

# St. Mary

*of the people parish*

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Joel Pabilona Jr - Pastor

May the  
Spirit of God  
Lead You Through  
the New Year



## Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat. Jan. 3 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

Tue. Jan. 6 8:30 + Jack Dalby req by Marion Dalby & family  
7:00 Living & Deceased members of CWL especially  
Maria Karcich

Wed. Jan. 7 8:30 + Enzo Tersigni req by Silvana Tersigni

Thur. Jan. 8 8:30 **Multiple Intention Mass**

- (Int) Kathy Kirk
- + Vito Grazio Deligio
- + Albin Francelj
- Souls in Purgatory
- (Int) Samuel Webster
- (Int) Vi Burns

Fri. Jan. 9 8:30 (Int) Dulce & Doug Yaeger req by Linda Bertolo

Sat. Jan. 10 8:30 (Int) Paul & Terry Webster req by Maureen & David Webster

Sun. Jan. 11 9:00 + Domenic Citano req by the family

11:00 **Multiple Mass Intention**

- + Joseph Lynch
- + Enzo Tersigni
- + Valentino Pulla
- + Vincenzo & Luciana Bianco
- + Frank Costantini
- + Lucia Saccone
- Souls in Purgatory

### THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026

#### For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

#### VOCATION SEEDS

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? 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)

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

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

As we continue the Christmas season, we celebrate the Epiphany — the manifestation of Christ to the world. The magi offer us a rich lesson in Christian stewardship. They were attentive to God’s signs: “*We have seen the star at its rising.*” Good stewards, too, watch for God’s presence and respond with gratitude. Seeing the star filled them with deep joy — not worldly happiness, but the lasting joy that comes from God alone.

When they found the Child, they humbled themselves in worship and offered their gifts. In the same spirit, we give generously as an act of love toward our infinitely generous God.

On this feast, may we rejoice in all the ways God reveals Himself to us, and remain ready to share our gifts with gratitude in the year ahead.

### PARISH LIFE

**FR. JOEL PABILONA'S UPCOMING TRAVEL:** Fr. Joel will be travelling to the Philippines from **January 5 to February 5**. Let us keep him in our prayers for **safe travels, a restful vacation, and a joyful time with family and friends**. During his absence, we are truly blessed to have **Fr. David Bollo, Fr. Christopher Reynolds, and Fr. Jim Huth** celebrating our Masses. We are very grateful for their willingness to be with us and serve our parish community.

Please join us in praying for all our priests, and may God continue to bless them in their ministry to us.

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION:** This weekend, we will be taking up our **Building Fund collection**. Your generous support will help alleviate the expenses of our ongoing and upcoming parish projects, allowing us to care for and improve our parish facilities for the benefit of our entire community.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 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!

**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. 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.

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION:

**Attention parents** of our Confirmation candidates: due to the Grade 8 retreat day, the **Confirmation preparation session scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled**. Instead, the session will be **moved to January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of your child's sacramental journey.



**Knights of Columbus**

**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>

**FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2026**

(November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026)

**Theme:** “The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>.

Entries can be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

For further information, please contact

[ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527.

**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.

**MEN SILENT RETREAT:**

**January 23 – 25, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.**

Men Ignatian Retreat: As people of faith, we journey together as pilgrims—rooted in God’s faithfulness, strengthened by hope, and called to witness in love. This year’s theme, “Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future,” invites us to reflect on where we have come from, where God is leading us, and how we are called to live today. Through three moments of reflection, we will: Remember the Past: Celebrating God’s enduring faithfulness throughout history. Walk in Hope: Entrusting our future into God’s hands with courage and confidence. Live the Present: Bearing witness through love, compassion, and service in our world today. Come and journey with us as we discover anew what it means to be pilgrims of hope—grateful for the past, trusting for the future, and faithful in the present.

**This SILENT retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch.** The suggested offering is \$270 per person which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. Facilitated by: Fr. Dexter Gray, SJ

**REGISTER:** Via email at [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com), online at <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864.



**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.



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**HEART TO HEART GALA**

Join us as we celebrate our 21st Heart to Heart Gala for CFSD!

**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](mailto:info@cfsdurham.com)

**PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL**

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;  
be our protection against the wickedness  
and the snares of the devil.*

*May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl  
about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*



**LET US PRAY**

**For the Sick in the Community:**

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