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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 for the Intentions Week

Sat Feb 24 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
Tues Mar 5 8:30	Deceased Cuvalo, Penada & Turvdc Family Members req Ivan & Lilly
7:00	Living & Deceased Members of the CWL especially Lorraine Roche
Wed Mar 6 8:30	Giuseppe & Grazia DeFilippis req Brando & Ellen
Thur Mar 7 8:30	<b>Multiple Mass Intentions</b> Mary Kreisz Vito Grazio Deligio Giuseppe & Rosa Stano Souls in Purgatory Int Dulce Yaeger
Fri Mar 8 8:30	Mary Kreisz req Joan Van Berkum
7:00	All Parishioners
Sat Mar 9 8:30	Int Bianca Cervoni
5:00	Mary Kreisz req Joan Van Berkum
Sun Mar 10 9:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Violet Bakalar Michael Sirizzotti Tony Santos Mario, Lucia & Vincenzo Romano Deceased Ricciuto Family Members
11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

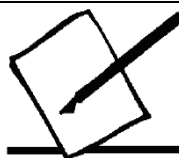
### HANDICAP PARKING

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**

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY:** Take Heart: By His Wounds We are Healed – Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Convention Centre [North Building]. For tickets and information, visit [www.LJHR.ca](http://www.LJHR.ca). Compelling speakers, Powerful praise & worship music, inspiring personal testimonies, Confessions. Please see poster on bulletin board.



## From the Pastor's Desk

**TODAY'S GOSPEL:** Incomprehensible must be the word for this Sunday; it fits us, the disciples and Abraham. Isaiah, who carried out his ministry around 700 BCE, had reminded his people of God's proclamation, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:6-10). When we read the Transfiguration as a confirmation of Jesus' teachings about serving, about being the least and giving fully of ourselves in trust, we begin to understand that the glory of God is an enigma, a promise of glory and fulfillment through self-effacement and even apparent failure. If we can drop our attempts to earn our own salvation, our misgivings and incomprehension can be transformed into stages on the road leading us ever more profoundly into the mystery of God's unfathomable love. When we say that we are Christians, we claim with St. Paul that we believe that God's greatest self-revelation came to us in Christ whose cross revealed that the foolish vulnerability of divine love expresses the greatest power in creation.

**SHARE LIFE:** Share Life Sunday is March 17<sup>th</sup>. Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support. 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>.**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Grade Two students registered for First Communion will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in our church. Please keep them in your prayers.

**PLANNING A BAPTISM?** If you or someone you know are planning to have an infant baptized in our church in March, April or May 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.

**VOCATIONS:** If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or permanent deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).**

**STEWARDSHIP:** Living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

**THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Lenten Fish Fry Bulletin – "Huge fight at seafood restaurant. Battered fish everywhere!"



**EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday March 5 at 7:00PM  
In the boardroom

**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>

**COME & SEE – DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT:** March 15-17, 2024 at St. Augustine's Seminary. This retreat is open to men 18 years and older. The retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee). Please see poster on bulletin board.

**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

**GENERAL MEETING:** Tues. March 5 in the parish hall following Mass at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Gifts for the May 13<sup>th</sup> Card Party may be brought to the meeting.

**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	\$200
	<b>\$2,300</b>

**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.

**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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