
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

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, March 28th

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

Tuesday, March 31st

8:30 a.m. + Antonio & Elvira Ciardullo

Wednesday, April 1st

8:30 a.m. + Annie Novak req by Domitrovic family

Thursday, April 2nd – **Holy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3rd – **Good Friday**

3:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 4th – **Holy Saturday**

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5th – **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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

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 & Carmen Flores Sue Tremblay
 Catherine Wood

For the Recently Deceased:

Agnes McColgan Giuseppe Posteraro Ainsworth Moore



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We celebrate with the blessing and distribution of palm branches, which represent the palms people scattered in front of Our Lord as he rode into Jerusalem mounted on a donkey. Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes with the Sacred Paschal Triduum, consisting of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 2nd: **Holy Thursday - 7:00pm** (no 8:30am Mass)

Friday, April 3rd: **Good Friday - 3:00pm** (only Mass today)

Saturday, April 4th: **Easter Vigil - 8:00pm** (No 8:30am Mass)

Sunday, April 5th: **Easter Sunday - 9:00am & 11:00am**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We begin Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion in the Gospel of Matthew. As we reflect on Christ giving His life for us, we also notice the simple acts of stewardship by those who encountered Him.

An unnamed man offered his home for the Passover, becoming the place where Jesus instituted the Eucharist. Simon of Cyrene shared his strength by helping carry the Cross. Joseph of Arimathea offered his tomb and service in giving Jesus a proper burial. The two Marys gave their time, keeping watch by the tomb.

These were simple acts, yet God used them in powerful ways. In the same way, when we offer our time, talent, and gifts to God, even small acts can become great works in His hands.

PARISH LIFE

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.**

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Next weekend, we will have second collection for our Building Fund. This collection is taken up once a month for the physical needs of our parish.

NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND SPECIAL COLLECTION: The annual **Good Friday Collection** is taken at the request of the Holy See. It helps support the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. We sincerely thank you for your support.

PARISH OFFICE HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE:

Friday, April 3rd & Monday, April 6th - Closed

SATURDAY CONFESSION: There is no Confession on Saturday, April 4th until Saturday, April 11th when the regular Confession schedule resumes.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION: April 11th at 11:00am

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PLANNING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM? Please contact the parish office. We ask that couples be registered with the parish and in regular attendance at Sunday Mass. For FAQ's visit our website.

You're Invited to a
SPAGHETTI DINNER
Saturday, April 11

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!

VOCATION SEEDS

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus 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 www.vocationstoronto.ca

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2026

With your support of ShareLife, despair turns into hope

When Eulogio learned his wife was pregnant—not just with one baby, but with twins—his joy multiplied. He dreamed of raising David and Emmanuel with the same love and care he had given his firstborn, determined to provide them with a warm home and a future full of possibility.

But then, a devastating accident cost Eulogio his job, leaving his family without a reliable way to put food on the table or keep warm in the bitter cold. The weight of hunger and uncertainty grew heavier each day. Because of your kindness, ShareLife and Canadian Food for Children were able to step in, ensuring this family had food to sustain them. But there are more families in need. With your gift to ShareLife, you can enable more fathers like Eulogio to hold their children close and carry the strength to face tomorrow.

We collected \$11,911.00 and this year our parish goal is \$65,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

12th ANNUAL DURHAM CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION GALA

Thursday, April 23, 2026 - Tosca Banquet Hall, Oshawa

This special evening brings together educators, clergy, parents, and community partners in celebration of generosity and the impact we create together. Every dollar raised directly supports students and families in need.

- Your sponsorship does more than place your name in a program.
- It feeds a child who comes to school hungry.
- It helps a family in crisis find stability.
- It reminds vulnerable students that they are not alone.

We would be honoured to have you join us for this meaningful evening.

If you are unable to attend, we warmly encourage you to send a representative from your team so that your organization can still be represented. Early Bird Tickets are available now for \$110 per person. [Get your tickets now!](#)

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<https://www.durhamcatholicfoundation.ca/support-our-work/foundation-gala/>



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, March 31 at 7 o'clock in the hall. There will a brief Bazaar Meeting at 6:30.

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 7 - Mass at 7 o'clock. Prior to the meeting: "Red Sand Project" a Human Trafficking Awareness Event, held outside the church. Last chance to purchase April 28th banquet tickets.

"FEED THE NEED" DRIVE: weekend of April 12 – Items requested: tuna, salmon, peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned veggies, cereal, pancake mix and syrup. Cash donations welcome. Contact Frances at 905-579-0128.



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.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM IS OPEN AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

THERE ARE MANY LOST ITEMS AT RELIGIOUS ARTICLES. PLEASE CHECK FOR YOUR LOST GLOVES, GLASSES, HATS ETC. THERE IS ALSO ONE RED MISSAL. ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. CHECK AFTER WEEK END MASSES OR CALL JOEY 905-576-3386 OR 905 439-904



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Mary of the People Conference

Our volunteers here at St. Mary's consists of 5 teams of 2 people. Each team is currently helping **Neighbours in Need** on a rotation basis that happens for 15 days at a time once every 2.5 months. We are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please call the parish office 905-728-2212.

Total Families on file that request help: 127
Total Adults on file that request help: 182
Total Children on file that request help: 202

During the month of January and February our visits consisted of helping our **Neighbours in Need** as follows:

	Cards Distributed	Families Helped	Adult	Children
Jan.	220 (\$4,400)	35	62	65
Feb.	197 (\$3,940)	44	70	58

Your generous support in the Poor Boxes makes this possible. Donations can also be made by placing an envelope in the church offertory basket marked SVDP and please include your Name and complete address to receive a charitable tax receipt. Without your ongoing support, we could not continue this outreach to the needy in our parish. *St. Mary of the People – Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference thank you immensely for your support.*

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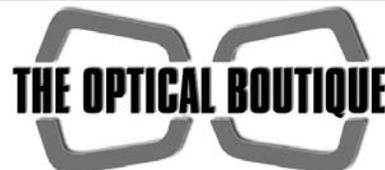
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