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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sat Dec 28	5:00	Tessa McCabe req Rochelle Guimond & family
Sun Dec 29	9:00	All Parishioners
	11:00	Franco & Ermina Matucci Antonio & Marietta Iezzi Concetta Coletti Eraldo & Pio Coletti Domenico & Vergiglia Iezzi Alfonzo, Alberto & Elio Iezzi Margarita & Alfonzo Dell'Abandone
Tue Dec 31	8:30	All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People Parish
	5:00	All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People Parish
Wed Jan 1	10:00	(Only Mass Today) All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People Parish
Thur Jan 2	8:30	All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People Parish
Fri Jan 3	8:30	All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People Parish
Sat Jan 4	8:30	Ivan Viscovic req by the family
	5:00	Gerry Monaghan req Don & Anne Curgin
Sun Jan 5	9:00	Jack Dalby req Marion Dalby
	11:00	Patrick Boyer Arthur Spittal Dorothy Van Warmerdam Elizabeth Treanor Eugene O'Hagan Vito Grazio DeLigio



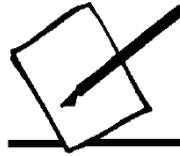
The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has

changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "**Pilgrims of Hope**". In the words of Pope Francis: *"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."*

Resources for personal or family, along with helpful links and other information related to the Jubilee Year can be found by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/jubilee

** Prayer cards will be available in all church doors.



From the Pastor's Desk

Season's Greetings!

As we celebrate a special sacred time of the year, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year. While we might have experienced difficult times and challenges in 2024, we continue with faith, love, and hope in 2025.

Your generosity in sharing your gifts to the Lord, the priceless time spent in the spiritual activities of the church, and the selfless sharing of your talents in the different ministries of the parish are manifestations of God's continual blessings. All you offer in support and sustenance of our church, as well as shaping its future is but a blessing to all.

May you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment this Christmas Season and for the rest of the coming year. May God continue to guide you and shower his blessings upon you through the intercessions of St. Mary of the People.

In Christ Jesus forever,
Fr. Joel B. Pabilona, Jr.

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.



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

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church followed by meeting in the hall.

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

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus wishes you a Happy New Year!



GENERAL MEETING – The first general meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 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 Happy, Holy New Year

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

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM
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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**

HEART TO HEART GALA - 20 Years of Inspiring Hope
Join us as we celebrate our 20th Heart to Heart Gala for CFSD!

February 22, 2025, cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm.
Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax, ON
Tickets are \$120 each. Visit <https://trellis.org/hearttoheartgala2025> to purchase your tickets today!

If you are unable to attend in person, this site gives you access to our 50/50 draw, online auction, and exciting raffles!

To donate items, or if you are unable to purchase your tickets online, please contact Tania McClean, 905-725-3513 x 121 or t.mcclean@cfsdurham.com

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.

Please Pray For All The Sick

And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

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| Elisabeth Sanders | Anne Scholtes | Enzo Tersigni |
| Alda Power | Elisa Pellegrino | Dolly Richards |
| Damarys Peni | Steve Kralj | Joan Hodge |
| Kim St. John | Cecilia Lam | John Margach |
| Marilyn Lyons | Mona Wannamaker | Mark Lyons |
| Paul Desroches | Natalie Judge | |

Rest in Peace

Gerry Monaghan, Ivan Viscovic, Patrick Boyer, Donato Cappuccitti, Cecilia Timperley & Jeannine MacNeil

2025 CATHOLIC CEMETERIES CALENDARS:
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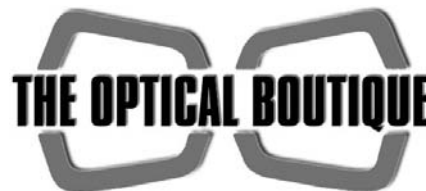
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