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# *St. Mary*

*of the people parish*

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## **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

## **RECTORY OFFICE**

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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.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat Feb 3	5:00	Arulanantham req Daughter Selvi
Sun Feb 4	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Antonio Romano Kay Donnelly Jack & Lorna Finley
Tues Feb 6	8:30	David Boyle req Marion Dalby
	7:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League especially Doris Meringer
Wed Feb 7	8:30	Bruno Greco req Greco Family
Thur Feb 8	8:30	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Vito Grazio Deligio Mother of Perpetual Help Int Philomena Davy
Fri Feb 9	8:30	Gerald O'Leary req Rita Gabriel
Sat Feb 10	8:30	Albin Francelj req Ivanka
	5:00	Christina Ricciardi req Teresa Russo & Family
Sun Feb 11	9:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Kathy Prskalo Marica Prskalo Giuseppe & Angela Scanga Antonio & Carmela Pellegrino
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

## PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 11  
In the Parish Hall after both Sunday Masses

Cost:  
11 years and older - \$10.00  
2 to 10 years old - \$5.00  
Children under 2 – no charge  
All parishioners & their families are welcome.

Menu: Pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, taters, fruit & beverages

**Tickets will be on sale Feb. 3/4**

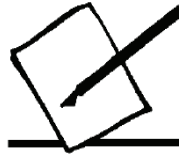
or call Frances 905-579-0128

Hosted by Knights of Columbus and CWL

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF DURHAM:** Heart to Heart Gala, Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility. Join us for an elegant evening including 3-course dinner with wine, DJ-Dance, silent/live auction, raffles and games. The funds raised allow our highly-trained staff to provide quality counselling services to over 2300 community members each year. Tickets are just \$120 each. To purchase tickets or to participate in the online silent auction, visit <https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2024>.

### HANDICAP PARKING

We have been receiving complaints of vehicles parked in handicap designated spots that do **NOT** have their permit displayed  
**IF YOU HAVE A PERMIT PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS PROPERLY DISPLAYED**  
**IF NOT PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN A HANDICAP SPOT**



## From the Pastor's Desk

**TODAY'S GOSPEL:** Today we might not be very different from Job and St. Paul. We see innocent suffering in so many parts of our world and feel helpless to respond. It seems that evil and violence have the upper hand. But, if we can, like Paul, give ourselves over to belief in the Gospel, we can enter into the sacramental dynamic of the self-fulfilling prophecy that is the reigning of God. Job would tell us, "Beware! Feel free to complain, to lament, to interrogate God, but know that you do so at great risk." We never know when God will appear out of the whirlwind and give us a mission beyond our wildest dreams. A mission that will eliminate drudgery from our vocabulary, a mission for which we were made. When people began to take Jesus' message seriously, it snowballed and became a self-fulfilling prophecy. The more people believed that God's reign was at hand, the more they recognized it and spread it.

**SERRA CLUB MASS:** The members of the Durham Serra Club invite you to join them for Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> (and each 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month) in St. Mary of the People Church. Our monthly meeting follows in the parish hall. New members are always welcome.

**A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:** With Archbishop Francis Leo – **February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** As part of **Marriage Sunday 2024** Archbishop Leo will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. This Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Those unable to attend are welcome to join live stream beginning at 2:45 at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). Please see poster on bulletin board.

**SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN:** *The Final Days: Passion and Death of the Lord in Jerusalem.* February 16-18, 2024 at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. Facilitated by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB. Suggested Offering: \$250.00 pp (Includes two nights accommodation, meals, retreat program and spiritual direction. Register online at [Manresa-canada.ca](http://Manresa-canada.ca) or call 905-839-2864.

### **DAY OF RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND**

**CAREGIVERS:** Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga Registration: 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$45.00. Contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca.

**VOCATIONS:** Jesus created much excitement in his day through his preaching, teaching and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in the priesthood, religious life and lay ministries. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

**STEWARDSHIP:** Since evangelization is a core aspect of stewardship, we should heed the words of St. Paul who says "woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ we must take the time to journey with them. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.



**VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE:**



**Saturday February 17**

Cocktails at 6:00PM and dinner at 7:00PM.

Tickets are \$60 per person.

Call the office or see a Knight at the back of the Church

**EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday February 6 at 7 P.M. in the boardroom

**GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday February 20 at 8PM  
There will be no Mass prior to the meeting

**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	\$ 2000.00
Sunrise Youth	\$ 1000.00
Rose of Durham	\$ 1000.00
Special Olympics	\$ 1000.00
Coats for Kids Charity	\$ 1380.00
	<b>\$17380.00</b>

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

**CHOIR:** The choir is looking for new members, both men and women, to join our choir. 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.

**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:** Tuesday, Feb. 6 in the parish hall following 7 o'clock Mass and Installation of Officers. The 2024 budget will be presented at the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend

**TORONTO DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT DAY:** Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. held virtually, featuring Kathy Matusiak Costa, the Executive Director of Compassionate Community Care and Alex Schadenberg, the Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Open to all members. If interested, contact Rita at [jakyms@rogers.com](mailto:jakyms@rogers.com). Names and emails will be submitted together to receive Zoom link closer to the date. See Poster on CWL bulletin at church entrance for more information.

**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).

**LECTORS' WORKSHOP:** St. Gertrude's Parish is hosting a Workshop for Lectors on either Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in their parish hall. The role of Lector will be thoroughly reviewed with duties, best practices and tips provided. Please contact Beth Cook ([bethcook905outlook.com](mailto:bethcook905outlook.com) or 905-925-9871) if you have questions or to reserve a seat.

**NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION:** Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., February 22 to March 21 at St. Gertrude's Parish Hall or via ZOOM. The \$40 registration covers the study guide and Dr. Sri's book, *No Greater Love*. Contact Beth Cook at [bethcook905@outlook.com](mailto:bethcook905@outlook.com). Please see poster on bulletin board.

**Please Pray For All The Sick**

**And Those Who Love and Minister to Them**

Elisabeth Sanders	Anne Scholtes	Mary Latimer
Alda Power	Elisa Pellegrino	Dolly Richards
Damarys Peni	Steve Kralj	Joan Hodge
Kim St. John	Lydia Krechowicz	John Margach
Cornell Pennings	Marilyn Lyons	Mona Wannamaker
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