
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.

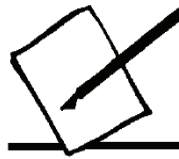
Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Dec 16 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
Tues Dec 19 8:30	Maria & Mark Rerecich req Nerina Rerecich
7:00	Living & Deceased Members of St Mary's Knights of Columbus and Jackie Gurr
Wed Dec 20 8:30	Elvira & Antonio Ciardullo & Velia Scalia req Nino & Frances Stano
Thur Dec 21 8:30	Multiple Intention Mass Filiberto Provenzano Mario Provenzano Margaret O'Donoghue Antonio & Giuseppina Palermo
Fri Dec 22 8:30	Peter McColgan req McColgan Family
Sat Dec 23 8:30	Antonio Paolozza req Esterina
5:00	Natalie Colasanto req Filippo & Calestani
Sun Dec 24 9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
7:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Mon Dec 25 9:00	Cosmo Barrese req Teresa Barrese & Family
11:00	Vincent & Loretta Kelly req Family

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN FAMILIES: Holy Land Christian Families will be visiting our parish this weekend 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: What would change in our lives if we would say with conviction, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me"? Isaiah's servant, like Jesus, recognized that being anointed was a job description. They were to bear genuinely good news, to listen attentively to the sorrowful and to help free others from whatever might bind them. Mary's response, her open-ended "Here I am, thy will be done," became her life's orientation. Like John, we can live like prophets, helping others catch a hint that there is something good afoot, something deeper, and more meaningful than society offers. That's what it means to prepare the way. We rejoice because, like John, we can point toward a road that leads to something unimaginably wonderful. Mary sings of what God is working in our midst, Isaiah describes it, John announces that it's coming and St. Paul reminds us that God does great things, not just "once a long time ago," but today, among and through us.

SCHOOL MASS: The students and staff from St. Christopher School will gather in our church for their December School Mass on Tuesday, December 19th at 9:45 a.m.

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.

SHARE LIFE: *Make a matching gift to support mental health. NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's Share Life campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.* Your support of Share Life is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year, Share Life supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a Share Life envelope or anytime on-line at www.sharelife.org/donate.

VOCATIONS: There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible that God could be calling your name to witness to the light of Christ in our day? If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious man or woman, or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** www.vocationstoronto.ca

RELIGIOUS ART CALENDARS: Religious Art Calendars for 2024 are available at the main entrance of the church. Please take one.

STEWARDSHIP: This *Gaudete Sunday*, St. Paul urges all of us to "rejoice always." One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us work to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives.

THE LIGHTER SIDE: *Devilish Conclusion* – Two boys were walking home from church after hearing a fire-and-brimstone sermon on the ways of Satan. One boy said to the other, "What do you think about all this devil stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."



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
Durham Outlook for the Needy	\$ 2000.00
YWCA	\$ 1000.00
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.



THANK YOU: to everyone who contributed to our drive for **Feed the Need** this month. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

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



And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

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