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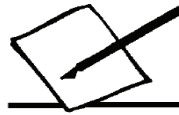


Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sat Dec 31	5:00	Sheila Power req Janice Nemeth
Sun Jan 1	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Tues Jan 3	8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	7:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League especially Marion Hoskin
Wed Jan 4	8:30	Loretta Kelly req Family
Thur Jan 5	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass Jack Dalby Vito Grazio Deligio Michaele & Lucia Labriola
Fri Jan 6	8:30	Albin Francelj req Ivanka Francelj
Sat Jan 7	8:30	Freida De Leenheer req Mary Radovic
	5:00	Raffaele & Rosetta La Torre req Joseph & Caterina La Torre
Sun Jan 8	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass Norma Clancy Loretta Hanson Helen Weir Fr Richard Love Michael & Anna Etere Deceased DeCarlo Family Members
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish



From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S FEAST: Luke's Gospel emphasizes that the birth of Christ came to pass because Mary identified herself as the servant of the Lord who, like her son, made it her life's goal that God's will be done through her. The birth of Christ, God's personal incarnation in history, took place through Mary's collaboration. She made herself available for God to do what God could not do without her. This brings us to two of Christianity's most radical claims. First, the fact that God depended on Mary for the Incarnation reveals that God's power is vulnerable love that has nothing to do with domination. More radically, Mary is not unique: Jesus himself said, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it" (Luke 8:21). So, as Meister Eckhart [explained 700 years ago](#), "We are all meant to be mothers of God." Following Mary, we are called to do nothing less than repeat her words: "May it be done in me according to your will." Christ is always needing to be born in and among us, and that calls for every year to be a New Year.

THANK YOU: I would like to say, "Thank You" to all those who remembered me in such a thoughtful and generous way during this Holy Season. Your prayers and support, your lovely cards, generous gifts and warm expressions of festive joy are very much appreciated. I pray that God will fill your lives with many blessings in the coming New Year – Rev. David Bollo –

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE WITH BISHOP NGUYEN: Sunday, February 12th -2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral. As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples, especially those celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and be honored with a special blessing. Those wishing to attend are asked to register online at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Those who are unable to attend are invited to attend the livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

HAPPY RETIREMENT: Our parish would like to extend its congratulations to **Linda Tamney**, our **custodian**, who is now retiring on January 06, 2023 after **28 years of faithful service**. Many was the winter morning that I was just waking up from sleep when I heard Linda already shovelling snow away from the church doors so that our parishioners could enter safely. So much of Linda's work, though indispensable, often went unnoticed. We are happy that she has reached this milestone in her life and we wish her well in all her future endeavors. She definitely will be missed. Thank you, Linda, for a job well done!

VOCATIONS: Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca.

THE LIGHTER SIDE: You Learn Something New Today – Just going to Church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

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.

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.

SALVATION – NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: Thursdays January 18th – March 23, 2023 – 7 to 9 p.m. in St. Gertrude's Church Hall. In the Nicene Creed, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10-part video study program, Scripture scholar Michael Patrick Barber gives a thorough, deeply Catholic and biblical answer. Cost: \$45 for the Study Guide. Contact Beth at 905-925-9871. Participate in person or by Zoom. Please see poster on bulletin board



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus wishes you 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.

VALENTINE'S DINNER & SOCIAL:



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
Saturday February 11.

Tickets are \$40 a person
Cocktails at 6:00PM and dinner at 6:30PM.
Tickets will be available soon

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOCIAL IS OPEN
TO ALL PARISHIONERS**



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

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 3 in the parish hall following 7 o'clock Mass in the church. The budget for 2023 will be discussed

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!**

SL ShareLife

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 %



And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

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| Irena Kralj | Steve Kralj | Joan Hodge |
| Kim St. John | Damarys Peni | Elizabeth Sanders |

Rest in Peace

Patrick Lehman, Jerry Doyle & Carolina Deligio

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.

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