
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

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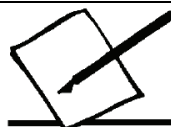
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NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register using forms at back of Church or at Office.

Mass for the Intentions Week

- Sat Aug 16 5:00 + Reno & Silvana Savelli req by Joyce Belliveau
- Sun Aug 17 9:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Giuseppe & Angela Scanga
 + Albin Francelj
 + Guerino, Pasqualina & Mario Scanga
 + Armando & Ida Occhuzzi
 + Helen Weir
 Souls in Purgatory
 11:00 **All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People**
- Mon Aug 18 8:30 DCDSB Mass
- Tue Aug 19 8:30 For the Starving Children in Gaza
 req by Suzanne & Robert
- Wed Aug 20 8:30 + Laura Gauvin req by Jeanne Gauvin & family
- Thur Aug 21 8:30 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Pasquale Rocchio
 + Evelina Estrada
 Souls in Purgatory
 + John & Regina Francis
 + Brian Humble
 (Int) Anne Doyle
- Fri Aug 22 8:30 **All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People**
- Sat Aug 23 8:30 **All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People**
 5:00 + David Guimond & Marie Marcotte
 req by Ken & Laurette Cavanagh
- Sun Aug 24 9:00 **All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People**
 11:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Cecilia Timperley
 + Leticia Moreto
 + Jinky Pacilan
 + Rodolfo Ople Sr.
 + Virgilia Sugarol
 + Amirico, Felomina, Alessandro & Gina Sirizzotti
 (Int) Anne Doyle
- Tue Aug 26 8:30 + Ivan Viscovic req by the family
- Wed Aug 27 8:30 + Ed Gallagher req by Dorothy Gallagher & family
- Thur Aug 28 8:30 Sacred Heart of Jesus
 + Joyce Paterson
- Fri Aug 29 8:30 + Frank & Stephanie Naterer req by Barbara & family
- Sat Aug 30 8:30 **All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People**
 5:00 + Andre Laviolette req by Brenda Brandreth
- Sun Aug 31 9:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Ted Mizzi
 + Joseph Staresinic
 + Barbara & Nick Novak
 Mother of Perpetual Succour
 11:00 **All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People**



From the Pastor's Desk

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life. In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar! The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us. The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on **September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)** and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "**Peace with Creation**" and the symbol is "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links:

Celebration Guide: <https://bit.ly/SoC-CelebrationGuide>

Video: <https://bit.ly/SoC-Video>

St. Mary of the People Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to a very special occasion.



40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination for Fr. Joel Pabilona Jr., was ordained on September 7, 1985 in Palo, Leyte, Philippines

To mark this special occasion we will be having an Anniversary Dinner.

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Mass at 5 PM Cocktails at 6 PM and Dinner at 7 PM

Tickets are \$50 per person

Tickets still available for purchase after all the Masses also be available for purchase at the Parish office.

If you are able to attend please gather your friends and put a table of 8 together if you can.

PARISH LIFE

CANADIAN MISSIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today, there will be a second collection for Canadian Missions. Catholic Missions in Canada and the selected dioceses in Northern Canada will benefit from your generosity to sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in our country. Please donate using the designated envelopes available in the church lobby. Thank you for your support of this important work!

SUNDAY BULLETIN: Our next issue will be on August 31st. Be sure to hold on to this week's bulletin for any important reminders and information. Our bulletin is also available on our website.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for enthusiastic and caring volunteers to join our Liturgy of the Word with Children program and assist with Sacramental Preparation for our young parishioners. Whether you're a teacher, a parent, or simply someone with a passion for sharing the Good News, this is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a joyful and meaningful ministry. Please call the parish office or speak with Fr. Joel.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The Christian Life

Although Jesus is the Lord of peace, Jesus never promised us that the life of a Christian disciple would be easy or peaceful. In fact in the Gospel, Jesus tells us that he comes not to bring peace, but division, to set the world on fire. The division that Jesus talks about is that which comes from the people who reject the teachings of Jesus, and the way that the Gospel will divide people who accept and reject it.

Jesus was aware that those who would follow him would face opposition from people around them. Not everyone is keen to hear the message of the Gospel, and so there will be pushback as a result. This was happening for the entire history of Israel, as we see in the first reading that even the prophets were rejected and persecuted. We see in the first reading how certain men hated Jeremiah for his teachings and sought to put him to death. If the people rejected and persecuted the prophets, Jesus Christ, and all his disciples, then we too must be ready for similar treatment.

Despite the challenges, however, we can take heart in knowing that God does not abandon those who are his disciples and are persecuted for his sake. St Paul says in the second reading to consider how much opposition Jesus endured, and to keep our eyes fixed on him when we ourselves go through the same opposition. As we live a life of stewardship, let us ensure that we make time to go to the Lord in prayer to seek his help in our own struggles. If we aren't spending time with Christ in prayer, let us make an earnest effort to spend a few minutes each day with the Lord, asking for his strength to face all opposition.

Summary: Jesus never promised us that the life of a Christian disciple would be easy, but instead, he tells us that it will be difficult for the teachings of Christ is divisive, and hard for many to accept and believe. If the people persecuted Jesus and the prophets before him, how much more will the world persecute those who believe in Christ? Although the Christian life is not meant to be easy, let us take courage knowing that Christ has faced it all first, and will strengthen us when we face opposition ourselves.



CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN: SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE – weekend of Aug. 24th - items requested: 3 ringed binder paper, pencils, pens, markers, rulers & erasers, packing tape. **(NO binders, please)** These items may be brought to the church main entrance. For information call Frances at 905-579-0128.

BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS: Books of tickets are now available at all church doors. Every parishioner is urged to sign out at least one book in support of our Nov. 8th bazaar. Returns may be brought to the Religious Articles Room or may be placed in the collection basket in an **envelope marked "raffle tickets."**

PRAYERFUL VISITATION: the ladies of the CWL will be visiting home-bound members and parishioners to spread the word of God through prayer and the rosary - if you would like two ladies to visit your home for conversation and prayer, please contact Donna at 289-979-7701 or totalreflexhealth@gmail.com.



♪ JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR! ♪

We are looking for men and women with or without music experience to join our parish choir!

First Practice: Wednesday, September 10

Time: 7:15 PM – 9:00 PM

Entrance: Please use the south door, near the entrance to the church office. Your gift of time and presence will help lift our worship and inspire our parish family. All are welcome!!

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM

The Religious Articles Room is open after weekend Masses. *Taking a summer road trip?* Get a Saint Christopher Visor Clip. Many items are on clearance. All proceeds go to the Parish. For requests call Joey at (905) 576-3386 or (905) 439-9047 (cell)



VOCATION SEEDS

"...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..." If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy,

Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

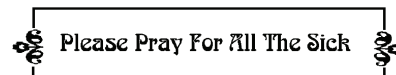


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2025 Report-To-Date (our Goal \$53,000.00)**

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Total: \$51,309.51



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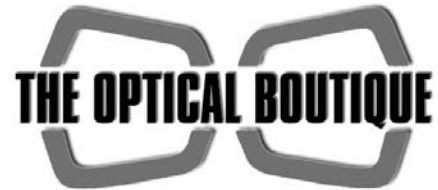
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