

St. Mary *of the people parish*

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PASTOR: Fr. Joel Pabilona Jr - Pastor

ADVENT



Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat. Dec. 20 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
 Tue. Dec. 23 8:30 + Leo Doyle req by Anne Doyle
 Wed. Dec. 24 7:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 11:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 Thur. Dec. 25 9:00 + Cosmo Barrese req by Barrese family
 11:00 + Enzo Tersigni req by the family
 Fri. Dec. 26 8:30 **No mass**
 Sat. Dec. 27 8:30 + Bruno Bertolo req by Linda Bertolo
 5:00 + Violet Bakalar req by Joseph & family
 Sun. Dec. 28 9:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 11:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Lucia Saccone
 + John Gallo
 + Joe & Lina Miniaci
 + Antonio Paolozza
 + Enzo Tersigni
 + Owen Baker
 + Bridie Fox

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)

VOCATION SEEDS

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? 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



Fourth Sunday of Advent: As Advent ends and Christmas draws near, today's readings highlight the Father's passionate love for us — a love shown fully in the gift of His Son. Our only fitting response is to offer our own lives in return, living as grateful stewards.

The Gospel gives us a powerful model in St. Joseph. Though silent in Scripture, he is always listening to God and obedient to the Spirit. He prepared the place where Jesus was born, protected Mary and the Child, and set aside his own plans to care for them with strength and tenderness. His actions show a life completely offered as a gift.

Let us follow St. Joseph's example, giving ourselves in loving service to others in gratitude to God, who has given us everything — especially His Son, Jesus Christ.

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As we gather in the glow of Christmas, we remember the heart of the season: God's greatest gift — His Son, Jesus Christ. In Him we see perfect generosity and love.

Stewardship means living with open hands, knowing everything we have is God's gift. Like the shepherds who shared the news and the magi who offered their treasures, we are called to give our time, talents, and resources with grateful hearts.

This Christmas, let our giving flow from joy, not obligation — every act of kindness reflects Christ Himself.

May we carry the spirit of Christmas into every day, living as faithful stewards of God's blessings.

A blessed Christmas and grace-filled New Year to you!

Fr. Joel B. Pabilona, Jr.

PARISH LIFE

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATION: As we prepare our church beautifully for Christmas, we invite you to place your donation envelope for Christmas flowers in the first collection, along with your regular weekly offering.

PARISH OFFICE HOLY DAYS HOURS:

Wednesday, Dec. 24 th	Close at noon
Thursday, Dec. 25 th	Closed
Friday, Dec. 26 th	Closed
Wednesday, Dec. 31 st	Close at noon
Thursday, Jan. 1 st 2026	Closed

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CHURCH TV MINISTRY

Do you have basic tech skills and a willing heart to serve? We are looking for **tech-savvy volunteers** to help operate our church TVs during Mass and special liturgies. Training will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to use your gifts to support our worship and enhance the parish experience.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Thank you for considering this ministry!



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.

The Knight of Columbus wishes you a Blessed Christmas and Happy, Holy New Year!

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

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CARDINAL LEO'S INVITATION TO SOLEMN CLOSING MASS OF JUBILEE YEAR

"...As you know, we will soon reach the conclusion of the Holy Year for the Catholic Church worldwide. This tradition dates back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, also referred to as a "Holy Year".

Last December, we officially launched the Year of Jubilee in our archdiocese. I also had the opportunity, along with our Auxiliary Bishops to celebrate the Jubilee through regional celebrations at parishes identified as special Jubilee pilgrimage churches. I sincerely thank these parishes for welcoming pilgrims throughout the Holy Year, serving as places of prayer, welcome, reflection, and reconciliation.

I wish to extend a warm invitation to the faithful of the archdiocese to join with me for the closing Mass for the Holy Year of Jubilee on **Sunday 28 December 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.**

All are most welcome."

You can read Cardinal Leo's full message on our website.



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.



JANUARY GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday, Jan. 6 in the parish hall following Mass at 7 o'clock. The Budget for 2026 will be presented. Elections for the 2026-2028 St. Mary of the People Executive Council will be held. All members are urged to attend.

St. Mary's CWL executive wishes you a Blessed Christmas season and a Happy, Holy New Year

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.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebration, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. **The Mass will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026.**

All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026.

Please register for reserved seating at www.archtoronto.org/marriage
Other seating is on first-come, first-served basis.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

Amplify your love through 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. Right now, there's a mother wondering how she'll feed her child, a senior hoping someone will remember them, a family praying for a way forward. Your support for ShareLife and the Food Security Grants is not only a source of hope but a tangible lifeline, ensuring that food finds its way to the tables of those who need it most. Your Christmas gift will go twice as far, providing twice the hope, twice the comfort, and twice the love to those who are counting on your support. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a 2025 tax receipt.



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