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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, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 &amp; Margaret Francis

+ Rodolfo Ople Sr.

+ Alfredo, Virgilia &amp; Hermogina Sugarol

Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**8:30 a.m. + Marianna, Giovanni & Vincenzo Corvinelli  
req by Anna Pulla**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. + Joseph Staresinic req by Barbara Staresinic

7:00 p.m. (Int) Dylan Varona req by Fr. Christopher

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. (Int) Lou Suszek req by Maureen &amp; David Webster

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent****9:00 a.m. Multiple Intention Mass**

+ Ana Zanoskar

+ Marica &amp; Dragutin Kralj

+ Maria, Ana &amp; Isidor Pintaric

+ Guerino, Pasqualina &amp; Mario Scanga

+ Diane Foote

11:00 a.m. All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People

**LET US PRAY** **For all the those who are sick in our parish community:**

Terence Floyd Lucio &amp; Carmen Flores

**For the Recently Deceased:**

Carmelita Ring Annie Novak Oriana Pettorossi

**LENT: A SEASON OF RENEWAL**

Many Lenten resources can be found online including:  
 “Journey Through Lent” video series (Canadian Conference of  
 Catholic Bishops) visit: [cceb.ca](http://cceb.ca)

**LENTEN REFLECTION WITH SACRED ART****Wednesday, February 25 • 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom****Presenter: Les Miller, author of Northern Lights**

Register for this free online event:

<http://bit.ly/LRSA-RegisterFeb2026>or contact [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org)**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

As we begin Lent, the Church invites us into 40 days of renewal — not just to give something up, but to make room for God. For Christian stewards, this season calls us to reflect on how we use the time entrusted to us.

In Genesis, Adam and Eve turn away from God and allow doubt to replace trust. Their harmony is broken — a temptation we still face when our lives become crowded with distractions and self-reliance.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us another way. In the desert, He gives time to prayer and Scripture and places His full trust in the Father. By doing so, He resists temptation and remains faithful.

Lent invites us to follow His example. When we intentionally make space for prayer, silence, and reflection, our trust in God grows. Placing Him at the center of our time allows stewardship to become a way of life and prepares our hearts for the joy of Easter.

**PARISH LIFE**

**BAPTISM SUNDAY:** This Sunday, we rejoice as **JOSHUA VINCENT TANAKA**, son of Masaaki and Kayla Tanaka, will be initiated into the Catholic faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us keep Joshua, his family and godparents in our prayers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Please join us **every Friday 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.

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION:** Next 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.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Students registered for First Communion will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in our parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

**SPRING FORWARD:** **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** remember that clocks will “spring forward” one hour for Daylight Saving Time.

**LOST & FOUND:** Is your favourite hat, sun glasses or lone left glove missing? Check the parish lost and found before it embarks on a new adventure! After one month, all unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

**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. Call the parish office to add or remove a name but please make sure you have that person's permission to add them on the list.



**EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

**GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by meeting in the hall.

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

### **INSIGHTS & ENCOUNTERS PODCAST**

#### **Voices of Faith: Conversations on Prayer & Spirituality**

Catholic Charities' first completed podcast series for 2026 is out! The Insights and Encounters podcast continues with its latest series, Voices of Faith: Conversations on Prayer & Spirituality, sharing meaningful stories of faith lived out in real life. This series brings together diverse voices, each offering a unique perspective on walking with God. Through personal stories, reflection, and honest conversation, we invite listeners to listen deeply, grow in understanding, and be encouraged by the many ways faith finds expression in our world today.

Listen now: Insights and Encounters | Podcast on Spotify  
<https://www.spreaker.com/podcast/insights-and-encounters--607590>

### **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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee), for more information, please email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto: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

### **LENTEN 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](mailto:office@qoa.ca)  
or 905-278-5229

### **TEACHING SEDER**

A Teaching Seder is being organized for Christians to experience this Jewish ceremonial meal first-hand. This post-biblical tradition of a structured ritual meal tells the story of the Exodus through prayers, sacred readings, and ceremonial foods.

The themes of freedom, redemption, and God's saving grace create a profound experience for dialogue and fellowship between our faith communities.

**Register before Monday, March 9** to attend by clicking [bit.ly/3NIAscn](http://bit.ly/3NIAscn). For more information, please email [ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org) or call 437-529-1765.



## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in the hall.

**GENERAL MEETING & SOUP NIGHT** – Tuesday, March 3 after Mass at 6 o'clock. The Installation of the 2026 Executive will take place at the Mass. Following soup in the hall, Marla Labriola has been invited to speak about epilepsy. **We invite all members of our council & all other ladies of the parish to join us.**

Anyone interested in making soup, please call Frances at 905-579-0128.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – Friday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist in Whitby. One-hour service in the church followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish centre. A worldwide ecumenical event of prayer & fellowship. Everyone welcome.

### **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.

### **SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2026**

*This Lent, you are living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife*

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling—grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn—your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone. The **first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Our parish goal this year is \$65,000.**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FORMATION AND 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](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or 437-900-4287

### **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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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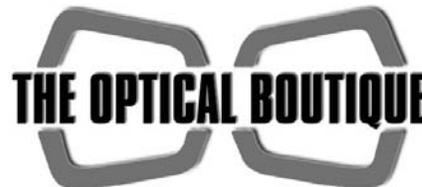
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