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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat May 3 5:00 + Domenic Russo req Teresa Russo & family
 Sun May 4 9:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Vito Grazio Deligio
 + Guerino, Pasqualina & Mario Scanga
 + Antonio Naccarato
 + Emerise Bourgeois
 + Armando & Ida Occhiuzzi
 + Ana Bradica
 Deceased members of Guglielmo family
 11:00 All parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 Tue May 6 8:30 + Al Penavas req Ivan & Lily Chuvalo
 Wed May 7 8:30 + Enzo Tersigni req by the family
 Thur May 8 8:30 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Maria Cabral
 + Agostinho Cabral
 + Richard Dolighan
 + Thomas Lawless
 For souls of John the Baptist, Francis & Regina Francis
 Fri May 9 8:30 + Mike, Cesina & Valentino Pulla req Anna Pulla
 Sat May 10 8:30 + Mario, Lucia, & Vincenzo Romano req Rita Romano
 5:00 + Antonio Daddario req Vince & Ida Greco & family
 Sun May 11 9:00 All parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 11:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Jose Manuel Neto
 + Amedeo Saccone
 + Antonio Romano
 + Nicola Marchitelli
 + Ivan Vicovic
 + John Gallo
 + Delfina & Enrico Osso

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

The parish in May takes the opportunity to celebrate Mary. Leaflets on how to say the Rosary will be at the church lobby for those who may need a refresher. If you do not have rosary, call or visit the parish office. We have rosaries (not very fancy) that we can give you or check the Religious Articles Room.



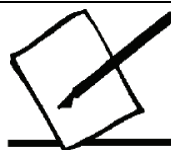
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

» CONFIRMATION «

Confirmation Celebration: **Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m.**

with Bishop Nguyen

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



From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him. How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them! He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him. This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.



**Statement from Frank Cardinal Leo
 Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
 Following the death of Pope Francis
 April 21, 2025**

Our Catholic family worldwide is in mourning following the death of our spiritual father, Pope Francis. Since 2013, our shepherd has guided the flock lovingly and served as a global ambassador of peace, hope and love. The Holy Father's humility, compassion and care for others, most especially the poor and marginalized, has served as a powerful witness and a reminder of our daily call to reflect the face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter.

I invite the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and all those who mourn his loss, to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May we honour his legacy and lovingly embrace his invitation to be missionaries of mercy, sharing the light of Christ in abundance as we affirm the dignity of every human life and foster a culture of care and love.

Our good and faithful servant has been called home to the Lord. May he rest in peace.

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



EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00pm in the parish hall

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>



HERE WE GO AGAIN!

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday. ShareLife Sunday marks the second collection for our parish's annual campaign. Our goal is \$53,000.

ShareLife: Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

On the **second ShareLife Sunday**, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

You need school community hours? Our parish thrives when you get involved. Volunteering is a beautiful way to live your faith and meet others walking the same path. There is something for everyone. Join our parish ministries especially, Altar Servers, call the parish office for more information.



GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED – There will be **no May general meeting** due to the Horizons of Hope event taking place on May 6.

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.

HORIZONS OF HOPE

Do you want to know more about palliative care?

We, Fr. Joel and CWL invite you to participate in learning sessions on Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care. Our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living well until the end of life. The program will help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness to learn more about palliative care.

The four-module program will take place in St. Mary's parish hall.

- **Module 1:** May 6th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- **Module 2:** May 7th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- **Module 3:** May 13th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- **Module 4:** May 14th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

To register call or email the parish office at 905-728-2212 or stmaryofthepeopleos@archtoronto.org or sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby.

PALLIATIVE CARE: The diocese has printed a short document commenting on the practice of palliative care as part of practice of health care. It is quite concise. Copies are at the church lobby for you to pick up. If you have someone you know, who may be interested in this concern or could value from some clarification, take an extra copy for them.

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)

2025 NEOPHYTE MASS

Cardinal Leo will preside at the annual Neophyte Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who has been newly initiated, fully initiated or received into the Church at Easter. The Mass will take place at **2:30pm on Sunday, May 11 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto.**

This Mass is open to all, but **reserved seating is available only for Neophyte** and up to five guest. Reserved seating will be designated by parish. Registration closes Monday, May 5. Seating is limited, so please register early. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.



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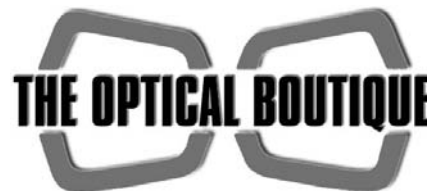


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