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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 10	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
Tues Dec 13	8:30	Teresa DiPadova req Maria Memma
Wed Dec 14	8:30	Nicola Saccone req Luisa & Gino Romano
Thur Dec 15	8:30	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Freida De Leenheer Michael Gerard Cooper Marion Hoskin Norma Clancy Margaret Knowlton Ian Murray
Fri Dec 16	8:30	Antonio & Giuseppina Palermo req Amelia Provenzano
Sat Dec 17	8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	5:00	Sheila Power req Vince & Sue Tremblay
Sun Dec 18	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Gilda Romano Bill Jeffers Maria Prudenza DeFilippis Vincenzo & Luciana Bianco Angela & Giuseppe Scanga Patricia & Joseph Monaghan



## From the Pastor's Desk

**TODAY'S GOSPEL:** Jesus asked that John not cling to his image of a vengeful God, but to be open to the God of the blooming desert, the God who awakens life's buried or dormant potential. This image of God guided Jesus' ministry. This Third Sunday of Advent invites us to join John in asking ourselves what we expect of God and, in turn, what God offers and hopes for from us. Are we, with John, waiting for God's intervention? Waiting for God to swoop down to reform or restore everything? Or do we believe that Jesus is inviting us to collaborate with the grace that unleashes our share in divine power so that we and everything around us can rejoice and bloom with our innate potential? Those alternatives might describe the difference between John, the greatest of the prophets, and the least in the kingdom of heaven. Who and what are we awaiting in Advent?

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1998, proposed that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous brothers and sisters in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

**DAY OF CONFESSION:** Our parish will have a Day of Confession in preparation for Christmas, on Wednesday, December 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.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Parishioners who were not using Offertory Envelopes in 2022 and who would like to use them in 2023 are asked to contact our parish office, so we can prepare a box for you. We can only provide an income tax receipt for identifiable donations.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Please note that effective immediately and until further notice, our parish office will be closed on Fridays, as well as on Saturday & Sunday. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**ALTAR SERVERS WANTED:** We are looking to reintroduce the involvement of more of our Liturgical Ministers. We are inviting students in Grade Three and up to consider being Altar Server at our Saturday, 5 p.m. or Sunday 9 or 11 a.m. Masses. Training will be provided. We welcome your help. Please talk to Fr. Bollo or telephone the Rectory.

**VOCATIONS:** Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister and announce the Good News to His people as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

**STEWARDSHIP:** Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trials of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful and to pray to Christ for strength, for he says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

**THE LIGHTER SIDE: Real exam responses: Q.** Explain a process by which water can be made safe to drink. **A.** *Flirtation* makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

**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.

**2022 DONATIONS:** If you wish to make a final donation for the 2022 tax year, you are asked to do so before Sunday December 25. Your donation must be received in the Parish office by this date to receive credit for 2022.

**Donations received after this date will be for the 2023 tax year.**



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

## 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).

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023:** We have placed at the main entrance of the church Offertory Envelopes for 2023 for our envelopes users. Parishioners who were not using envelopes in 2022 and **would like to use them in 2023** are asked to please contact the parish office so we can prepare a box for you. We can only provide an income tax receipt for identifiable donations.

**Please DO NOT use 2023 envelopes before January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**DO NOT use 2022 envelopes after December 31**  
**Envelopes are arranged by surname**

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

<b>Saturday December 24</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	<b>11:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday December 25</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>



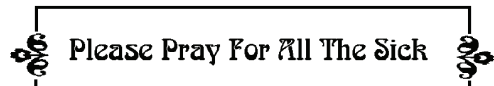
**CWL CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mandarin Restaurant on Airport Blvd. at Taunton Road W. and Stevenson Rd. N. in Oshawa. **Note: Mass will not be celebrated before the event.**

**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!**



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

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Alda Power	Elisa Pellegrino	Dolly Richards
Irena Kralj	Steve Kralj	Jerry Doyle
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## Rest in Peace

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



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