
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.

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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, March 21st

5:00 p.m. + Jeannette Pellerin req by Msgr. Philip Coffey
Friends

Sunday, March 22nd – 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. **Multiple Intention Mass**
+ Domenic Citano
+ Giuseppe & Angela Scanga
+ Jack Delgatto
+ Annie Novak
(Int) Domenico & Lina Pepe – 70th Anniversary
+ Armando & Ida Occhiuzzi

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

Tuesday, March 24th – St. Oscar Romero

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

Wednesday, March 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. + Agnes McColgan req by Maureen & David
Webster

Thursday, March 26th

8:30 a.m. **Multiple Intention Mass**
+ Enzo Tersigni
+ Mike Filipovic
+ Marino Rerecich
+ Nancy Nicholls
+ Cheryl Lynn MacLennan
+ Barbara & Michael Staesinic

Friday, March 27th

8:30 a.m. + Patrick Jamie Treacy req by Patrick & Barbara
Treacy

7:00 p.m. + Annie Novak req by Staesinic family

Saturday, March 28th

8:30 a.m. + Brian Breen req by Ken Breen
5:00 p.m. **Multiple Intention Mass**
+ Antonio Naccarato
+ Gabriel, Blandina, & Mary D'Souza
+ Luciano & Beatrice Pinto
+ Mr. & Mrs. Catherina D'Souza
+ Ana & Janko Radovic
+ Mario Santilli
(Int) Martha Pender

Sunday, March 29th – Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. All Parishioners of St. Mary of the People
11:00 a.m. (Int) Fred & Rose Larocque req by Whitney family

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

At this point in Lent, we may grow weary of our spiritual disciplines. Today's readings encourage us to remain faithful in gratitude to a God who loves us deeply.

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises: *"I will put my spirit in you that you may live."* God desires to dwell within us, but we must make room for Him by placing Him first in our lives.

St. Paul reminds us that we are called to live not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. The sacrifices of Lent are not meant to limit our joy but to lead us to true freedom.

As we approach the Passion of Christ, let us renew our Lenten commitments and invite the Holy Spirit to fill our lives more fully, so that at Easter we may rejoice in the new life God gives.

PARISH LIFE

RECENT BAPTISM: With joy and gratitude, we welcome **CARTER CALLUM PATRICK SALMON, STELLA ALICE VASSALLO,** and **AVEREIGN ANN TERZO** who were baptized on March 8th. This Sunday, we also rejoice as **PAUL DANIEL ZICCARELLI**, son of Sarah and Joseph, will be initiated into the catholic faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us keep these children and their families in our prayers as they begin their beautiful journey of faith.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION: Our **Easter Flower Collection** will take place today. This collection will be taken together with your regular offering.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEER: As we prepare for our Lenten events, we invite you to consider serving in our celebrations. The sign up sheet is now posted

LENTEN CONFESSION DATES & TIMES:

Wednesday, March 25th: 9:30 – 11:00am & 2:00 – 4:00pm

Thursday, March 26th: 2:00 – 4:00pm & 6:00 – 8:00pm

Friday, March 27th: 6:00 – 7:00pm



PASCHAL TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29th – Palm Sunday Mass

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2nd – Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Friday, April 3rd – The Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m. (This is the only Mass today)

Saturday, April 4th – Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 p.m. (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

LET US PRAY

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

For the Recently Deceased:

Agnes McColgan Giuseppe Posteraro

**HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION
TO SUPPORT BILL C-218**

Write your Member of Parliament Today!

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness – a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection – not death – to those who are suffering and most vulnerable.

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can email your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2026

ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years / ShareLife Sunday is this weekend

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special collections will be taking place this weekend on March 22. 2026 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife. Building on a legacy of charitable giving in the Archdiocese of Toronto that stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976—an appeal rooted in the belief that every life matters, at every stage. Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need—regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen.

Our parish goal this year is **\$65,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

APRIL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 7 - Mass at 7 o'clock followed by the "Red Sand Project" a Human Trafficking Awareness Event, outside the church. All parishioners are invited to take part. The meeting will follow in the parish hall.



Monday, April 20 at 7 o'clock in the parish hall. Progressive Euchre (optional), prizes & a light lunch. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10.00. Gifts for the Card Party may be left in the box at the Church entrance. Please don't leave cash or gift cards in the box. Contact Elsa at 905-728-2077.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION: Monday, April 27 & Tuesday, April 28 in Ajax – members wishing to register for the convention or to purchase tickets for the Tuesday evening banquet, contact Ann Marie at 905-579-0897. Deadline April 10.

**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.

VOCATION SEEDS

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? 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

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Please be advised that all winter wreaths will need to be removed on March 31, 2026. If you wish to keep your wreath, kindly arrange to collect it before this date. Also, we are unable to hold or store any wreaths after they have been removed.

CHRISM MASS LIVESTREAM AT ST. MARY'S

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Leo and his college of priests on **Tuesday, March 31st at 11:00 AM**. At the Chrism Mass, the Holy Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Infirm and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed for priests to take back to their parishes. We will livestream the Mass here and everyone is welcome.

**ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH – SACRED
JOURNEY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Romulo Delgado's **HOLY MARY** – Oratorio on the life of The Virgin Mary through the mystery of the Rosary.

When: Saturday, May 23, 2026 Time: 7:30pm

Where: 2210 Lawrence Ave. E, Scarborough

Visit: stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/holymary



Hosted by the **Russo Family** and **St. Mary's Knights of Columbus!** Join us on **Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 PM**. This special event is held in loving memory of Domenic Russo. All proceeds will support the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary of the People Parish.

Tickets: \$60 per person

Where to buy: Available in the church lobby after all weekend Masses or by calling the parish office during weekdays.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Congratulations to **Domenico & Lina Pepe** on the beautiful celebration of your **70th wedding anniversary!**

May God continue to bless you both with good health, joy, and many more cherished moments together.

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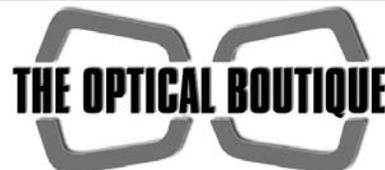
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