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Mass Intentions for the Week

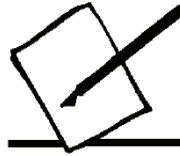


Sat Mar 18 5:00	Lorna Finley req Eva Bradica
Sun Mar 19 9:00	Multiple Intention Mass
	Joseph Radovic
	Armando & Ida Occhiuzzi
	Int Valerie Cappuccitti
	11:00 All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Tue Mar 21 8:30	Stanko Romih req Anna Romih
	7:00 Living & deceased Members of the
	Knights of Columbus
Wed Mar 22 8:30	Concetta Montagano req Montagano Family
Thur Mar 23 8:30	Multiple Intention Mass
	Int David & Maureen Webster
	Int Janice Copeman
	Int Asmein Ubas & Family
Fri Mar 24 8:30	Lorna Finley req Ivan & Lily Chuvalo
	7:00 Bill Carson req Irene McEvers
Sat Mar 25 8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	5:00 Alcides Jeronimo req Jeronimo Family
Sun Mar 26 9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00 Multiple Intention Mass
	Franco Costantini
	Norino Chiodo
	John Gallo
	Joe & Lina Miniaci
	Int Paul & Terri Webster

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

On each of the Fridays of Lent, there will be a common praying of the Stations of the Cross following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Plan to join us Friday, March 10th and enter into the spirit of Lent by walking with Our Lord through the events of his Passion.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO OTTAWA: Holy Family Parish is organizing a bus to March For Life in Ottawa on May 11, 2023. Cost of a ticket is \$30 per person. The bus will pick up people at 91 Ribblesdale St. Whitby (Holy Family Parish) at 6:45 a.m. and be back by 9:00 or 9:30 p.m. Please contact Gwen 905-259-8504 or by email address gwenle1990@gmail.com



From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S GOSPEL: On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, parishes preparing people for baptism will celebrate the second of three "scrutinies." Religious leaders debunked Jesus, asserting that God would never sanction work on the Sabbath. The fellow's parents were too afraid of repercussions to take a stand on what had happened. Only the fellow himself gave testimony, realizing in the process that nobody wanted to believe that Jesus had done him good. But the man saw one thing clearly: Jesus could not have healed him "if he were not of God." This fellow knew nothing about Jesus, except that he did him good. As he went through the process of gaining a new perspective and being persecuted for it, he understood ever more clearly that the one who had healed him on the Sabbath was doing the work of God. When Jesus assured him that he had encountered the "Son of Man," the man bowed down in worship. What about us? Baptism (washing), symbolic of death and rising, is our sacrament of reorientation. True, choosing to try to learn God's perspective will cause great disorientation, but the option is to choose self-imposed blindness.

SHARE LIFE: Share your love as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. Next week is Share Life Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters. Please give at the parish, using a Share Life envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

SCHOOL MASS: The students from St. Christopher Separate School will be gathering for Mass in the church on Wednesday, March 22nd at 9:40 a.m.

DAY OF CONFESSION: In preparation for Easter, we will be having special hours of Confession on Thursday, March 23rd: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.; 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

MEN & WOMEN IGNATIAN RETREAT: Openness to Christ's words: A Path of encounter and conversion – Friday, March 24 – Sunday, March 26 at Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre. During the retreat, we will focus on the Ignatian method of contemplation that suggests the use of our senses, to contemplate together some of the significant moments of Jesus' encounter with his audience. Please see poster on bulletin board. Suggested Offering: \$245. Register online at: Manresa-canada.ca.

A SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR WOMEN: Friday, March 31st – Sunday, April 2nd at Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre. "Let us Go Up to Jerusalem with Jesus". This retreat will pay special attention to Matthew's account of Jesus' final days, with special attention to the characters featured in the story. With what characters do I associate with? The facilitator for this retreat is Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB. Cost: \$245.00 (includes two-night's accommodations, meals, program and spiritual direction). Register online at <https://manresa-canada.ca>. Please see poster on bulletin board.

RECENT BAPTISM: Seon Huntleigh, son of Victor and Sheena (Sorbito) Bose was baptised in our church on February 19, 2023. "With you family and friends to help you, by word and by example, bring that dignity, unstained, one day into the everlasting life of heaven."

STEWARDSHIP: In the Gospel, Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and his grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us imitate



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday March 21. Mass at 7 PM. Meeting will follow

ST. MARY OF THE PEOPLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8611 DONATIONS:

The following donations were made during the period of January 1 2022 to December 31 2022

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WEBSITE: Please check out our website: <https://kofc8611.org>

DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Monday, March 27th with Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ at Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre, Liverpool Rd., Pickering. What happens at Mass could make us choose to want to go again and again. Come and reflect on how the Mass could stay fresh, relevant, and nourishing for us. Cost: \$65 (includes lunch and coffee breaks). Register online at <https://manresa-canada.ca/events> or email: registration@manresa.ca. Please see poster on bulletin board.

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!**



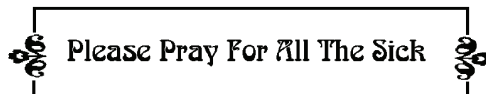
FOOD DRIVE FOR "FEED THE NEED" – NEXT WEEKEND

Items requested: **Canned Protein** (tuna, salmon, peanut butter) **Fruits & Vegetables** (pasta sauce, canned veggies, fruit cocktail), **Breakfast Food** (hot/cold cereal, pancake mix, syrup.) Items may be left in church main entrance before Masses. **Note: Monetary donations before April 15 will be matched by D&R Custom Steel. Cheques payable to "Feed The Need." Contact Frances at 905-579-0128.**

TORONTO DIOCESAN CONVENTION: Mon. April 24 & Tues.

April 25 at the Ajax Convention Centre. Registration fee: \$25.00 for one day or \$40.00 for 2 days. Cost of banquet on Tuesday evening: \$38.00. There is no registration fee for attending Mass and banquet only. For further information or to register call Joey at 905-576-3386 before March 31.

SAVE THE DATE: **Spring Fling Card Party** – Monday evening, May 15 – Tickets will go on sale next month. Cost: \$10.00. Gifts for the Card Party may be brought to the April General Meeting.



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