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Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Mar 29	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 Montagano
		+ Andre Laviolette
		+ Enrico Osso
		+ Kerry Jane Cook
		+ Jim Irvine
		+ Domenic Gattellaro
		+ John Planeta
Tue Apr 1	8:30	(Int) Janice Copeman
	6:00	Living and Deceased Members of CWL especially Dolly Richards
Wed Apr 2	8:30	+ Beatrice & Harry Lack Sr. req Brando & Ellen De Filippis
Thur Apr 3	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass
		+ Gerard Burke
		+ Nicola Marchitelli
		+ Enzo Tersigni
		+ Emerise Bourgeois
		(Int) Jasmin & Zachary Macelroy
Fri Apr 4	8:30	+ Dolly Richards req Morning Rosary Group
	7:00	+ Andrew Nicholls req Joan Maly & Donna Kelly
Sat Apr 5	8:30	+ Joe Bianco req Vince & Ida Greco & family
	5:00	+ Steven Tomasevic req family
Sun Apr 6	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass
		+ Giuseppe & Angela Scanga
		+ Vito Grazio DeLigio
		+ Bert Dessailly
		+ Joe Bianco
		+ Andre Laviolette
		+ Jack Del Gatto
	11:00	All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

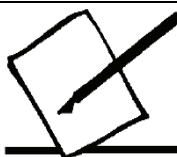
FIRST COMMUNION PREP CLASSES:
SUNDAYS – 12:15 P.M. – PARISH HALL
Mar. 30, Apr. 6, 13

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

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)



From the Pastor's Desk

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us. We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us. In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally “comes to his senses” — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father. In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is “filled with compassion for him” and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father! And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2025

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick's life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd.

“By the grace of God, I am still alive,” he proclaims. “I'd love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I'd never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober.” Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise.

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.

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>

LENTEN SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday after 7:00 p.m.

Mass during Lent (approximately at 7:30 p.m.)

CONFESSIONS – Wednesday, April 2nd

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays – 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

• **Palm Sunday – April 13th** •

Masses: **Sat. 5:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

• **Holy Thursday – April 17th** •

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

• **Good Friday – April 18th** •

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

• **Holy Saturday – April 19th** •

8:00 pm. Easter Vigil

• **Easter Sunday – April 20th** •

Masses: **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

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Come and celebrate with us at the **23rd Annual Fundraising Dinner** in support of the formation of future priests for their Archdiocese of Toronto.

Friday, May 2, 2025 at 6 p.m., Paramount EventSpace

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DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER FOR THE

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Saturday, May 10, 2025 • 9:30am – 5:00pm

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4

Suggested Offering: \$65 pp (Includes coffee/tea break & lunch)

Mary Hyland will facilitate with Sr Claire Marchal

For more information or to register: Mary Hyland at 905-441-0957

Visit: manresa-canada.ca



GENERAL MEETING & LENTEN SOUP NIGHT –

Tuesday, April 1 – the evening will start with Mass at 6 o'clock in the church followed by home-made soup and a brief meeting in the hall. **Open to all ladies of the parish.**

FOOD DRIVE FOR “FEED THE NEED”: NEXT

WEEKEND - 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: April 28 & 29 at the Ajax Convention Centre. Register individually online before April 7 at www.cwltoronto.ca

SAVE THE DATE - SPRING FLING CARD PARTY:

Monday evening, May 12. Cost: \$10.00. Gifts to be donated for the Card Party may be brought to the April General Meeting. For information call Elsa at 905-728-2077.

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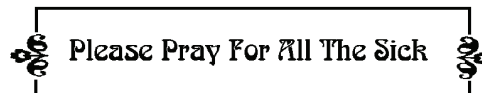
CONFESSIONS posted on our Bulletin Boards or [click here](#) to see the list of parishes and their schedules.

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!



BULLETIN SICK LIST: This is the list of names we keep in our Bulletin every week. Consider adding a name 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.**



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