

# *St. Mary* *of the people parish*

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Joel Pabilona Jr - Pastor



**He is Risen!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat Apr 19	8:00	HOLY SATURDAY (NO 8:30am & 5:00pm)
Sun Apr 20	9:00	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b>
		+ 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
Tue Apr 22	8:30	(Int) Douglas & Grace Hancock
Wed Apr 23	8:30	+ Maria & Mark Rerecich req Nerina Rerecich
Thur Apr 24	8:30	<b>Multiple Intention Mass</b>
		+ Valentino Pulla
		+ Claudio Rerecich
		+ Thivyan Manoharan
		+ Antonio Miguel De Los Reyes Jr.
		+ Diego Trotta
		(Int) Lucy Burke
Fri Apr 25	8:30	+ Ivan John Viscovic req by the family
Sat Apr 26	8:30	+ Bernard Koster req Pat & Ginny Dolighan
	5:00	+ Domenico Rua & Adelina Pasquale
		req Frank Rua
Sun Apr 27	9:00	All parishioners of St. Mary of the People
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass
		+ Maria & Nicola Vidulich
		+ Nicola Saccone
		+ Ron Cullen
		+ Ted Mizzi
		+ Antonio Defilippis
		+ Cecilia Timperley
		+ Teresa Lopez Carvalho

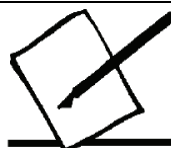
### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

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. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!!

### 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 at (905) 576-3386 or (905) 439-9047 (cell)



## From the Pastor's Desk

**He is risen! He is truly risen!** This is what the celebration of Easter is all about — the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all. We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection? A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished. How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior. This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

### *Dear Parishioners of St. Mary of the People,*

*Christ is risen! He is truly risen!*

*The Easter message of joy echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we anchor our own hope of victory with him. We joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us as individuals and as a faith community. Because Jesus has died and risen again, conquering sin and death, we believe that with him we too shall live. In this spirit of faith and hope.*

*I wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter Season! Alleluia!*

*Fr. Joel B. Pabilona Jr.*

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

#### » FIRST HOLY COMMUNION «

Congratulations to all our students on completing their 4-week preparation journey! **First Holy Communion celebration on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

#### » CONFIRMATION «

Preparation classes: **April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
Confirmation Celebration: **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
with Bishop Nguyen

Note: There will be a rehearsal Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



**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.

**38<sup>th</sup> 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>

#### **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE BUS**

Please join the Holy Family Pro-Life Group to the Annual National March for Life in Ottawa to Help Restore A Culture Of Life on **Thursday, May 8, 2025**. A coach bus will leave with parishioners from **Holy Family parking lot at 6:45am**. Bus price: \$40/pp. For more information or to make reservations please contact Gwen: 905-259-8504

#### **ATTENTION: GRADE 12 GRADUATES OF MGRS. 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**

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

##### **COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY CARE**

**Community of Hope Outreach:** Connecting with Seniors Project  
We are looking for volunteers to check-in regularly by phone or Zoom with seniors in their local community who may be socially or physically isolated. If you are interested, email or call Suzanne:  
[outreach@beingwith.org](mailto:outreach@beingwith.org); 647-448-8873



**SPRING FLING CARD PARTY - Monday, 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. Contact 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](http://www.cwltoronto/resources/reference).

**"FEED THE NEED" – THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our food drive this month. A total of 365 lbs. of food and \$140.00 in donations was collected which amounts to 577 meals for the needy. Such generosity is greatly appreciated, especially at Eastertime.

*St. Mary's CWL executive wishes you a Happy Easter and a blessed Easter season!*

#### **SHARELIFE 2025**

##### ***Thank you for being a beacon of hope***

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

***Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!***

#### **A DAY WITH MARY**

Online registration is now open for **A Day With Mary taking place May 31 at Villanova College in King City**. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnessings and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities – something for everyone. For more information and to register, visit [archtoronto.org/mary](http://archtoronto.org/mary)

#### **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.



**Please Pray For All The Sick**



#### **And Those Who Love and Minister to Them**

Anne Scholtes  
Kim St. John  
Ryan Steh

Mark Lyons  
John Margach

Alda Power  
John Cooke

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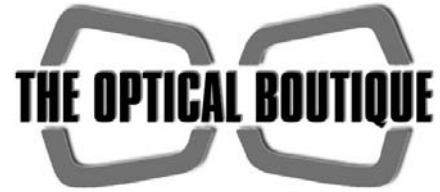
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