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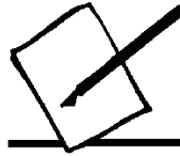
Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Apr 20	5:00	Harry Lack Sr req The Family
Sun Apr 21	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass Tony Santos Violet Bakalar Emilio Trotta Domenico Taldone Mary Miller Deceased Hogan & Breen Family Members Int Lou Suszek 11:00 All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Tues Apr 23	8:30	Domenico, Furino & Louisa Sirizzotti req Tersigni Family
Wed Apr 24	8:30	Filomena, Chiara & Gennaro Rosati req Rose Guglielmo
Thur Apr 25	8:30	Multiple Mass Intentions Steven Turudic Ruby Joseph Josephine Joseph Luisa Colavecchia & Family Sacred Heart of Jesus Int Janice Copeman
Fri Apr 26	8:30	Antonio & Benedatto De Filippis req Ellen & Brando
Sat Apr 27	8:30	Antonio Custozza req Teresa & Joe Custozza
	5:00	Ted Mizzi req Wife & Family
Sun Apr 28	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass Sean Orsini Antonio De Filippis

SAVE THE DATE: June 8th following the 5 PM Mass the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Retirement Dinner for Fr. David Bollo. Plans are in the final stage and will be announced next weekend. **If you are able to attend please gather your friends and put a table of 10 together.**

ATTENTION: GRADE 12 GRADUATES OF MSGR. PAUL DWYER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: St. Mary's Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus present awards to graduates every year. Applicants must be members of this parish who plan to pursue post-secondary education after graduation. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship from either the Knights of Columbus or the Catholic Women's League, kindly address a letter of no more than one page to the Grand Knight or the President and submit it to the Parish Office. In this letter, please state your future goals including whether you are planning to attend college or university, your report card average, details of your **involvement in your church parish** (sacraments, church attendance, capacity and duration of any contributions), details regarding your contribution to your school and community & details regarding financial need. **Letters are due to the Parish Office no later than May 1 2024**

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: Today's readings invite us into long and oft-repeatable contemplation and action. They invite us to stand alongside Peter and search our hearts until we can explain why it is that we do what we do and what kind of power we are exercising. Jesus' image of the good shepherd is another variation on the theme we hear throughout John's Gospel: The Son of God became flesh in order to draw us into unity with God and one another, a unity that can be called eternal life. For Peter, as for us, taking in and taking on the effects of the Resurrection is the task of a lifetime. We accomplish it at least as much in action as in contemplation. While we can believe much *about* Jesus, the real invitation is to believe "through him and with him and in him," becoming ever-more identified with him by loving whom he loves and allowing him to work through us.

SHARE LIFE: Invest in our Church's future by giving to Share Life – Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. This Sunday, April 21st, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey. Please give at the parish using a Share Life envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. To date we have collected \$11,126, which is 16.8% of our parish goal of \$66,200. With your help, we can make this happen!

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church Bulletin. The advertising will begin in July 2024 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

VOCATIONS: This is "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God might be calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

RECENT BAPTISMS: Lachlan Aleksander, son of Richard & Amy (Low) Duffy; and Rayden Wm Hunter & Alexis Maria, son and daughter of Kassie Mollon were initiated into the Catholic Community through the celebration of Baptism in St. Mary of the People Church on Sunday, April 07, 2024. "With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained one day into the everlasting life of heaven."

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.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION: April 2nd's monthly Special Collection totaled: \$1,590.30. We thank you for your generosity. These funds will help to defray the cost of some capital expenditures. Very shortly, our heating and air conditioning contracting will complete the installation of the A/C units we ordered last fall.



CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING: Tuesday April 23 at 4 PM. We will be doing minor repairs at the Church and Hall. We will meet in the Hall at 4 PM

37th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Saturday June 22, 2024

Oshawa Airport Golf Club.

\$90 per entrant. Includes golf and luncheon

Golf only \$60.00 - Meal only \$30.00

This year's format will be played as a team scramble.

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Book now and ensure your participation in this year's event.

To register call Paul Power 905-725-3821 or the office 905-728-2212

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

10th ANNUAL DURHAM CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

GALA: We invite you to join us on Thursday, May 16th for the Gala Honoring Bishop Vincent Nguyen and the Distinguished Catholic Alumni at the Ajax Convention Centre; cocktails at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner at 7:00 p.m. All monies raised will go to the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation, which is committed to enhancing student well-being and academic success, by providing basic needs to some of the most vulnerable students in our Catholic school communities. To purchase tickets and to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please visit DurhamCatholicFoundation.ca/Gala.

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.

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 or contact Tania McClean, 905-725-3513.

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



BAKE SALE: NEXT WEEKEND: after all Masses. All parishioners are invited to come to the hall and purchase our delicious baked goods. Donations may be brought to the hall after 3:30 p.m. on Saturday or before Masses on Sunday. Proceeds will go to our parish and to Catholic charities.

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. For information re: tickets or donations, contact Elsa at 905-728-2077 or Rita at 905-725-3769.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE CELEBRATING

CHRISTIAN UNITY: St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come to our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, April 27th at 6 p.m., hosted by Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough.

SOUTHDOWN ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery, Columbus Centre at 901 Lawrence Ave. West, Toronto. **Theme: Life to the Full.** "The evening will raise support and awareness of our mission to provide integrated holistic mental health programs and services to ordained clergy, vowed religious, lay pastoral ministers, and other people of faith". Visit our website: <https://southdown.on.ca/annual-benefit-dinner-2024/>



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