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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 INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Francis de Sales**

5:00 p.m. + Rosa & Giuseppe Stano  
+ Peter Klasan  
(Int) Janice Copeman  
(Int) Anne Doyle  
(Int) Janice Galbraith  
(Int) Fr. Joel Pabilona  
(Int) Anonymous parishioner

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People  
11:00 a.m. + Domenic Rocchio req by the family

**Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Angela Merici**

8:30 a.m. + Ernesto Caoe req by Alex & Ehvie

**Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Thomas Aquinas**

8:30 a.m. (I) James Lesley req by Linda Bertolo

**Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. **Multiple Intention Mass**  
(Int) Debbie Tarbotton  
(Int) Jean O'Donnell  
(Int) Janice Copeman  
(Int) Maureen & David Webster  
(Int) Patrick & Barbara Treacy  
Mother of Perpetual Help

**Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. + Brian Breen req by Ken Breen

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – St. John Bosco**

8:30 a.m. (Int) Janice Copeman req by Fr. Christopher  
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. + Jack & Lorna Finley req by the family  
11:00 a.m. **Multiple Intention Mass**  
Holy Family  
(Int) Ken & Laurette Cavanagh  
+ Americo & Filomena Sirizzotti  
+ Jeannette Pellerin  
+ Maria Karcich

## LET US PRAY

**For all the those who are sick in our parish community.**

**For the Recently Deceased:**

Jeannette Pellerin Lisa MacLean Domenic Lorusso

## RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM IS OPEN AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

Items suitable for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation gifts are available. New stock items can be ordered. New revised St. Joseph Bibles can be ordered. Call Joey at (905) 576-3386 or (905) 439-9047 (cell) for request.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's readings emphasize that **stewardship is our identity**, not just an activity. By virtue of our Baptism, we have been called out of darkness into the light of God's grace, becoming cherished members of His family.

This privilege carries a responsibility to live for God and share His Good News everywhere—from our homes to our workplaces. The Gospel highlights the **urgency** of this call:

- **Prompt Response:** Just as the first disciples left their nets "at once," we are called to say "yes" to Jesus without hesitation.
- **Priority:** True stewardship means putting the Lord's will first and turning away from selfishness.

Ultimately, being a steward means being a constant reflection of Christ's light. It is the essence of who we are as His disciples.

## PARISH LIFE

**TAX RECEIPTS:** As in the past years, we will have the diocese mail out the tax receipts. If your mailing address has been changed, it is important that you contact the parish office right away so that the necessary changes can be made.

**CALLING ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** As we prepare our hearts and parish for the upcoming **Lenten season** (*yes ~ Lent really is arriving early this year!*), we ask all **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers** to kindly check your Mass schedules. A **sign-up sheet for Lenten services** will be available soon—thank you for your continued commitment and the joy you bring to our celebrations. Together, we journey through a blessed season of renewal!

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION UPDATE:

#### For **FIRST COMMUNION**:

**Session #5** – Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in the hall  
**First Reconciliation** – Thursday, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church

**Session #6** – Sunday, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in the hall  
**First Communion Celebration** – Saturday, Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

#### For **CONFIRMATION**:

**Session #5** – Thursday, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the hall  
**Session #6** – Thursday, Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the hall (*deadline to submit all the requirements*)

**Retreat Day** – Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the hall  
**Practice** – Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the church  
**Confirmation Celebration** – Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR HIGH SCHOOL OR CONFIRMATION:

For all students in need of community service hours, we have various opportunities for you. If you are interested, kindly call or email the parish office.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG):** Please consider supporting the parish through pre-authorized giving. It's a simple and convenient way to support your parish even when you're away. Forms are available at the church lobby.



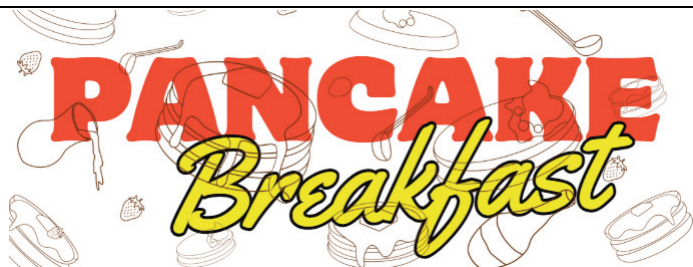
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$65.00 per person

For ticket see a Knight at the church lobby or call the parish office

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



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

After the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Ticket Prices:** age 11 and up \$10.00;

age 2 to 10 \$5.00; under 2 Free

Tickets on sale beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>. We encourage everyone to purchase tickets ahead of time.

Hosted by our Knights of Columbus and CWL

**FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR**

**Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

**3 WAYS TO REGISTER:**

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this registration link:  
<https://qrco.de/WedFeb7>
3. send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar February 7" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in the hall.

**TORONTO DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT DAY:** Sat. Feb. 21 from 8:30 till 3 p.m. at St. Roch Parish in Toronto. Open to all members. Cost: \$20.00. If interested contact Ann Marie at 905-579-0897 or [awhitney382@gmail.com](mailto:awhitney382@gmail.com) **before Feb. 10.**

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, **Bishop John Boissonneau** will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating **25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 60+** wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. **Reserved seating** is available for couples celebrating a **25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+** anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

**THE GOSPEL OF MARK PERFORMANCE**

**Sunday, February 8, 2026: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd. The Gospel of Mark is the oldest written biblical gospel. This amazing story is told with modern language, but in its original form. Tom Bates, a professional actor, presents the gospel in "a simple, yet elegant performance, a strong piece of theatre." (Stephen Near, Hamilton City Magazine) All monies collected will go towards the building of Gloria Christi Regis Centre in the Philippines, a home for abandoned and abused children operated by the Sisters of the Poor of St Catherine of Siena.

**REGISTER:** Mike Hyland -

[gospelofmarkfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:gospelofmarkfundraiser@gmail.com)

Suggested Offering: \$50.00 (Includes reception following the performance)

**2026 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY – MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**Metro Toronto Convention Center**

Our theme this year is No Greater Love, drawing from John 15:13 "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for on one's friends." Join our powerful lineup of speakers for a day of encouragement, encounter, and empowerment. Tickets are on sale now at [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca). All are welcome!

**VOCATION SEEDS**

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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)

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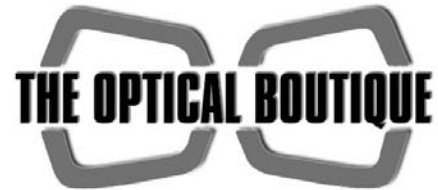
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