
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 for the Intentions Week

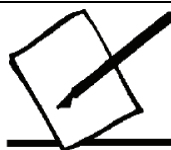
- Sat Apr 12 5:00 + Paul Desroches req Martha Pender
 Sun Apr 13 9:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 11:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 Living & Deceased members of Hogan and Breen family
 + Lucia Saccone
 + Ivan Viscovic
 + Anthony Godfrey
 + Cecilia Timperley
 + Mark Rerecich
 (Int) Sergio Latin
 Tue Apr 15 8:30 + Enzo Tersigni req Maria Osso
 7:00 Living & Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus especially Salvador Rodrigues
 Wed Apr 16 8:30 + Beatrice Lack req family
 Thur Apr 17 7:00 HOLY THURSDAY (NO 8:30am Mass)
 Fri Apr 18 3:00 GOOD FRIDAY (NO 8:30am Mass)
 Sat Apr 19 8:00 HOLY SATURDAY (NO 8:30am & 5:00pm)
 Sun Apr 20 9:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Josevina Rosa Fernandes
 + Alcides Jeronimo
 + Albin Francelj
 + Domenico Citano
 + Thivyan Manoharan
 Deceased members of De Carlo family
 Souls in Purgatory
 11:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We celebrate with the blessing and distribution of palm branches, which represent the palms people scattered in front of Our Lord as he rode into Jerusalem mounted on a donkey. Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes with the Sacred Paschal Triduum, consisting of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM & EASTER SCHEDULE

- **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.



From the Pastor's Desk

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family. In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ. Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

The **Good Friday collection "Needs of the Holy Land"** is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. For more information please visit: www.commissariat.ca.

PASCHAL FAST

To prepare ourselves for Easter, the paschal fast should be observed on **Good Friday** and continued, where possible, on Holy Saturday. Fasting helps us receive the joys of the Lord's resurrection at Easter with uplifted and responsive hearts. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Volunteer Appreciation Week: Volunteers Make Waves will be celebrated from **April 27 to May 3, 2025**, in alignment with Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week.

This is a time of appreciation and celebration of every volunteer and the positive impact each of their contributions make to our parish communities. Collectively, these efforts are amplified and resonate throughout our parish communities, creating ripples and sparking waves of positive change and exemplify **John 7:38 "Rivers of living water will flow from within him"**. We recognize that each of our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each one of you.



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 15 Mass at 7:00pm followed by meeting in the parish hall.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & DANCE: Saturday, May 3, 2025, in the parish hall. Doors open at 6pm; dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. For tickets call the parish office, also available at the church lobby on Saturday and Sunday.

38th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Saturday, June 21, 2025, Oshawa Airport Golf Club. Includes golf and luncheon. *More information to follow!*

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: St. Mary of the People Knights of Columbus in the last 9 months has donated **\$27,630** to the following charities. The money has been raised with the help of **Delta Bingo** in Pickering.

St. Mary's Church	\$6,000.00
Rose of Durham	\$2,000.00
Catholic Family Services	\$2,000.00
Catholic Family Services Mustard Seed	\$ 500.00
Durham Outlook for the Needy	\$2,000.00
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$5,000.00
St. Vincent Camp Ozanam	\$1,000.00
Durham Catholic Children's Foundation	\$2,000.00
Msgr. Paul Dwyer Breakfast Program	\$ 500.00
YWCA	\$2,000.00
Bethesda House	\$ 250.00
Sunrise Youth	\$1,000.00
Special Olympics Durham	\$2,000.00
Coats for Kids Program	\$1,380.00

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

ATTENTION: GRADE 12 GRADUATES OF MSGR. PAUL DWYER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus present awards to graduates every year. Applicants must be members of this parish who plan to pursue post-secondary education after graduation. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship from either the Knights of Columbus or the Catholic Women's League, kindly address a letter of no more than one page to the Grand Knight or the President and submit it to the parish office. In this letter, please state your future goals including whether you are planning to attend college or university, your report card average, details of your **involvement in your parish** (*sacraments, church attendance, capacity and duration of any contributions*), details regarding your contribution to your school and community & details regarding financial need. **Letters are due to the parish office no later than May 1, 2025**

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SPIRIT & LIFE SERIES RESTORING HOPE TO AN ANXIOUS, LONELY & FRACTURED GENERATION Saturday, April 26, 2025

Speaker: Rev. Kevin Belgrave
Location: St. Augustine's Seminary
Format: In-person, \$10/pp
Registration: Capacity is limited and attendance is by registration only.

PARISH OFFICE - CLOSED
Friday, April 18th & Monday, April 21st



SPRING FLING CARD PARTY: Monday evening, May 12 at 7 o'clock in the parish hall. Progressive Euchre (optional), prizes & a light lunch. **Doors open at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets: \$10.00. Gifts for the Card Party may be left in the box at the Church entrance. Please don't leave cash or gift cards in the box. For information call Elsa at 905-728-2077.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOLARSHIP: Offered each year by the Toronto Diocesan CWL to a young woman graduating high school this year who wishes to attend St. Michael's College, University of Toronto. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** For information re: criteria and/or application forms go to www.cwltoronto/resources/reference.

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Thus far we have raised **\$16,327.00** toward our goal of **\$53,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

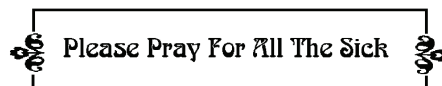
JUBILEE 2025: LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Why not consider a Lenten Pilgrimage to one of our designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings? A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/jubilee. The site also provides information for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church. Please note that it is not necessary to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the same day as your visit to the Pilgrimage church, but can be celebrated in your own parish "within several days before or after your visit."

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

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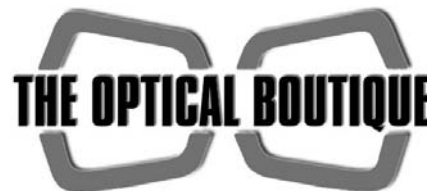
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