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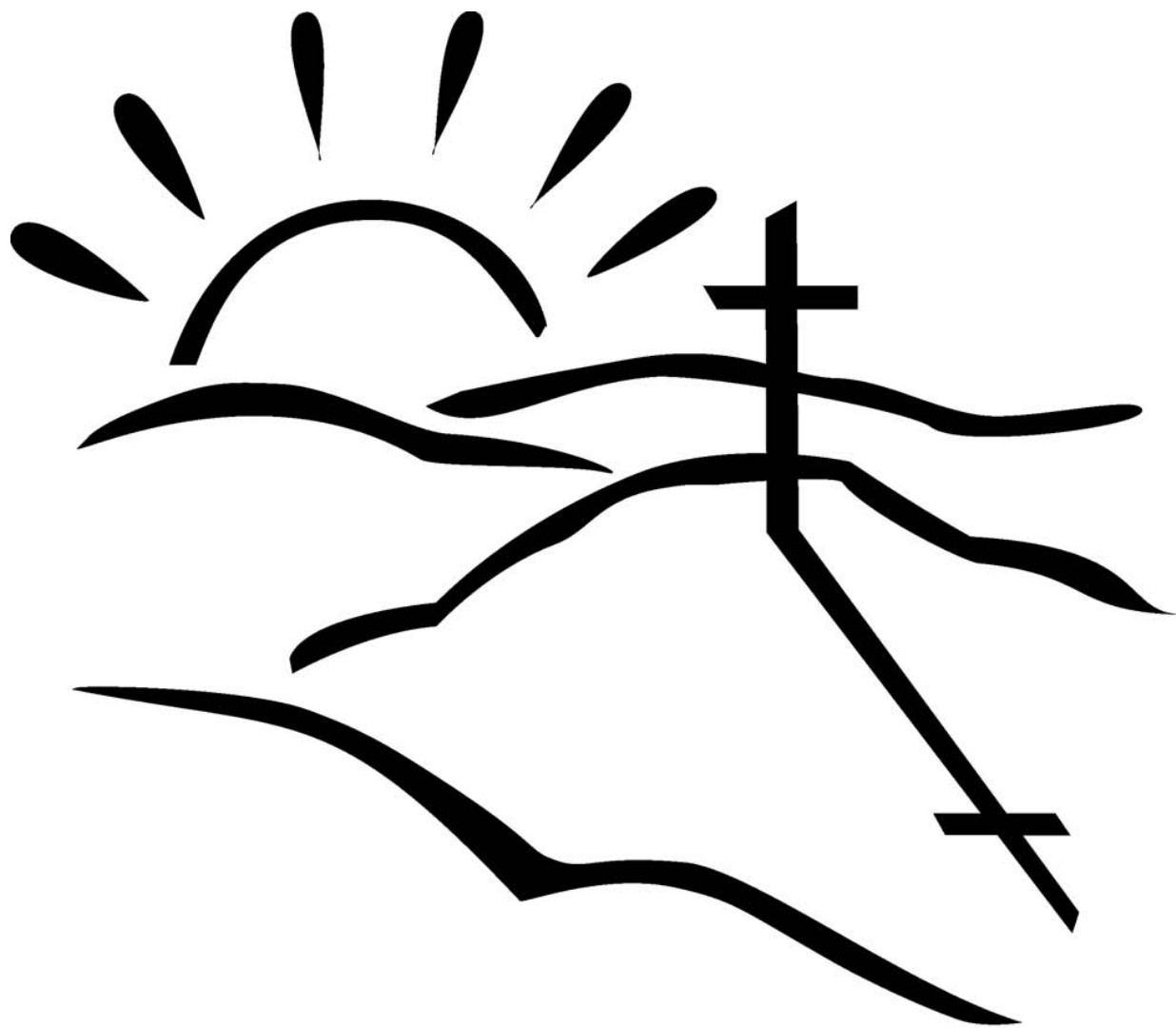
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*Rejoice!*

*For the Lord is truly risen!*

# Mass for the Intentions Week

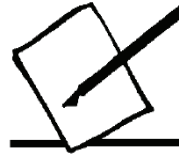
Sat Mar 30	8:00	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
Sun Mar 31	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Antonio & Elvira Ciardullo Maria & Nicola Vidulich Int Vi Burns Int Anne Doyle
Tues Apr 2	8:30	Mario Santilli req Giuseppina Santilli
	6:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League especially Elsie Shields
Wed Apr 3	8:30	Joe Smith req Rita Flintoff
Thur Apr 4	8:30	<b>Multiple Mass Intentions</b> Justin Soln Alojz & Ana Sisko Souls in Purgatory
Fri Apr 5	8:30	Joseph Staresinic req Martha Pender
	7:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sat Apr 6	8:30	Vito Grazio Deligio req Gilda Deligio
	5:00	Joseph Staresinic req Mary Radovic & Family
Sun Apr 7	9:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> Tony Santos Joseph Staresinic Emelia Trotta Giuseppe & Angela Scanga Domenico, Pasquale & Adelina Rua Antonio, Angela & Vincenzo Del Gatto Int Lou Suszek
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

**PARKING:** We have a limited amount of parking spaces in our church lot; however, we have access to McLaughlin Collegiate's lot on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. **Please do not block the driveways of houses neighbouring the church**

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF DURHAM:** C.F.S.D. provides help, hope and healing to individuals, young parents, couples and families regardless of beliefs. We have three divisions to serve our community. **We are currently seeking dedicated people to serve as members of our Board of Directors, which meets monthly.** Financial expertise is an asset. CFSD is committed to inclusivity and equality. For more information about CFSD please visit [www.cfsdurham.com](http://www.cfsdurham.com) or contact Tania McClean, 905-725-3513.

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We have been receiving complaints of vehicles parked in handicap designated spots that do **NOT** have their permit displayed  
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## From the Pastor's Desk

**TODAY'S SOLEMNITY:** If Christians wish to be an "Easter people," sharing in the gift of new life while bearing witness to the resurrection of Christ, then just singing "alleluia" is not enough. Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that the Divine One anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Spirit and with power which, in turn, empowered Christ to embrace and live out his holy mission of preaching, teaching, healing and liberating all who were oppressed. We, too, who walk in the tradition of the apostles, are baptized into Christ. We have been anointed with the Spirit, and we have the same mission as Christ and the apostles. To be an Easter people means to do the work of Easter: to confront and work against domination, systemic and structural injustices while creating alternatives, to shake up the status quo, to welcome the marginalized, to embrace all creation with a healing love. And if we find ourselves like the stone that the builders rejected, then we can rest assured that the risen Christ is alive and well among us and within us.

**SHARE LIFE:** **Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving.** Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. Share Life agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Please give at the parish using a Share Life envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**THANK YOU!:** We would like to express our appreciation to all whose help and assistance have made our Holy Week liturgies such prayerful celebrations. We are grateful to our Musicians, Choir Members, Lectors, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, and Gift Bearers, as well as those others who's behind the scenes work have contributed to the beauty of our church.

**PLANNING A BAPTISM?:** If you or someone you know are planning to have an infant baptized in our church in May, June or July 2018, 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 parents be in **regular attendance** at Sunday Mass.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Are you a young person in Grade Three or above? Have you ever thought about being an Altar Server at our weekend Masses? We would be glad to have your help. Please phone the parish office and/or talk to Fr. Bollo.

**VOCATIONS:** The glorious Fast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to proclaim this Good News to all people in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in his Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

**STEWARDSHIP:** These past forty days we have been preparing for this great feast where we will meet with the Risen Christ, yet how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives? St. Teresa of Calcutta believed that we encounter Jesus through our neighbour as she says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him." This Easter let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find and serve Him in our neighbour by being good stewards.

**THE LIGHTER SIDE:** **Funny Bits** – I stood waving to my neighbour for ten minutes before realizing she was cleaning her windows.

**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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday April 2. 7:00 PM in the boardroom.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday April 16. Mass at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting. **Please note that nominations for the 2024-2025 executive will begin tonight**

**37th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

**Saturday June 22, 2024**

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



**GENERAL MEETING & LENTEN SOUP NIGHT:** Tuesday, April 2 – the evening will start with Mass at 6 o'clock in the church followed by home-made soup and a brief meeting in the hall. **Open to all ladies of the parish.**

**SPRING FLING CARD PARTY:** Monday, May 13 at 7 o'clock in the parish hall. Progressive Euchre (optional), prizes & a light lunch. Tickets: \$10.00. Gifts for the Card Party may be left in the box at the Church entrance. Please don't leave cash or gift cards in the box. Contact Elsa at 905-728-2077.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST WINNER:** Congratulations to Pdraig Doyle, Grade 7 student at St. Christopher School, who won the **Toronto Diocesan Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest** after winning the parish and regional contests last month. Pdraig's speech was entitled "The Importance of Physical Activity."

*St. Mary's CWL executive wishes you all a Happy Easter!*

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:** The Parish program for Grade Two students registered for **First Communion** will take place on **Sundays:** 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** at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

**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.

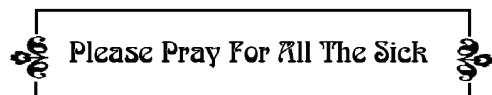
Your support through **poor box** donations at the front entrance of the church is a way to do this. Gifts of \$10.00 or more will be receipted for income tax purposes. Place your donation in an envelope marked **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Remember to include your **full name and address** so 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.**

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE:** Thursday May 9 2024. Holy Family Pro-Life Group invites you to join them in Ottawa. A coach bus will leave at 6:45 am from Holy Family Parking lot. Cost is \$35. To reserve your spot please call Gwen: 905-259-8504

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR:** The parishioners of St. Gertrude's invite you to join them on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 3:30 for Benediction and the praying of the Chaplet; and for the Divine Mercy Novena. Please see poster on our bulletin board.



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

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Alda Power	Elisa Pellegrino	Dolly Richards
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