

St. Mary of the people parish

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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

Mass for the Intentions Week

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| Sat Dec 24 | 7:00 | Sheila Power req Mike & Marg Bak |
| | 11:00 | All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Church |
| Sun Dec 25 | 9:00 | Multiple Intention Mass |
| | | Cosmo Barrese |
| | | John Gallo |
| | | Violet Bakalar |
| | | Tony Custozza |
| | | Loretta & Vincent Kelly |
| | | Joseph Sr & Lina Miniaci |
| | | Patrick & Margaret McDaniel |
| | 11:00 | All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish |
| Tues Dec 27 | 8:30 | NO MORNING MASS |
| | 7:00 | Filiberto Palermo req Amelia Provenzano |
| Wed Dec 28 | 8:30 | Thomas Lawless req Lawless Family |
| Thur Dec 29 | 8:30 | Multiple Intention Mass |
| | | Anne Williams |
| | | Peter Murtagh |
| | | Freida De Leenheer |
| | | Sheila Power |
| | | Norma Clancy |
| | | Jean Francois Guimond |
| Fri Dec 30 | 8:30 | Lucia Saccone req Luisa & Gino Romano |
| Sat Dec 31 | 8:30 | Michael Behrens req |
| | | Staff of Msgr Paul Dwyer Catholic High School |
| | 5:00 | Sheila Power req Janice Nemeth |
| Sun Jan 1 | 9:00 | All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish |
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From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S SOLEMNITY: The baby creates the charm of Christmas. Babies promise a future and inspire our tenderness and protectiveness. We are awed at their fragility. The scandal of Christmas is that it reveals that this is how God comes: vulnerable and fragile, unwelcomed at home while revered by the poor and strangers. Christmas reminds us that God remains among us weak and mild. The baby Jesus can represent a sweet message and also the earth-shattering revelation that God's power is the opposite of domination. The shepherds and Magi, Caesar and Herod, remind us that not everyone desires Emmanuel, God-with-us, and that those who reject Emmanuel will stop at nothing to carry out their plan. The coming of Christ, then and now, is what the poet William Butler Yeats [called](#) "a terrible beauty." Today, it is we who must incarnate the promise of peace to people of goodwill. In a world in which [at least 30 nations are at war](#), we who flock to the manger are called and empowered to become sacraments of Emmanuel. Let us wonder at the babe and remember that we must be the body of Christ today. That's why he came in the first place.

WORDS OF THANKS: We would like to express our appreciation to all those who whose help and assistance have gone into making our Christmas Masses such beautiful celebrations. We are grateful to our musicians, cantors and members of the Choir, our Lectors, Auxiliary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers and Gift Bearers, and all those who decorated the church and did the "behind-the-scenes" work. May God graciously bless you and your families for all that you do.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: Together with all the Sundays of the year, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1st) is one of the two additional Holy Days of Obligation in the Church's calendar. We will have the usual weekend Mass schedule: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

PLANNING A BAPTISM? If you or someone you know are planning to have an infant baptized in our church in January, February or March of 2012, 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: We celebrate the birth of our Lord into the world; however, many have not received the birth of the Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart, and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca.

PASTORAL REFERENCE: We are regularly asked to provide a *Pastoral Reference* to accompany an application for a position of employment with one of our Roman Catholic Separate School Boards. We are very anxious to assist individuals who are practicing their faith regularly and actively involved in our parish to have an opportunity to contribute to the Catholic environment of our Separate School system. It is not enough to have been baptized in this parish or to have attended one of our local separate schools. If you foresee the eventual need for a *Pastoral Reference*, this is yet another good reason to be actively involved in your parish.

THE LIGHTER SIDE: **You Learn Something New Today** – Where there's a will...I want to be in it."

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 for the 2023 tax year.



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus wishes you a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy, Holy New Year

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday January 3 7:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday January 17. Mass at 7:00 P.M. Meeting to follow in the Parish Hall.

ON THE ROAD TO UNION WITH GOD: Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre will be hosting a silent Ignatian **retreat for men**, January 13 – 15, 2023. Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ. Generally, there are three broad recognizable stages as we grow closer to God: the Purgative, stage, the Illuminative stage and the Unitive stage. We will explore this journey with the help of the saints who were persons like you and me who had to get in touch with their own human frailty. The hope is that the retreatant comes to a higher understanding of self in relation to our loving God. Suggested offering: \$245 (this includes two nights accommodations, meals and spiritual direction. Email: registration@manresa.ca or phone: 905-839-2864.

SL ShareLife

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| PREVIOUS TOTAL | \$ 43,510 |
| COLLECTED THIS PAST WEEK | \$ 300 |
| TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: | \$ 43,810 |
| PARISH GOAL: | \$ 55,000 |
| PERCENTAGE COLLECTED OF GOAL | 79.6 % |

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 1st

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



St. Mary's CWL executive wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Holy New Year

GENERAL MEETING: The first general meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 in the church hall following Mass at 7 o'clock. Note: There will be no executive meeting at the end of December prior to the January general meeting. .

THANK YOU: to everyone who contributed to our drive for **Feed the Need** this month. 684 pounds of food were collected which equals 570 meals. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

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 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!**

Please Pray For All The Sick

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 | Joan Hodge |
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