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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 Mar 16	5:00	Barcelos Family & Souls in Purgatory req Arsenio Barcelos
Sun Mar 17	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Gilda Romano Ralph D'Silva William MacPherson Mani Vince Mastroianni Emmanuel Lustre Tony, Concetta & Rosa Montagano
Tues Mar 19	8:30	Mary Kreis req Morning Rosary Group
	7:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Wed Mar 20	8:30	Joseph Staresinic req Ivanka Francelj
Thur Mar 21	8:30	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Valentino Pulla John Seymore Scarff & McColgan Family Members Holy Family
Fri Mar 22	8:30	Joseph Staresinic req Paul & Joe Lavic
	7:00	All Parishioners of St Mary's
Sat Mar 23	8:30	Joseph Staresinic req Rudy & Sophie Badurina & Family
	5:00	John Nicholls req Pellerin, Boase & Taggart Families
Sun Mar 24	9:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Diego Trotta Giovanni Miceso Mary Kreis Tony Berti Patrick Davidson Jack DelGatto Tony, Concetta & Rosa Montagano
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

## PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY

**LAND:** The March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Collection is taken up at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of the many social, educational, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, and it helps to assure the Church's presence and a measure of security and peace for our brothers and sisters. Let us generously respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

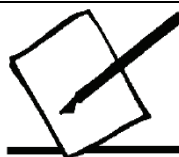
## HANDICAP PARKING

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**

**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:** In today's Gospel, Jesus explains that, as God's representative, he would prove the boundless power of love through vulnerability, becoming like a seed that falls to the ground and dies in order to produce fruit. The most Godly thing about Jesus' vulnerability was that, unlike our own weakness and limitations, it was freely chosen ([John 10:18](#)). The most amazing thing about it was that it revealed the true character of God as a divine lover who constantly tries to woo us beyond our broken covenants and our attempts to fashion the divine in our own image. Hebrews tells us that Jesus himself went through a process of growth in union with God; he had to learn to trust beyond reasonable hope in order to experience what God could do in and for him. His faithfulness to God's call, his reliance on love over all else, opened him to the unimaginable future of resurrected/eternal life. In that, he revealed God's glory, the power of God to bring life out of death.

**SHARE LIFE:** This weekend is Share Life Sunday. Share Life Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. Share Life agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them with a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like **you** who choose to support Share Life. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Our parish **goal this year is \$66,200.00**. Please give at the parish using a Share Life envelope, online through our parish website or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:** The Parish program for Grade Two students registered for **First Communion** will take place on **Sundays**: March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7, 14 & 21 at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall. The parish program for students registered for **Confirmation** will take place on **Thursday** evening: April 04, 18, 25 & May 02, 2024 in the parish hall.

**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.

**VOCATIONS:** Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God may be calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

**STEWARDSHIP:** For the Lord to insist on writing the law on our hearts, He implies that this covenant will be extremely personal and intimate. Let us strive to go to Him and bear our heart to him, that we may be able to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.

**THE LIGHTER SIDE: The Law of Customer Service:** If employees at a big hardware store seem to ignore you for twenty minutes, they will quickly come to help if you try to start a chain saw.

MARCH 17, 2024



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

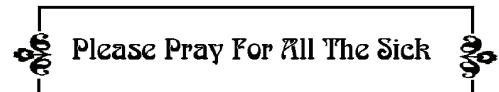


**FOOD DRIVE FOR "FEED THE NEED" – NEXT WEEKEND -**  
Items requested: **Canned Protein** (tuna, salmon, peanut butter) **Fruits & Vegetables** (pasta sauce, canned veggies, fruit cocktail), **Breakfast Food** (hot/cold cereal, pancake mix, syrup.) Items may be brought to the church main entrance. For 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](http://www.cwltoronto.ca) for the convention before April 8. For a ticket for the April 30<sup>th</sup> banquet, please contact Rita at [jakyms@rogers.com](mailto: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.

**SPRING FLING CARD PARTY:** Tickets for the May 13<sup>th</sup> Card Party will go on sale in April. Gifts for the Card Party may be left in the box at the Church main entrance. Please don't leave cash or gift cards in the box. Contact Elsa at 905-728-2077.

**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.



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

**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.

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