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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

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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 for the Intentions Week

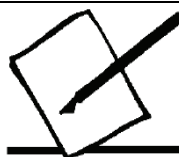
Sat Feb 17 5:00	Domenic Russo req Teresa Russo & Family
Sun Feb 18 9:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b>
	Kay Donnelly
	Felix Moreto
11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Tues Feb 20 8:30	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed Feb 21 8:30	Bruno Bertolo req Linda
Thur Feb 22 8:30	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri Feb 23 8:30	All Parishioners
Sat Feb 24 8:30	<b>No Mass</b>
5:00	Steve Tomasevic req Tomasevic Family
Sun Feb 25 9:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b>
	Violet Bakalar
	Mary Kreisz
	Zeljko Coric
	Guerino, Pasqualina & Mario Scanga
	Living & Deceased Bebek Family Members
11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Tues Feb 27 8:30	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed Feb 28 8:30	Louie Matasic req Justa
Thur Feb 29 8:30	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri Mar 1 8:30	Domenic Russo req Teresa & Joe Custozza
Sat Mar 2 8:30	<b>No Mass</b>
5:00	Jackie Gurr req Vince & Sue Tremblay
Sun Mar 3 9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
11:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b>
	Kay Donnelly
	Giuseppe & Angela Scanga

### 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**

**DAY OF REFLECTION: "Walk Beside Me"** Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Centre. February 26, 2024. 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$65.00 per person. This retreat is about coming to a greater awareness of our personal biases and to pray with it in a loving way, just like Jesus was confronted with many biases in his culture. Register online at: [manresa-canada.ca](http://manresa-canada.ca) or email: [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca). Please see poster on bulletin board.

**LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. AGUSTINE'S SEMINARY: "The Holy of Holies: Discovering the Richness of the Mass"** Join Fr. Eric Rodrigues, Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Please register early for this in-person event at: <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustine-spirit-life-series-lenten-retreat>. Please see poster on bulletin board.



## From the Pastor's Desk

**TODAY'S GOSPEL:** In baptism, Jesus had made himself one with people who were putting their whole heart and soul into metanoia, a graced decision that impelled them to break free of narrow visions that restrict hope. Jesus' being driven by the Spirit reveals that he was particularly sensitive to God's movement in the world and was seeking to experience God even more profoundly. To do that, anyone, Jesus included, needs to take time apart. As we begin Lent, rather than choose something to give up, a more radical approach could be to commit to taking the leisure that allows us to dream beyond our current horizons. That would bring us into the realm of the kind of sacrifice that consecrates our time. It leads us to go, like Jesus, into the sacred activity of coming to know ourselves and our world from God's perspective. Beware! Taking time for sacred leisure can make us vulnerable to being driven like Jesus.

**SHARE LIFE:** Support our vulnerable youth through Share Life – "Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and a variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs," says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. "With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path." Please give at the parish using a Share Life envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**WELCOME:** Our parish welcomes Msgr. James Hannah who will be celebrating our Sunday and weekday Mass while Fr. Bollo is away. **Please note the adjustment that has been made to our weekday Mass schedule through March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH LENTEN RETREAT:** Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> St. Gertrude's welcomes you to join Fr. Paul Burchat of Madonna House who will offer a mission each evening at 7:30 p.m. Topics: Sin & Conversion; The Prodigal Son; and Spiritual Warfare

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be **no Mass or Stations** on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> or March 1<sup>st</sup>. Friday evening Mass and Stations will resume on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience.

**VOCATIONS:** Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think that God could be calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**STEWARDSHIP:** As we read the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert, we should realize that we too have to fight temptation. When temptation comes our way, we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. This Lent, let us begin to run away from occasions of sin and fill ourselves with good things from God instead, which will slowly help us grow in holiness.

**THE LIGHTER SIDE:** The Law of Shut-Eye – It is much easier to fall asleep on the couch unintentionally than to, fall asleep in bed, intentionally.



**GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday February 20 at 7:30PM  
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	<u>\$ 1380.00</u>
	\$17380.00

**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.



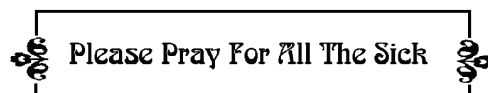
**EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday, Feb 27, 7 o'clock in the boardroom

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the new **Executive of St. Mary of the People Catholic Women's League Council for 2024:**

President: Rita Jakym  
Spiritual Advisor: Father David Bollo  
Vice President: Ann Marie Whitney  
Past President: Josephine Gangemi  
Treasurer: Frances Robertson  
Secretary: Elsa Lack  
Conveners: Janice Nemeth, Mary Sirizzotti, Charlene Summers, Gina Tass

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** St. Mary of the People Catholic Women's League Council donated the following funds from our 2023 bazaar raffle to the following Ontario charities:

St. Vincent's Kitchen - Durham Outlook for the Needy	\$400
Catholic Family Services of Durham	\$200
Rose of Durham	\$400
The Denise House	\$200
Pinewood - Lakeridge Health	\$200
Rosalie Hall	\$200
St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. Mary's)	\$500
Sunrise Youth	<u>\$200</u>
	\$23,000



**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
Mark Lyons	Joe Staresinic	Ken Breen

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