
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.

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.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 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.

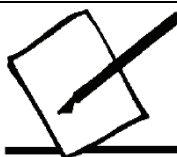
NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sat Mar 8	5:00	+ Josevina Rosa Fernandes & Alcides Jeronimo req by the family
Sun Mar 9	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass + Vito Grazio DeLigio + Albin Francelj Souls in Purgatory Deceased family members of Francis family + Enzo Tersigni + Giuseppe "Joe" Bianco (Int) Mary Ann Fox
	11:00	All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People (Int) Antonik family req Fr. Christopher Reynolds
Tue Mar 11	8:30	+ Lucila & Mario Romano req Encoronata Pulla
Wed Mar 12	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass + Ivan Viscovic (Int) McDaniel family + Enzo Tersigni + Andre Laviolette (Int) Sister Anita Gagnon + Anna Baker
Fri Mar 14	8:30	+ Nicola Marchitelli req Gino & Luisa Romano
	7:00	+ Vince Mastroianni req Anna Mastroianni & family
Sat Mar 15	8:30	+ Joe Bianco req Vince & Ida Greco & family
	5:00	+ Patrick Boyer req Heather Cassidy
Sun Mar 16	9:00	All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass + William MacPherson + Gilda Romano + Nicola Marchitelli + Franco Costantini (Int) Douglas & Dulce + Linda Belen Sto. Domingo Tuason



From the Pastor's Desk

And so, it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection. Jesu

s, by His own example in today's Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is "led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside. While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth. Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, or a daily time of meditation on the Scriptures. Maybe we'll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or social media fix and find a project that serves the poor in this community. If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter the grace-filled days of the Triduum, and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. They will begin following the 7:00pm Mass at approximately 7:30pm every Friday until Easter. Come deepen your Lenten observance with this special devotion.

Visit Archdiocese of Toronto Lent resource page:

<https://bit.ly/archTO-lent>

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM

The Religious Articles Room is open after weekend Masses.

The 2025 St. Joseph Missal are available for \$5.00 each. Clearance sale of various gift items is in effect at this time. Make an offer. For more information or to request specific item, call Joey 905-576-3386 or 905-439-9047 (cell)



THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025

In Pope Francis' message for Lent, he explains what it means for us to "journey together in hope", particularly during this Jubilee Year. He invites us to reflect on

this theme, as call to conversion:

1. To **journey** – as "Pilgrims of Hope", to move away from fear, hopelessness, and sin.
2. To journey **together** – to walk together, at the side of others, attentive in love and patience.
3. To journey together **in hope** – to trust in God's promise of eternal life, in Christ's triumph over death, and the victory of Easter. To read the holy Father full message visit: <https://bit.ly/PopeFrancisLent2025>



EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 18 Mass at 7:00 p.m. meeting to follow in the parish hall

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

FIRST COMMUNION PREP CLASSES:
SUNDAYS – 12:15 P.M. – PARISH HALL
Mar. 23, 30, Apr. 6, 13

CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES:
THURSDAYS – 7:00 P.M. – PARISH HALL
Apr. 3, 10, 24, May 1
» Bring Sponsor's Letter

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

This report shows the amount we received in donations verses the value of food, clothing, and furniture vouchers we gave to needy families during the month of January.

DONATIONS: Poor Box: \$922.75
Other: \$672.25

Total Donations: \$1,595.00

Value of assistance to needy families: \$2,980.00

Number of Families helped: 34

The continued financial support we receive in poor box donations at the front doors of the church is very much appreciated. This is our primary source of funds.

Gifts of \$20.00 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!

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Have you considered remembering our parish in your Will? The Church is where we experience many important moments in our lives. A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings – a lasting legacy of love that will help the Church continue with its many ministries. When making your Will, please consider a bequest to St. Mary of the People Parish.

For more information please call the parish office or the Development Office at 416-934-3411 ext 519 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development



LENTEN SOUP NIGHT: Tuesday, April 1 - Each year at the General Meeting held in Lent we invite all members of our council & all other ladies of the parish to join us for home-made soup. Anyone interested in making soup, please call Frances at 905-579-0128. It is not necessary to make soup in order to attend.

PRAYERFUL VISITATION: the ladies of the CWL will be visiting home-bound members and parishioners to spread the word of God through prayer and the rosary - if you would like two ladies to visit your home for conversation and prayer, please contact Donna at 289-979-7701 or totalreflexhealth@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2025

Your love is a guiding light during Lent

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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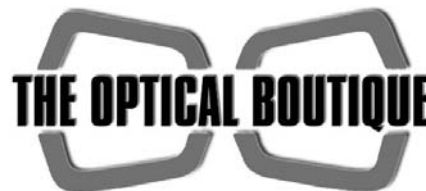
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