
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

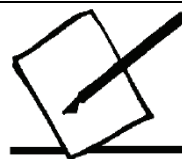
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NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register using forms at back of Church or at Office.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Dec 30 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	Please Note Monday Jan 1 Mass is 10 AM
Tues Jan 2 8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
7:00	No Mass
	Living & Deceased Members of the CWL especially Mary Czepek
Wed Jan 3 8:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Thur Jan 4 8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Fri Jan 5 8:30	Jack Dalby req Marion Dalby & Family
7:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sat Jan 6 8:30	Helen Detinger req Maria Dell'Àpa & Family
5:00	Albin Francelj req Ivanka
Sun Jan 7 9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
11:00	Multiple Intention Mass Jackie Gurr William F Featherstone Vito Grazio Deligio Giuseppe & Angela Scanga Vincenzo & Luciana Bianco



From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Two of the readings today are about family. The first reading from Genesis sets the stage for the flourishing of the Israelite community. The story's main characters, Abraham and Sarah, are about to start a family, the fulfillment of a promise made to them by the Divine One. In today's Gospel reading from Luke, Mary and Joseph are careful to follow the law of Moses. They fulfill the demands of the ancient purity laws and then fulfill further prescriptions of the law that required them to present their new child to God. For this family, the Jewish laws were important and they kept them as was the custom of the day. From a Christian perspective, we see a shift from the Mosaic Law to the new covenant grounded in an emphasis on love and right relationship. Finally, the reading from Colossians beckons us, as holy and beloved people, to live differently in our world — to embrace compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness and above all, love.

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).**

WORDS OF THANKS: We would like to express our appreciation to all those whose help and assistance have gone into making our Christmas Masses such beautiful celebrations. We are grateful to our musicians, cantors, and members of the Choir, our Lectors, Auxiliary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers and Gift Barers, and all those who decorated the church and did the “behind the scenes” work. May God graciously bless you and your families in this holy season.

THANK YOU: I would like to say “Thank You” to all those who remembered me in such a thoughtful and generous way during the Christmas 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

VOCATION: By baptism, we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

STEWARDSHIP: It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. The Holy Family had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform, yet they did these ordinary things with extraordinary love. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family members with great love and sacrifice.

THIS AND THAT: “If any of you cry at my funeral, I'll never speak to you again” – Stan Laurel

PASTORAL REFERENCE: We are regularly asked to provide a *Pastoral Reference* to accompany an application for a position of employment with one of our Roman Catholic Separate School Boards. We are very anxious to assist individuals who are practicing their faith regularly and actively involved in our parish to have an opportunity to contribute to the Catholic environment of our Separate School system. It is not enough to have been baptized in this parish or to have attended one of our local separate schools. If you foresee the eventual need for a *Pastoral Reference*, this is yet another good reason to be actively involved in your parish.

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.

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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
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YWCA	\$ 1000.00
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Rose of Durham	\$ 1000.00
Special Olympics	\$ 1000.00
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WEBSITE: Please check out our website: <https://kofc8611.org>

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

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.

SILENT IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN: January 12 – 14, 2024 at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering. Theme: "Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing." Suggested offering: \$250. Please see poster on bulletin board. Register online at: manresa-canada.ca





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 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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