
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

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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, February 14th

5:00 p.m. **Multiple Intention Mass**

- + Jim & Allan Hanlon
- + Jeannette Pellerin
- + Andre Laviolette
- (Int) Scarff family
- (Int) Paul Power
- (Int) Douglas Francis & family
- All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 15th – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. All parishioners of St. Mary of the People

11:00 a.m. + Domenico Rocchio req by the family

Tuesday, February 17th

8:30 a.m. + Anne Scholtes req by Marie Freeman

7:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, February 18th – Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. (Int) Ginny Dolighan req by Anne Doyle

10:00 a.m. School Mass

7:00 p.m. + Ernesto Caoc req by Gladys, John & Xyryl Brown

Thursday, February 19th

8:30 a.m. **Multiple Intention Mass**

- + Josephine & Anthony Joseph
- + Frank Zochodne

Friday, February 20th

8:30 a.m. + Lucia, Vincenzo & Mario Romano
req by Rita Romano

7:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

Saturday, February 21st – St. Peter Damian

8:30 a.m. + Antonio & Giuseppe Pellegrino
req by Gilda Deligio

5:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

Sunday, February 22nd – 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. + Valentino Pulla req by Carol Pulla

11:00 a.m. **Multiple Intention Mass**

- + Bruno Bertolo
- + Antonio Romano
- + Amedeo Saccone
- + Ambrose & Margaret Francis
- + Rodolfo Ople Sr.
- + Alfredo, Virgilia & Hermogina Sugarol
- Souls in Purgatory

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's readings invite us to look honestly at our hearts and how we live stewardship. Is it something we do once a year by filling out a card, or is it a way of life that draws us closer to Christ each day?

The Book of Sirach reminds us that God gives us a real choice: "Before man are life and death, good and evil." Stewardship helps us choose God daily, not just through outward actions, but through a changed heart.

In the Gospel, Jesus goes beyond external obedience and calls for inner conversion. Stewardship, then, is seeing everything as a gift from God, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

This week, let us ask if stewardship truly shapes how we live. The choice is ours.

SEASON OF LENT

As we begin the holy season of Lent, we are invited to turn our hearts more fully to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This is a time of renewal—a call to deepen our faith, embrace repentance, and walk more closely with Christ on His journey to the Cross. Let us enter this sacred season with open hearts, seeking God's mercy and preparing to celebrate the joy of Easter.

REGULATION CONCERNING FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Privileged forms of penance are asked on the teaching of the Gospels (*fasting, almsgiving, prayer, works of mercy*) or because of their traditional value among the people of God (*abstinence from meat*).

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and the save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential disciple intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are the *only two days* in Canada of obligatory fast and abstinence. The universal law of the Church indicates that Friday should be a day of penance. In Canada the Bishops have legislated that Catholics may substitute abstinence with another act of charity, piety or penance such as special prayers for another or an action of service. The choice is left to each Catholic to determine honestly according to his/her conscience. There is no substitute indicated for the regulation to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age.

PARISH LIFE

FAMILY DAY: The parish office will be closed for Family Day on Monday, February 16th. Regular schedule resumes on Tuesday, February 17th.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (School Mass), and 7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please join us every Friday beginning February 20th for Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross. Come and walk with the Lord on His journey to Calvary as we reflect, pray, and prepare our hearts during this sacred season. All are welcome.

LET US PRAY

For all the those who are sick in our parish community:
Terence Floyd Lucio & Carmen Flores

For the Recently Deceased:



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, Feb. 17th, Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by meeting in the hall



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

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

Tickets are \$65.

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

VOCATION SEEDS

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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

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.

LENTE MESSAGE 2026

HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO

“May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts. As we enter into the holy season of Lent, I would like to share some words of spiritual nourishment and encouragement. Each year, while Ash Wednesday emphasizes repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, on the First Sunday of Lent especially, we are invited to pursue our journey of faith into the desert with Christ. However, it is not a solitary journey, nor are the three Lenten practices purely a “private affair”. Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition teaches us that God never saves individuals in isolation, rather, he gathers a people to himself (cf. Lumen Gentium, 9). Recently, the universal Church has reflected on the meaning of synodality and emphasized the ecclesial and social togetherness of our journey together to God, thus recalling the importance of the community in the salvific plan of God (cf. CCC 781). With this in mind, I would ask us to consider how Lent is not only about our personal conversion but also the healing and renewal of our relationship with God and one another. We would do well to ask ourselves: how do we live Lent together?”

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



CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

LENTE SOUP NIGHT: Tuesday, March 3 – Each year at the General Meeting held in Lent we invite all members of our council & all other ladies of the parish to join us for home-made soup. Anyone interested in making soup, please call Francis at 905-579-0128. It is not necessary to make soup in order to attend.

LENTE DAY OF RETREAT

When: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm Lunch will be served

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

For more information please contact: office@qoa.ca or 905-278-5229

COME & SEE – DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

February 27 – March 1 St. Augustine’s Seminary

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Discernment Retreat for Men 18 years and older. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee, for more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

HEART TO HEART GALA

February 28, 2026 Deer Creek in Ajax

Join us for an elegant evening including 3-course dinner with wine, DJ-dance, live auction, and the ever-popular balloon prizes and Heads or Tails game! Tickets are \$125 each. Visit <https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2026> to purchase your tickets today! Please contact Tania McClean 905-725-3513 x 121



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TRAINING

The annual archdiocesan formation and training for bereavement ministry will be offered online on **Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2026, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** This program is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass final assessment. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/BMT-Register2026> by February 23, 2026.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org or 437-900-4287



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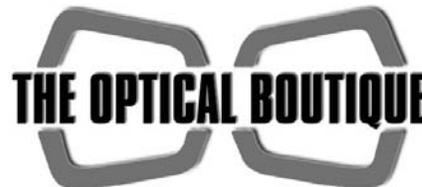
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