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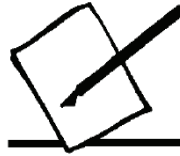
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PASTOR: Fr. Joel Pabilona Jr - Pastor



Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Dec 21	5:00	Antonio & Elvira Ciardullo req Nino & Franci
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
Tue Dec 24	7:00	Jeannine MacNeil req by Lou Suszek
	11:00	All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People Parish
Wed Dec 25	9:00	Cosmo Barrese req by family
	11:00	All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People Parish
Thur Dec 26		No Mass
Fri Dec 27	8:30	Bruno Bertolo req Linda Bertolo
Sat Dec 28	8:30	Lucia Saccone req Gino & Luisa Saccone
	5:00	Tessa McCabe req Rochelle Guimond & family
Sun Dec 29	9:00	Franco & Ermina Matucci Antonio & Marietta Iezzi Concetta Coletti Eraldo & Pio Coletti Domenico & Vergiglia Iezzi Alfonzo, Alberto & Elio Iezzi Margarita & Alfonso Dell'Abandone
	11:00	All parishioners



From the Pastor's Desk

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life. Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service. What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth. Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today. We will be disciples after our Mother's own heart.

Feast of the Holy Family; The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life. The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully. We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family. On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in the coming year, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Tue., Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Wed., Dec. 25th Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Thur., Dec. 26th – No Mass

Tue., Dec. 31st Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 1st Solemnity of Mary

10:00 a.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Wishing all our St. Mary's parishioners a Holy and Happy Christmas!

2025 CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP in the parish office during office hours



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>
The Knights of Columbus wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Holy New Year

NEW YEARS DINNER & DANCE: New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance. Tuesday, December 31st. 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



GENERAL MEETING – The first general meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2024 in the church hall following Mass at 7 o'clock. Note: There will be no executive meeting at the end of December prior to the January general meeting.

2025 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE – dues \$40.00 – Members wishing to use the pink envelopes found in the Sunday offering box, place your name on the envelope, enclose \$40.00 (cash or cheque) and drop it in the collection basket. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Joey at 905-576-3386.

St. Mary's CWL executive wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Holy New Year

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JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to join in this special celebration. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

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.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Tue., Dec. 24 th	8:00 a.m. – 12noon
Wed., Dec. 25 th	Closed
Thur. Dec. 26 th	Closed
Fri. Dec. 27 th	Closed
Tue. Dec. 31 st	8:00 a.m. – 12noon
Wed. Jan. 1 st 2025	Closed

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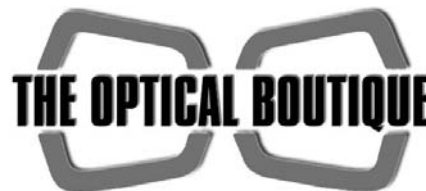
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