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PASTOR: Fr. Joel Pabilona Jr - Pastor



Feast of the Holy Family

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat. Dec. 27 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
 Tue. Dec. 30 8:30 + Enzo Tersigni req by Maria Cassano & family
 Wed. Dec. 31 8:30 + Maria Karcich req by Antoinetta Orecchio
 5:00 + Ian Webster req by Maureen & David Webster
 Thur. Jan. 1 10:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 Fri. Jan. 2 8:30 (Int) John & Carol Lamont req by Maureen & David Webster
 Sat. Jan. 3 8:30 Deceased members of Winkel family
 5:00 **Multiple Intention Mass**
 + Maria Karcich
 + Mario Paluzzi
 (Int) Janice Copeman
 (Int) Maria Vivian Trinidad
 (Int) Anne Doyle
 (Int) Lena Griffin
 Sun. Jan. 4 9:00 All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 11:00 (Int) Jeanne Gauvin

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

"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.



COMMUNICATION FROM CARDINAL LEO & CCCB RE BILL C-9 – RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

"I encourage you to read the CCCB Permanent Council's letter in full and to stay informed about the discussions surrounding Bill C-9. I also ask that you join me in praying that our elected officials will work collaboratively with religious communities and legal experts to ensure that efforts to curb hatred do not unintentionally undermine the constitutional freedoms that allow people of all faiths to flourish in our country.

I am sharing this letter and the communication from the Permanent Council of the CCCB with every elected Member of Parliament in the Archdiocese of Toronto so that they are aware of our deep concerns. You are also encouraged to respectfully contact your own Member of Parliament (MP)."

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From the **PASTOR'S DESK**

Feast of the Holy Family: As we continue the Christmas season, the Feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the gift and calling of family life. The family is our "domestic church," where faith takes root and where true hospitality begins.

Hospitality matters because our homes should be places of love, welcome, and peace. Even though no family is perfect, we must intentionally create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued.

Sirach highlights the blessings that flow from respect — children honoring parents, and adult children caring for them with tenderness. St. Paul urges us to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. These simple, daily choices create a loving home and prepare us to extend hospitality to others.

The Holy Family faced hardship too, yet Mary and Joseph trusted God and stayed faithful. They remain strong intercessors for our families today.

May we renew our commitment to making our homes places of love, patience, and forgiveness. Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

PARISH LIFE

BAPTISM SUNDAY: This Sunday, we rejoice as **AREIA SYDNEY DELAS ALAS**, daughter of Clyde John & Katrina, will be initiated into the Catholic faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us keep Areia Sydney, her family and godparents in our prayers.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: As we conclude our Christmas Liturgies celebration, we extend our HUGE thank you to all our *awesome volunteers* who so generously shared their time and talents. Your commitment and faithful service made our liturgies prayerful, welcoming, and truly meaningful. We are deeply grateful for all that you do for our parish community. May God bless you for your generosity and service throughout the year.

IN APPRECIATION: With grateful hearts, we thank the **Catholic Women's League (CWL)** for their generous donation of \$2,000, and the **Religious Articles Room** for their donation of \$1,000, both received on **December 7th**. These generous gifts are a true blessing to our parish and a beautiful reflection of faith, stewardship, and love for our church community. We are deeply thankful for your continued support and generosity. May God bless you abundantly.

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!

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday, Dec. 31st – 8:00am to 12noon

Thursday, Jan. 1st – Closed

Praying for God's continued blessings upon you all in this coming new year!



**Knights of
Columbus**

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. 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**.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7:00pm

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7:00 pm Mass followed by meeting in the parish hall.

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

**ST. GERTRUDE'S & ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF
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NEW YEAR'S DINNER & DANCE

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

\$70 per person

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SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

ShareLife will match your gift!

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 vulnerable members of our parish community are facing leaving loneliness, hunger, and uncertainty this season. Your year-end gift to ShareLife enables those in need to receive support through 40+ ShareLife-funded agencies. Because of you, hope can live beyond Christmas and into the new year. There's still time to double your impact. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a 2025 tax receipt. Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel!

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.

**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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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.

VOCATION SEEDS

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. 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



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February 28, 2026, cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm.

Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax, ON Tickets are \$125 each. Visit <https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2026> to purchase your tickets today!

If you are unable to attend in person, this site gives you access to our 50/50 draw, online auction, and exciting raffles!

To donate items, or if you are unable to purchase your tickets online, please contact Tania McClean, 905-725-3513 x 121 or info@cfsdurham.com



LET US PRAY

For the Sick in the Community:

Anne Scholtes	Mark Lyons	Alda Power
Kim St. John	John Margach	Ryan Steh
Giovanni Palumbo		

For the Recently Deceased: Maria Memma

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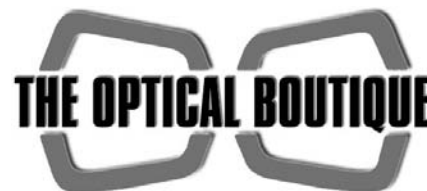
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