
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.

PASTOR

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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 for the Intentions Week

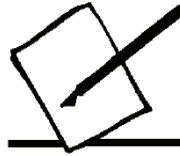
- Sat Mar 15 5:00 + Patrick Boyer req Heather Cassidy
 Sun Mar 16 9:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 11:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + William MacPherson
 + Gilda Romano
 + Nicola Marchitelli
 + Franco Costantini
 (Int) Douglas & Dulce
 + Linda Belen Sto. Domingo Tuason
 Tue Mar 18 8:30 + Enzo Tersigni req Teresa Russo
 7:00 Living & Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus especially Joe Bianco
 Wed Mar 19 8:30 + Louis Matasic req Justa Matasic
 Thur Mar 20 8:30 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Giuseppe Gallo
 + Ivan Viscovic
 + Andre Laviolette
 + Domenico Citano
 Fri Mar 21 8:30 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 7:00 + Joe Bianco req Vince & Ida Greco & family
 Sat Mar 22 8:30 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 5:00 + Arulanathan Sebastiam Pillai req Family
 Sun Mar 23 9:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Giuseppe & Angela Scanga
 + Saveria Scanga
 + Enzo Tersigni
 + Jeannine MacNeil
 + Ivan Viscovic
 + Felix Moreto
 (Int) Mary Ann Fox
 11:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2025

You extend the hands of Christ to those in need
ShareLife Sunday is March 30. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$53,000.00.

Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Our parish goal this year is **\$53,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



From the Pastor's Desk

In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences? He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop — Golgotha — where He will lay down His life for our sake, and then finally to take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all. Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing — in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The purpose of these two types of experiences is summed up in the description of the Apostles who were with Jesus at that mountain-top experience in today's Gospel: "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory...." The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings, or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more! This lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed.

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

LENTEN CONFESSIONS
Wednesday, April 2

9:00am – 11:00am, 2:00pm – 4:00pm & 6:00pm – 8:00pm
 Saturdays – 3:30pm to 4:45pm

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)

KEEP YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH ALIVE. PLEASE REMEMBER ST. MARY OF THE PEOPLE IN YOUR WILL



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>

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!

PARISH DISABILITY MINISTRY WEBINAR

Thursday, March 27, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Companions on the journey: Accompanying Persons with Disabilities – An Introduction to Sensory Friendly Masses

This virtual formation event is open to clergy, lay parish staff and parish leaders. It will provide an introduction to the concept of sensory-friendly Masses: what it is, whom it is for and practical next steps.

Register: <https://bit.ly?PDW-RegisterMar2025>

Contact: formation@archtoronto.org

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Padraig Doyle, who was runner-up in the Toronto Diocesan Public Speaking Contest on March 1. Padraig, a Grade 8 student at St. Christopher School, represented Durham Region after winning at both the parish and regional level.

TORONTO DIOCESAN CONVENTION: Mon. April 28 and Tues. April 29 at the Ajax Convention Centre. Register individually online at www.cwltoronto.ca for the convention before April 7. For a ticket for the April 29th banquet please contact Rita at jakyms@rogers.com or 905-725-3769 before March 24 since seating is first come first served. The subsidized cost for the meal is \$35.00 or \$40.00 depending on the selection. Open to all members. contact Rita for further details.

HIGH SCHOOL COME & SEE DAY RETREAT

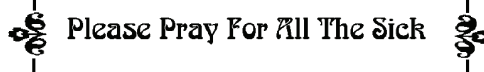
Saturday, March 29

The Office of Vocations is hosting a high school day retreat for high school men, in grades 11 & 12, at St. Augustine’s Seminary, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This retreat is designed to help young men cultivate a deeper prayer life & relationship with the Lord. Seminarians will offer reflections on practical aspects of faith. This retreat will offer opportunities for communal prayer, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & socializing. Lunch will be provided. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee.

For more information please email:

vocations@archtoronto.org.



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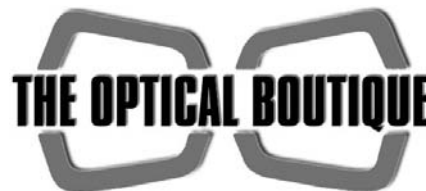
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