
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 23 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
Tues Dec 26	No Mass
Wed Dec 27	No Mass
Thur Dec 28 8:30	Multiple Intention Mass
	Betty Richard
	Michael & Margaret Boudreau
	Francisco & Esperanza Zozobrado
	Rudolph, Amedee, Aloysius & Dennis Boudreau
	Int Philomena Davy
Fri Dec 29 8:30	Lucia Saccone req Gino & Luisa Romano
Sat Dec 30 8:30	Rosa Palumbo req Pat & Bill McKim
5:00	Pasquale & Maria Pilosi
	req Rosa & Domenic Rocchio
Sun Dec 31 9:00	Milica & Mirko Cuvalo
11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
5:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Mon Jan 1 10:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

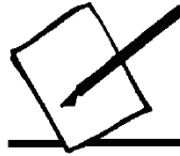
RELIGIOUS ART CALENDARS: Religious Art Calendars for 2024 are available at the main entrance of the church. Please take one.

SHARE LIFE: As we shelter from the winter cold, the Share Life team thanks you for your faithful support. We wish you a warm and safe Christmas season. Grateful for the enduring compassion you extend to those less fortunate. You are giving hope for a better future! If you wish to share your blessings this Christmas, your contribution will double in value. Your year-end gift to Share Life will be matched up to \$500,000. Please give at the parish using a Share Life envelope or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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: Today's readings make evident the goodness of the Lord and that he is the source of all blessings. The Lord promises to build a house for David – one that will last forever. And from the lineage of David comes Jesus, God himself, to dwell among us. We will soon celebrate the feast of his Incarnation and Nativity, while awaiting still, with joyful hope, the time when he will come again. The Creator did not exercise power and might, but set the universe on a course of development in which divine love would one day take on flesh and need to rely on the goodwill of people with generous, open hearts. In Luke's infancy narrative, which includes the Annunciation and Visitation, the journey to Bethlehem and lack of room at the inn are the story version of the poetic prologue of John's Gospel, which speaks of the eternal Word becoming flesh and being rejected by his own.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Parishioners who were not using Offertory Envelopes in 2023 and who would like to use them in 2024 are asked to contact our parish office, so we can prepare a box for you. We can only provide an income tax receipt for identifiable donations. Your financial support is very important to the successful operation of our parish.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD: Together with all the Sundays of the year, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1st) is one of the two additional Holy Days of Obligation in the Church calendar. We will have an abbreviated Mass schedule: **Sunday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. and Monday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m. (Please note this Mass change).**

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.

VOCATION: From the Angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and said, "Yes" ...and so the Savior came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for **your** life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: In this special season of "giving," you are asked to remember the poor and less fortunate through your donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Their baskets are at the doors of the church.

STEWARDSHIP: The Annunciation can be seen as a singular event that changed the world. For it is during this episode that Mary consents to do God's will, and Christ is conceived within her. Many times, we seek to know God's entire will for our lives but we can learn from Mary to readily and prayerfully say yes to the **current** step of the mission that he has called us to. We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish and the entire Church.

THE LIGHTER SIDE: Holiday Cheer – One of the best feelings in the world at holiday gatherings is knowing your presence and absence both mean something to someone.



EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday January 2 7:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday January 16. 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>

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

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE:

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.



GENERAL MEETING: The first general meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 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.

2024 MEMBERSHIPS: dues \$40.00 – Members wishing to use the pink envelopes found in the Sunday offering box, **please disregard the amount printed on the envelope and enclose \$40.00** (cash or cheque) and drop it in the collection basket. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Joey at 905-576-3386 or 905-439-9047 (cell).

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

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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