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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. Joel Pabilona Jr - 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**

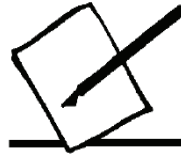
Copy must be in to office no later than Monday 4:00 P.M.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Dec 14 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  
 Tue Dec 17 8:30 Lydia Krechowicz req Jeanne, Pierre & Charlene  
 7:00 Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's Knights  
 of Columbus  
 Wed Dec 18 8:30 Bill Jeffers req Carol Jeffers  
 Thur Dec 19 8:30 Antonio Santos & family  
 Stjepan Novakovic  
 Karen Munce  
 Gerry Monaghan  
 Fri Dec 20 8:30 Int Marion Dalby – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday req Barb Humble  
 Sat Dec 21 8:30 Roberto Ufana Guerra & Leticia Moreto  
 req Paula Guera  
 5:00 Antonio & Elvira Ciardullo req Nino & Francis  
 Sun Dec 22 9:00 All Parishioners  
 11:00 Amadeo Saccone  
 Thanksgiving  
 Antonio, Angela, & Vincenzo Delgato  
 Peter McColgan  
 Michael Sirizzotti  
 John Gallo  
 Joseph & Lina Miniaci



## From the Pastor's Desk

**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.



### CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Tue., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve  
 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Thur., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – No Mass

Tue., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Feast of the Holy Family  
 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary  
 10:00 a.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Times: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Thursday & Friday by appointment*

### PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Tue., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 12noon

Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Closed

Thur. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> Closed

Fri. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> Closed

Tue. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 12noon

Wed. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 Closed

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS &  
SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS 2025**

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<sup>th</sup>. 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>

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

**SHARELIFE: Living the Gospel through ShareLife**  
**NEW:** Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

*"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way."* – Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice



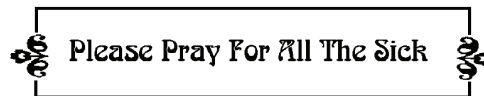
**ZOOM PRESENTATION:** "The Holy Doors of Jubilee" - Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 o'clock – presented by Bishop Thomas Dowd and the CWL Provincial Council. Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year, a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. Register in advance to join the meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlkc0ispzktHtDn8kbt5k512gFU-bPcrf8>

**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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday's of each month at 10:30 a.m. 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!

**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

**2025 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP:** Please Pick up your donor boxes which will be located at the main entrance of the church. All boxes are **labeled with individuals name & address**. For **NEW** parishioners please come by the office to pick your new box envelope.



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

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Damarys Peni	Steve Kralj	Joan Hodge
Kim St. John	Cecilia Lam	John Margach
Marilyn Lyons	Mona Wannamaker	Mark Lyons
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**Rest in Peace**

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