
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 Intentions for the Week



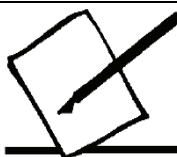
- Sat Mar 22 5:00 + Arulanathan Sebastian Pillai req Family
 Sun Mar 23 9:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Giuseppe & Angela Scanga
 + Saveria Scanga
 + Enzo Tersigni
 + Jeannine MacNeil
 + Ivan Viscovic
 + Felix Moreto
 (Int) Mary Ann Fox
 11:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 Tue Mar 25 8:30 + Ivan Viscovic req family
 Wed Mar 26 8:30 + Gilda & Antonio Romano
 req Gino & Luisa Romano
 Thur Mar 27 8:30 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Patrick Jamie Treacy
 + Valentino Pulla
 + Antonio & Elvira Ciardullo
 + Mariano, Giovanni, Vincenzo Corvinelli
 + Andre Laviolette
 (Int) Maureen O'Kelly – 80th Birthday
 Fri Mar 28 8:30 + Brian Breen req Ken Breen
 7:00 + Andre Laviolette req Brenda Brandreth
 Sat Mar 29 8:30 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 5:00 + Richard Krajcarski req Cheryll & Dylan
 Sun Mar 30 9:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 11:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Tony, Concetta & Rosa Montaganano
 + Andre Laviolette
 + Enrico Osso
 + Terry Jane Cook
 + Jim Irvine
 + Domenic Gattellaro
 + John Planeta

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2025

Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be."

Our parish goal this year is **\$53,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



From the Pastor's Desk

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor. Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well? The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come and join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass during Lent.

Scan the QR now and stay connected!

Do you know there's a super easy way to stay connected with all the happenings at our parish? Simply grab your phone and get scanning!



PLANNING A BAPTISM? If you or someone you know are planning to have infant baptized in our church please contact the parish office. We ask that couples be registered with parish and that Catholic parents be in regular attendance at Sunday Mass.

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



38th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Oshawa Airport Golf Club

Includes golf and luncheon. *More information to follow!*

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

THE LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2025

Saturday, March 29, 2025

The Annual Life Jesus Higher Rally is coming up and we are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating the 33rd year of coming together in praise and worship on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at The Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building), Toronto. The theme this year, "Power From on High" encourages us to remember and focus on the source of our strength. Time 9:00am – 5:30pm . Adult Rally \$39/Youth Rally \$25 . For tickets and information, visit: www.ljhr.ca

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. Seminararians 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/hscomeesee.

For more information please email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

2025 LENTEN RETREAT

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites men and women
to our 2025 Lenten Retreat

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Where: 167 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Cost: \$50.00 and includes coffee/tea with muffins and a hot lunch.

Registration is at 8:30am and the retreat runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm. A Mass will be celebrated during the day. Please email: office@qoa.ca or call (905) 278-5229

**LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: A HEALING RETREAT
FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED OR
SEPARATED PARENTS**

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from **Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m.** at **St. Augustine's Seminary** (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me.

For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.



EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tues. March 25 at 7 p.m. in the hall.

LENTEN SOUP NIGHT: Tuesday, April 1 at 6: p.m. - 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.**

FOOD DRIVE FOR "FEED THE NEED": weekend of April 6 - 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 brought to the church main entrance. For information contact Frances at 905-579-0128.

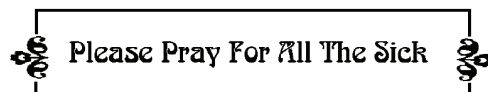
TORONTO DIOCESAN CONVENTION: Mon. April 28 and Tues. April 29 at the Ajax Convention Centre. Register individually online at www.cwltoronto.ca for the convention before April 7. For a ticket for the April 29th banquet please contact Rita at jakyms@rogers.com or 905-725-3769 before March 24 since seating 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.

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)

BULLETIN SICK LIST: This is the list of names we keep in our Bulletin every week. Consider adding a name of this if you or someone you know has a chronic illness, chronically poor health, or getting surgery. Call the parish office to add or remove a name but **please make sure you have that person's permission to add them to the list.** The names will remain indefinite unless the person has passed away, recovered or if a request is made to remove them.



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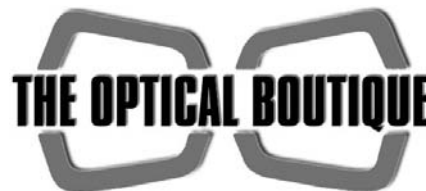
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