
St. Mary

of the people parish



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. Joel Pabilona Jr - Pastor

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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

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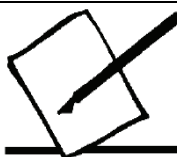
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NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register using forms at back of Church or at Office.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Dec 7	5:00	Claudette McCabe req Laurette & Ken Cavanagh
Sun Dec 8	9:00	All Parishioners
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass Olivero Sabadin Meintje Klumper Antonio Paolozza Francisca Mamaril Tusanti Munusami Vito Grazio Deligio Giuseppe & Angela Scanga
Tues Dec 10	8:30	Jose Silva req Family
	6:00	Living & Deceased members of the Catholic Women's League especially Irene Lubowitz
Wed Dec 11	8:30	Antonio Scanga req Nerina Rerecich
Thur Dec 12	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass Fe Pabilona Int Brenda Brandreth Int Margaret Rumbelow Int Lou Suszek Int Gerry Cunningham
Fri Dec 13	8:30	Nicola Saccone req Gino & Luisa Romano
Sat Dec 14	8:30	Ivan Viscovic req Family
	5:00	Claudette McCabe req Laurette & Ken Cavanagh
Sun Dec 15	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass Joseph Staresinic Ed Lappan Stjepan Novakovic David Wayne Bowen Maria Prudenza DeFilippis Armando & Ida Occhiuzzi Int Philomena Davy
	11:00	All Parishioners



From the Pastor's Desk

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time. Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now. The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God’s love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ’s coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first “coming” on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance. Let’s turn away from any bad habits or sins that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ this Advent. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* is the Latin word for “rejoice”) this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior’s birth. Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, “The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all....” Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Paul’s instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him *along with our thanks*. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us. The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to *live out* this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a “Christmas gift” to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist’s message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same.” He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God’s gifts to them! As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ’s extravagant love. Let’s avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let’s look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM

CHRISTMAS CARDS & SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS 2025 NOW AVAILABLE

The Religious Articles Room is open after Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning Masses

The Religious Articles Room is being updated
If you have any requests call Joey 905-576-3386 or 905-439-9047



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday December 17. Mass at 7:00 P.M. Meeting to follow in the Parish Hall.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Men of St. Mary of the People: Right now is the perfect time to join the Knights of Columbus and help our parish community. From volunteering to fund-raising, to helping spread the gospel, your help is needed. Consider joining the Knights today and change your life forever. Contact Colum Wood 289-404-8952

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: All men of the parish are invited to join a bi-weekly bible study held in the parish boardroom on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's of each month at 10:30 am. The dates for **November are the 2nd and 16th**. Each session takes approximately one hour with refreshments served after. Contact Colum Wood at 289 404 8952 if you require more info, or just drop by. You only need to bring yourself!

NEW YEARS DINNER & DANCE: New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance. Tuesday December 31. St Mary of the People Parish Hall. Roast Beef Dinner prepared by the Columbian Squires. Doors open at 6 and dinner served at 7. Tickets are \$70 per person. For tickets call Colum Wood 289-240-0423 or the Parish office 905-728-2212

GLORIA! ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT MASSEY HALL: Saturday, December 14 at 7 PM
A magical blend of secular and sacred choral repertoire to usher in this Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 59th annual Christmas concert, packed with exceptional works including Vivaldi's *Gloria*, *Carol of the Bells*, and *The Star Carol*. With close to 300 voices, 5 choirs consisting of students, and alumni, taking the stage, this year's programme is sure to be one of the best yet! Tickets are now available at www.masseyhall.com

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!

Poor Box Report for September & October

Total Receipts: \$5,082.65. Value of gift cards & clothing Vouchers given to families in need: \$6,922.00 Number of families Visited 66



CWL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Tuesday, Dec. 10 – Mass at 6 o'clock followed by dinner in the hall, a brief meeting and presentations.

ZOOM PRESENTATION: "The Holy Doors of Jubilee" - Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 o'clock – presented by Bishop Thomas Dowd and the CWL Provincial Council. Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year, a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. Register in advance to join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZIk0ispzktHtDn8kbt5k512gFU-bPercf8>

FOOD DRIVE FOR "FEED THE NEED": on the weekend of Dec. 22 - 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 left in church main entrance. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Do not leave cash in the church entrance: contact Frances at 905-579-0128.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE: has been faithfully visiting our classrooms once a month to pray the Rosary with our students. The Rosary Visitors are a great inspiration to our students. They are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and are willing to visit our Schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of only 8 days a year. Training, screening, and materials will be provided.
If you are interested, please contact: Rosa de Mello, Tel: 905-743-0758 or Text: 289-996-5515

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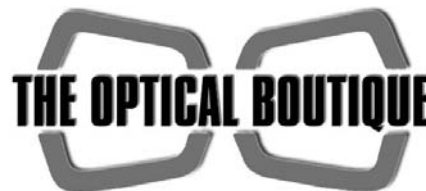
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