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# *St. Mary*

*of the people parish*

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## **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**

Fr. Joel Pabilona Jr - Pastor

## **RECTORY OFFICE**

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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. Dec. 6 5:00 + Elisabeth Sanders req by Sue & Vince Tremblay

Sun. Dec. 7 9:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**  
+ Maddalena & Eugenio De Carlo  
+ Vito Grazio Deligio  
+ Albin Francelj  
+ Joseph Radovic  
+ Enzo Tersigni  
+ Adelaide Tessier  
Souls in Purgatory

11:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

Tue. Dec. 9 8:30 + Donato Cappuccitti req by the family

Wed. Dec. 10 8:30 + Maria & Mark Rerecich req by Nerina Rerecich

Thur. Dec. 11 8:30 **Multiple Intention Mass**  
+ Antonio Santos  
+ Valentino Pulla  
+ Maria Karcich  
+ Connie & Bonnie Flontek  
+ Lorretta & Tom Hurst  
+ Maureen & Tony Walsh

Fri. Dec. 12 8:30 + Rev. Owen Steeves req by Fr. Christopher

Sat. Dec. 13 8:30 + Roberto Ufana Guerra req by family  
5:00 + Giuseppe & Divina Zicarelli req by family

Sun. Dec. 14 9:00 + Milica Mirko Cuvalo  
req by Jure Cuvalo & family

11:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**  
+ Amedeo Saccone  
+ Nicola Saccone  
+ Cecilia Timperley  
+ Justin Soln  
+ Maria Prudenza Defilippis  
+ Mentje Klumper  
+ Anthony Godfrey

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2025

**For Christians in areas of conflict.** *Let us pray* that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

#### ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS:

• **Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025** •

10:00am – 11:30am; 2:00pm – 4:00pm; 7:00pm – 8:00pm

• **Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025** •

6:00pm – 8:00pm

• **Friday, Dec. 19, 2025** •

6:00pm – 8:00pm

#### VOCATION SEEDS

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## *From the* **PASTOR'S DESK**

**Second Sunday of Advent:** John the Baptist takes on the role of preparing the time and space for God and the people to encounter one another. Like Isaiah, he calls his people to level the slopes, straighten the curves and smooth the roads of their lives so that they can encounter God's saving power among them. John invited people to experience what he had experienced: the freedom of knowing that God was about to do something great with them. In the words of Baruch, the people who went to John's baptism were symbolically removing their mourning clothes and outfitting themselves to take the road of transformation – of themselves and their history. The thing about genuine conversion or metanoia is that we can't plan it. It is God's offer in a particular moment of history – a grace of insight that shakes us up and turns us around. All we can do is be open to it. So let us gather the willing and accompany one another on the adventure God offers us with this new Advent of the year 2025. The time is right.

#### PARISH LIFE

**MAINTENANCE FUND:** Today we will have a second collection for Maintenance Fund. This collection is taken up once a month for the physical needs of our parish. *Thank you for your generous support!*

#### 2026 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE NOW

**AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP:** The 2026 box envelopes are now ready for pick-up in the church lobby. All boxes are labeled with each parishioner's name and address for easy access. For our **new parishioners**: once your registration is completed, your box of envelopes will be prepared and available for pick-up the following weekend. *Thank you to all our parishioners for your continued generosity and faithful support throughout the years. Your kindness sustains our parish community.*

**2026 CALENDARS:** The 2026 St. Mary's calendars and Catholic Cemeteries calendars will be available this weekend. Please take **one per household** so that everyone has the opportunity to receive a copy. Our ushers will distribute it on your way out.

**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. Please note that our Sick List will be refreshed on **January 1, 2026**. All names currently on the list will be removed at that time. If you would like to **add a name** or **keep a name on the list**, kindly contact the parish office - make sure you have that person's permission to add them to the list. *Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date as we continue to pray for those in need.*

**REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS:** Masses are often requested for a loved one who has recently died or on the anniversary of a death. Masses may also be offered for the intentions of a person about to undergo surgery, who is recuperating from an illness, or has some other special need, in thanksgiving for blessings, family, health and answer to prayers. *All Mass Intentions are announced and listed in Sunday bulletin.* A card will be provided indicating the date and time of the Mass. Those arranging for Mass intention are requested to make a donation of \$10 (for Multiple Mass) or \$20 (Single Mass) via cash or cheque. If you would like to offer a Mass Intention visit us at the parish office.



**CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Canadian Brewhouse (2710 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa) to reserve your spot, call Grand Knight Colum Wood at 289-240-0223

**GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm Mass followed by meeting in the parish hall.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> will be held in the parish boardroom on the north side of the Church at 10:30am until approximately 11:30am.

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

**REJOICE! St. Michael Choir School Christmas Concert**  
**Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 7:00pm**

This is year's Christmas concert, REJOICE! Jubilee Celebration – 60 Years at Massey Hall marks a sacred milestone in the life of St. Michael's Choir School. As they celebrate six decades of music in this historic space, we embrace the spirit of the Jubilee Year of Hope and anticipate the birth of our Lord. Tickets are now available at [www.masseyhall.com](http://www.masseyhall.com). Please use promo code: **STARLIGHT**. For ticket information, please call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255.



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

**Wed., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

**7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)**

**Thurs., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

**9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)**

**Fri., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – No Mass**

**Wed., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Feast of the Holy Family**

**8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

**Thurs., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary**

**10:00 a.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)**

**ST. GERTRUDE'S & ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**NEW YEAR'S DINNER & DANCE**

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025 • St. Mary's Parish Hall**

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**For Tickets Call: Ian Francke 905-409-8367 or**

**Colum Wood 289-240-0223**



**VIRTUAL "EVENING OF REFLECTION AND RETREAT"** – on the next "CWL Web Wednesday" - December 10. Elizabeth and Deacon David Quail will focus on His Eminence Cardinal Leo's 2025 Pastoral Letter **"That Blessed Upper Room."** Members must register with Andrea Tijoe by December 9. [a\\_tijoe@yahoo.com](mailto:a_tijoe@yahoo.com)

**"FEED THE NEED" CHRISTMAS DRIVE** – **Sat. Dec. 20 and Sun. Dec. 21** – The following items may be left at the church main entrance: **Canned Protein** (tuna, salmon, peanut butter) **Fruits & Vegetables** (pasta sauce, canned veggies, fruit cocktail), **Breakfast Food** (hot/cold cereal, pancake mix, syrup.) **Cash donations are always welcome.** One dollar will provide 2 meals for the needy. For information, contact Frances at 905-579-1028.

**SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**

**Your contribution to ShareLife will be matched dollar-for-dollar!**

**NEW:** Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. As we approach the end of the year, your loving support is crucial, as ShareLife-funded agencies strive to bring hope and relief to those facing their most challenging times. Jesus speaks to us through our brothers and sisters in need (cf. Mt 25:31-45). In every gift we give to them, there is a reflection of God's love. Your sacrificial gift this Advent can provide essential support and comfort to those in desperate need, showing them that they are not alone during trying times.

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM IS OPEN AFTER WEEKEND MASSES**

New Christmas Cards are Available. Enclose a prayer card. Consider gifting a Christmas Ornaments, Crucifix, or Large Print Bible to a senior for Christmas. The **2026 St. Joseph Sunday Missals** are now available at a cost of \$5.00 each. Call Joey at (905) 576-3386 or (905) 439-9047 (cell) for inquiries.



**St. Leo the Great Catholic Church – Christmas Concert: Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> starts at 7:00pm; Admission: Freewill Offering**

**Holy Family Parish, Whitby** – will have the Marriage Preparation Course for 2 weekends on: Registration deadline: Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

Fri. Jan. 16, 2026: 7pm – 9pm & Sat. Jan. 17, 2026: 9am – 12pm

Fri. Jan. 23, 2026: 7pm – 9pm & Sat. Jan. 24, 2026: 9am – 12pm



**For the Sick in the Community:**

Anne Scholtes

Mark Lyons

Alda Power

Kim St. John

John Margach

Ryan Steh

**For the Recently Deceased:**

Maria Karcich

Maria Memma

Iris Grace

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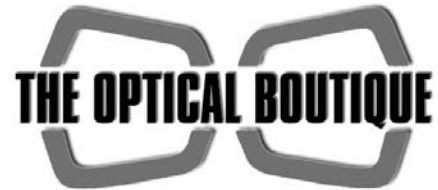


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