
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

Fr. Joel Pabilona Jr - 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

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. 13 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
 + Meintje Klumper
 + Anthony Godfrey
 Tue. Dec. 16 8:30 + Donato Cappuccitti req by the family
 7:00 (Int) Phil Lesley & Don Potter
 Wed. Dec. 17 8:30 + John & Adriano Rerecich req by Nerina Rerecich
 Thur. Dec. 18 8:30 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Antonio & Elvira Ciardullo
 + Mary Buzny
 + Maria Karcich
 + Annie & Terry Williams
 + Theresa Sherwood
 Souls in Purgatory
 Fri. Dec. 19 8:30 + Maria Karcich req by Ivanka Francelj
 Sat. Dec. 20 8:30 + John McGurk req by Maureen & David Webster
 5:00 + Paul Collins req by Collins family
 Sun. Dec. 21 9:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Ivan John Viscovic
 + Giuseppe & Angela Scanga
 + Michael Sirrizzotti
 + Domenico Citano
 + Armando & Ida Occhiuzzi
 + Giuseppe & Santina Palmieri
 + Filomena Leal
 11:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025. You can view the videos at <https://www.cccb.ca/>

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

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.

From the **PASTOR'S DESK**

Third Sunday of Advent: Good news, Christian stewards — on this Gaudete (“Rejoice”) Sunday, we pause on our Advent climb to celebrate the Good News that Christ will come again in triumph. Today’s readings remind us of God’s final victory over suffering and urge us to stay faithful as disciples.

This promise can feel distant when we look at the troubles in our world, but faith reminds us it will come. St. James encourages us: **“Be patient... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain about one another.”**

This is wise counsel for the stressful days before Christmas. We can choose how we respond to life’s pressures — by being good stewards of our attitude, practicing patience, and resisting the urge to complain.

No matter our circumstances, we can choose to see and rejoice in God’s presence among us..

PARISH LIFE

BAPTISM SUNDAY: This Sunday, we rejoice as **GABRIEL MAGHANOY**, son of Gerard and Mary Angelica, will be initiated into the Catholic faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us keep Gabriel, his family and godparents in our prayers.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, LECTORS & USHERS:

The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for those who wish to read and assist with the communion at the Masses during the holidays, Please sign up.

2026 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE CHURCH LOBBY:

All boxes are labeled with each parishioner’s name and address for easy access.

2026 CALENDARS: The 2026 St. Mary’s calendars and Catholic Cemeteries calendars are now available for pick up in the parish office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CLOSING MASS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR – PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Sunday, December 28th

YEAR-END DONATIONS REMINDER: As we approach the end of the year, we kindly remind all parishioners that **to have your contributions included on your 2025 income tax donation receipt, all 2025 donations must be received by December 31, 2025.** *Thank you to all our parishioners for your continued generosity and faithful support throughout the years.*

STAY CONNECTED: Stay up to date with everything happening in our parish community and across the Diocese of Toronto! Please visit our parish website regularly for news, events, and updates. You can also find helpful resources—including **current employment opportunities**—posted on the site. We encourage everyone to stay informed!

VOCATION SEEDS

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



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

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

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus warmly invite all men of our parish to consider joining this proud brotherhood of faith, service, and fellowship. Becoming a Knight is a wonderful way to grow spiritually, support our parish, and make a meaningful difference in our community. If you've ever felt called to serve, to lead, or to connect with other Catholic men, this is your opportunity! **If you have any questions, our Knights are available in the church lobby, stop by and have a chat!** You may also contact our Grand Knight, **Mr. Colum Wood**, at **289-404-8952**.

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



"FEED THE NEED" CHRISTMAS DRIVE – next weekend –

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.

DONATIONS FROM RAFFLE: Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets this year and to all our ticket sellers. These Ontario organizations received the following donations from our Bazaar Raffle:

Catholic Family Services:	\$200.00
Rose of Durham:	\$500.00
The Denise House:	\$300.00
Pinewood Addiction Services:	\$300.00
Rosalie Hall (Toronto):	\$250.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$500.00
St. Vincent's Kitchen:	\$500.00
Sunrise Development Support Services:	\$300.00

**ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN
UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2026**

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4 p.m. EST

Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd,
Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called

to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

Make your gift to ShareLife

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. The ShareLife Parish Campaign brings our Catholic faith and Gospel values to life, uniting us as a strong and compassionate Catholic community. With your loving support, ShareLife-funded agencies are helping the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Thank you for living the Gospel this Christmas by providing for those in need.



For the Sick in the Community:

Anne Scholtes	Mark Lyons	Alda Power
Kim St. John	John Margach	Ryan Steh
Patrick Galucci		

For the Recently Deceased:

Maria Karcich	Maria Memma	Iris Grace
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**CHRISTMAS
& NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – Wed., Dec. 24

- 7:00 pm & 11:00 pm (No 8:30 am Mass)
- Choir will sing Christmas Carols at 10:20 pm

Christmas Day – Thurs., Dec. 25

- 9:00 am & 11:00 am (No 8:30 am Mass)

Friday, Dec. 26 - No 8:30 am Mass

Saturday, Dec. 27 – Wednesday, Dec. 31 - Regular Schedule

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Wed., Dec. 31

- 5:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026

- 10:00 am (No 8:30 am Mass)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Dec. 24th Close at noon

Thursday, Dec. 25th Closed

Friday, Dec. 26th Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 31st Close at noon

Thursday, Jan. 1st 2026 Closed



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

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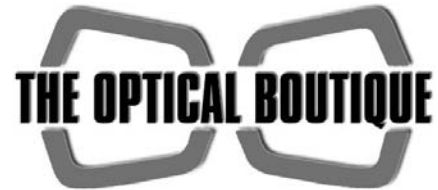


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