donate Now", donating by credit card through Canada Helps; direct your donation to **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary of the People Conference.**

**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!**

**SL ShareLife**

<b>PREVIOUS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 40,572</b>
<b>COLLECTED THIS PAST WEEK</b>	<b>\$ 2,062</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ 42,634</b>
<b>PARISH GOAL:</b>	<b>\$ 55,000</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE COLLECTED OF GOAL</b>	<b>77.5 %</b>

**CHRISTMAS AUCTION: DURHAM CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION (DCCF):** The Durham Catholic Children's Foundation (DCCF) is hosting a virtual auction fundraiser this Christmas with all proceeds supporting students and families in DCDSB schools. Visit [DCCFauction.ca](http://DCCFauction.ca) from November 28 to December 2, 2022, to access the virtual auction and bid on items for sale. email [info@durhamcatholicfoundation.ca](mailto:info@durhamcatholicfoundation.ca).



**And Those Who Love and Minister to Them**

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|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Gord Shields | Anne Scholtes    | William Kantores  |
| Alda Power   | Elisa Pellegrino | Dolly Richards    |
| Irena Kralj  | Steve Kralj      | Jerry Doyle       |
| Kim St. John | Damarys Peni     | Elizabeth Sanders |
| Joan Hodge   |                  |                   |

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Freida De Leenheer, Norma Clancy, Anne Black Mother of Carol Smart & Patrick Lehman son of Brendan Lehman

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Sunday 7am - 4pm  
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