
St. Mary

of the people parish



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

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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.

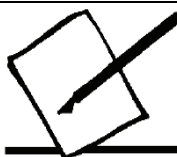
Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Dec 9	5:00	Carol Cooper req Rochelle Cooper
Sun Dec 10	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass Olivero Sabadin Armando & Ida Occhiuzzi Angela & Giuseppe Scanga Marianna, Giovanni & Vincenzo Corvinelli Souls in Purgatory
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Tues Dec 12	8:30	Marino & John Rerecich req Nerina Rerecich
Wed Dec 13	8:30	Teresa DiPadova req Maria Memma
Thur Dec 14	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass Filiberto Palermo Mario Provenzano Antonio & Giuseppina Palermo Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Family
Fri Dec 15	8:30	Nicola Saccone req Gino & Luisa Romano
Sat Dec 16	8:30	Maria & John Carcich req Nerina Rerecich
	5:00	Francesco & Angela Rocchio req Rosa & Domenico Rocchio
Sun Dec 17	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass Gilda Romano Nicola Saccone John Gallo Fame Risorto Joe & Lina Miniaci Maria Prudenza Defilippis Deceased Power & Corrigan Family Members

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN FAMILIES: Holy Land Christian Families will be visiting our parish on December 16th and 17th to display their olive wood artifacts from the Holy Land. Due to religious wars and conflicts many Christian families were forced to leave their homes because of job loss. Hand Carving Olive Woods are religious items that are hand-made by these Christian families. This is their only source of income and our mission is to help these families by selling their work to help with food, shelter and a better education. Please support our brothers and sisters during this difficult time in the Holy land. This will keep the Christians in Bethlehem and will bring them joy and life during this holy season.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM
CHRISTMAS CARDS &
SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS 2024
NOW AVAILABLE

The Religious Articles Room is open after Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning Masses



From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S GOSPEL: John's call to "repentance" wasn't an invitation to penance. He was inviting people to see everything in life from a new perspective. Instead of concentrating on the past, on what they had done wrong or lost, John, like Isaiah, invited people to focus on God's promised future — a future he told them was about to dawn. The repentance of which John and Jesus spoke did not look backward. It was a vision of an unimaginable different future so attractive that nobody need remain stuck or freeze another in their former ways. Today, between two major feasts of the Virgin Mary, we can look to her for inspiration. Her prayer, "Let it happen through me according to your word," came not so much from a vision, but from trust that God had more in mind for her than she could imagine. Like Mary, we are invited to believe so strongly in God's future that we will not hesitate to risk what it takes for it to come about.

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 14th (and each 2nd Thursday of the month) in St. Mary of the People Church. Our monthly meeting follows in the parish hall. New members are always welcome.

SHARE LIFE: Your compassion helps people with disabilities. **NEW:** Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31st, your contribution to our parish's Share Life campaign will be matched up to \$500,000. Through your compassionate generosity, Mary Centre partners with adults with a developmental disability in its mission of "building a good life." This Share Life-funded agency offers integrated support services, providing respite for clients and their caregivers. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish level with a Share Life envelope or anytime at sharelife.org/donate.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The parishioners of St. Leo the Great Parish in Brooklin invite you to join them for a Christmas Concert in their church, performed by the Clarington Concert Band, Saturday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. It is a freewill offering: no tickets or signup are required. Please see poster on bulletin board.

DAY OF CONFESSION: Our parish will have a Day of Confession in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday, December 20th. Times: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.; 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.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 2024, 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 parent(s) be in **regular attendance** at Sunday Mass.

VOCATIONS: John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for his Son. In our present time, God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

STEWARDSHIP: As stewards, we must imitate the example of John the Baptist and help prepare the way for others to encounter Christ. People can most readily encounter Christ through His Church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas Season, as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles.



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday December 19. Mass at 7:00 P.M.
Meeting to follow in the Parish Hall.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: St Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 8611 approved the following donations from our Bingo account to the following Charities:

St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 5000.00
St. Mary of the People Church	\$ 2000.00
Catholic Family Services Durham	\$ 2000.00
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Sunrise Youth	\$ 1000.00
Rose of Durham	\$ 1000.00
Special Olympics	\$ 1000.00
	\$15000.00

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

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat December 23, 5 PM
Sun December 24, 9 AM & 11 AM

Christmas Eve

Sun December 24, 7 PM & 11 PM

Christmas Day

Mon December 25 9 AM & 11 AM

No Morning Mass on Tues Dec 26

Feast of the Holy Family

Sat December 30, 5 PM
Sun December 31, 9 AM & 11 AM

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Sun December 31, 5 PM

Mon January 1 10 AM

Please note Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM.

There will be no 9 AM or 11AM

No Morning Mass on Tues Jan 2

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!

If you discern a desire to engage directly with our neighbors in need by joining the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul call or text Vince at 289-943-5881 and leave a message for more information.



CWL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Tuesday, Dec. 12 in the parish hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a brief meeting and presentations. **Note: Mass will not be celebrated prior to the dinner.**

ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY: **Share Your Ideas to assist with future planning!** – Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and complete the short survey by December 15, 2023, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation. Please take a few moments to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

CHOIR: The choir is looking for new members, both men and women, to join our choir. We are presently preparing the music for Christmas along with Sunday masses. No knowledge of music is necessary, just the joy of singing. We meet every Wednesday night at 7:15pm till 9pm. We enter by the south door near the entrance to the church office.

ST. GERTRUDES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance. Sunday December 31. Doors open at 6pm. Dinner 7pm. Tickets are \$65 per person. Cash bar. 690 King St E Oshawa. For tickets call St Gertrude's Parish office 905-433-0828 Mel 905-576-8556 Ian 905-409-8367 Ken 905-922-0933

Please Pray For All The Sick

And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

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