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Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Mar 9	5:00	Mary Kreiszs req Joan Van Berkum
Sun Mar 10	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass Violet Bakalar Michael Sirizzotti Tony Santos Mario, Lucia & Vincenzo Romano Deceased Ricciuto Family Members All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	
Tues Mar 12	8:30	Joseph Staresinic req Iva Bradica & Family
Wed Mar 13	8:30	Mary Kreiszs req Rochelle Guimond
Thur Mar 14	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass Angelo Bressan Deceased Francis Family Members Tommaso Ciarlariello & Family
Fri Mar 15	8:30	Franco Costantini req Gina & Louisa Romano
	7:00	All Parishioners of St Mary's
Sat Mar 16	8:30	Joseph Staresinic req Ivan & Ljilja Cuvalo & Family Barcelos Family & Souls in Purgatory req Arsenio Barcelos
	5:00	
Sun Mar 17	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass Gilda Romano Ralph D'Silva William MacPherson Mani Vince Mastroianni Emmanuel Lustre Tony, Concetta & Rosa Montaganio

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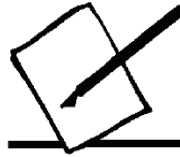
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IF YOU HAVE A PERMIT PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS PROPERLY DISPLAYED

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MASS AND RETREAT: Thursday, March 14th St. Gregory the Great Parish will welcome Fr. Eric Rodrigues, who will discuss the spirituality of Lent and the Cross, drawing upon the mysteries of the Rosary. He will explain how our own personal Lent, being united to Christ in his suffering, becomes like that "sixth" mystery. The evening retreat will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. in St. Gregory Church

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.



From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Jesus said that he was sent into the world so that all who believe could enjoy not a life free of suffering, but communion with God (eternal life). Jesus died in faithfulness to his vocation to embody God's love in the world. He was slain because the love of God threatened the powers such that they tried to eliminate him. In that most evil of circumstances, God did not stop it, but brought life out of death. God created, not to control us, but to entice us toward communion. If we believe that God works through us, instead of asking "Why does God let it happen?," the prophetic question is, "How can people who believe in God and the power of love let it happen?" Looking to Jesus, we know where the answer can lead.

SHARE LIFE: Inspired by God's Love: Support Share Life's mission. Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need. Please give at the parish using a Share Life envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We invite you to join us for the celebration of Mass and the common recitation of the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. on each of the remaining Fridays in Lent.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Holy Family Parish, Whitby will have an evening of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 13th beginning at 8:00 p.m.

DAY OF CONFESSION: Our parish will have a Day of Confession in preparation for Easter on Wednesday, March 20th. Times: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.; 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES: A Marriage Preparation Course will be available at St. John the Evangelist Church, 903 Giffard St., Whitby, Monday evenings April 8 to May 13 2024 @ 7 pm – 9 pm. Register in person or call 905-668-3676. Cost: \$300 per couple, includes materials.

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: St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be 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.

STEWARDSHIP: As stewards, we will often face difficulties in our ministry which is a share in the cross of Christ. To suffer for Christ is a great dignity, so the next time we encounter sufferings in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you."

THE LIGHTER SIDE: Law of Variation – If you change lines or traffic lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you're in now.



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday March 19. Mass at 7:00PM
Meeting to follow

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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Special Olympics	\$ 1000.00
Coats for Kids Charity	\$ 1380.00
	\$17380.00

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. Please see poster on bulletin board.

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.



PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST WINNER: Congratulations to Padraig Doyle, Grade 7 student at St. Christopher School, who was the winner of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest for our parish and went on to win the Regional Contest at St. Joseph the Worker. We wish him luck as he competes in the Toronto Diocesan Contest later this month.

VIRTUAL LENTEN SERVICE: "The Garden Way of the Cross" - Wednesday, March 20 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Presented by Toronto Diocesan Council. Register as soon as possible at shailaflavy@gmail.com

FOOD DRIVE FOR "FEED THE NEED": weekend of March 24 - Items requested: **Canned Protein** (tuna, salmon, peanut butter) **Fruits & Vegetables** (pasta sauce, canned veggies, fruit cocktail), **Breakfast Food** (hot/cold cereal, pancake mix, syrup.) Items may be brought to the church main entrance. For information contact Frances at 905-579-0128.

TORONTO DIOCESAN CONVENTION: Mon. April 29 & Tues. April 30 at the Ajax Convention Centre. Register individually online at www.cwltoronto.ca for the convention before **April 8**. For a ticket for the April 30th banquet, please contact Rita at jakyms@rogers.com or 905-725-3769 before **March 25** since seating is first come-first served. The subsidized cost for the meal is \$35.00 or \$40.00 depending on selection. Open to all members. Contact Rita for further details.

✠ Please Pray For All The Sick ✠

And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

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