
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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SCHOOLS

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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, May 16th

5:00 p.m. + Bruno Bertolo
 + John Finlay
 + Jeannette Pellerin
 + Greta Mills
 + Marie Marcotte
 + Dawn Sackett
 + David Guimond

Sunday, May 17th – The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. All parishioners of St. Mary of the People
 11:00 a.m. + Lydia Marquez req by Juliet & Lloyd Munusami

Tuesday, May 19th

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo Romano req by Rita Romano
 7:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, May 20th – St. Bernardine of Siena

8:30 a.m. + Mariano, Giovanni & Vincenzo Corvinelli
 req by Anna Pulla & family

Thursday, May 21st – St. Christopher Magallanes

8:30 a.m. + Albin Francelj
 + Jessica Whitney
 + Philomena Holowaty
 + Cathie Findlay
 + Pasquale & Giacomo Del Gatto
 Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 22nd – St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 a.m. + Philomena Holowaty req by Lise Krucas

Saturday, May 23rd

8:30 a.m. (Int) Jeanne Gauvin req by Charlene Summers
 5:00 p.m. + Steve Tomasevic req by the family

Sunday, May 24th – Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. + Josef Staresinic req by Staresinic family
 11:00 a.m. + Enzo Tersigni
 + Domenico Rocchio
 + Patrick Jamie Treacy
 + Amedeo Saccone
 + Antonio Romano
 + Lina & Joe Miniaci
 + Teresa Paolozza
 Souls in Purgatory

LET US PRAY

For all the those who are sick in our parish community:

Terence Floyd Lucio & Carmen Flores Sue Tremblay
 Catherine Wood Ronda Lynne Kolodzie Erin Kelly

For the Recently Deceased:

Philomena Holowaty Filomena Sirizzotti

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we celebrate the **Ascension of the Lord** — when Jesus, 40 days after His Resurrection, was lifted up into heaven before His apostles.

They stood in awe, but were quickly told: “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” In other words — don’t just stand there. Go.

This is our call as Christian stewards. We have received so much — through the Mass, the sacraments, and the gifts entrusted to us. We are not meant to keep them, but to use them in gratitude.

Like the apostles, we are sent to be His witnesses — not by our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH LIFE

THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS: Today, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

WEEK 1 PRIESTS' RETREAT: Fr. Joel will be attending the Priests' Retreat from **May 17th to 22nd**. During his absence, Fr. David Bollo will be celebrating the morning Masses. We thank Fr. Bollo for his generous assistance and keep all our priests in prayer during this retreat.

HAPPY VICTORIA DAY: Please note that on **Monday, May 18th** the parish office will be closed, our regular will resume Tuesday.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS: Our parish is growing, and so are the opportunities to serve! No experience is needed—just a willing heart and a desire to make a difference.

We are currently looking for volunteers in the following ministries:

- **Sacramental Preparation Catechists**
- **Liturgy of the Word with Children**
- **IT Ministry**
- **Altar Servers**
- **Garden Angels**

This is a beautiful way to grow in faith, build community, and serve others. Take some time to **pray about it**—God may be calling you! For more information or to sign up, please contact the parish office.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION: Our Confirmation Celebration will take place on **Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. A rehearsal will be held that morning at 10:00 a.m., with sponsors if possible. Let us keep our Confirmandi, their families, and sponsors in our prayers.

FORMED.ORG: Discover something meaningful for the whole family with **FORMED.ORG!** *Subscribe today—it's free for our parishioners!*

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES: We still have a number of boxed 2026 donation envelopes waiting to be picked up in the church foyer. Thank you for taking a moment to collect yours.



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 19th, Mass at 7:00 PM followed by meeting in the hall.

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

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS – May 17

Today, Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the sametime, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2026

Through ShareLife, you support human connection

On the 60th World Day of Social Communication, we are invited to pause and connect with each other—for the Church, for the world, and for the future we are helping to shape together. In this moment, one truth remains clear: the Church endures because of the strength and love of parishioners like you. Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond—funding more than 40 agencies, which help children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international development and missions, and vocations. The third ShareLife Sunday is May 31. Thus far we have raised [insert total raised] toward our goal of [insert goal amount]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thus far we have raised **\$22,934** toward our goal of **\$65,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. **Our next ShareLife Sunday: May 30/31**



St. Mary's has five volunteer teams supporting Neighbours in Need on a rotating schedule. We're always looking for more helping hands—please call the parish office if you're interested.

Currently serving 127 families. Your generosity through the Poor Boxes makes this possible. Donations can also be made in the offertory basket (marked SVDP) with your name and address for a tax receipt. Thank you for your continued support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

VOCATION SEEDS

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." 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

Greeting Card Sale! 6 cards for \$5.00 - One male birthday, one female birthday, plus four additional assorted (sympathy, Thanks, Get Well, Kid birthday, Thinking of You, etc. packaged for easy pick up.



POT LUCK DINNER – Tuesday, June 2 in the parish hall – Dinner at 6 o'clock followed by a brief meeting & Presentation of Pins. **All ladies of the parish are invited.** Bring your favourite dish or dessert & join us.

Note: **Mass will not be celebrated prior to the event.**

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOLARSHIP - \$3000.00 scholarship offered by the Toronto Diocesan CWL to a young Catholic woman graduating high school this year who wishes to attend St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, faculty of Arts and Science. For information re: criteria and/or application forms go to www.cwltoronto/resources/reference. Deadline to apply: May 31.

WALKING WITH ADULTS IN FAITH

A webinar for parish leaders and catechists. Presenter: Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP. There is **no cost** to attend but registration is required. Register by June 16, 2026. Check our bulletin board for more info.

When: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Mary's Senior Residence is looking for **Part-Time Back Up Superintendent** – approx. 10 days per month. Please contact the office at (905) 436-1794

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN

May 25 @ 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

\$75.00 Suggested Offering

The experience of Pentecost moved the disciples from fearful hiding to bold proclamation of the Good News, generous sharing with others in community and a radically new understanding of who God is. In his book "Reaching Out," Henri Nouwen offers insight into this threefold movement of the Holy Spirit: moving us from loneliness to solitude, from hostility to hospitality and from illusion to prayer. "To live our short lives in the spirit of Jesus Christ, means to reach out from the midst of our pains and to let them be turned into joy by the love of the One who came within our reach."

On this 30th anniversary of Henri Nouwen's death, Mary Bastedo, who lived with Henri during his ten years as pastor of L'Arche Daybreak in Richmond Hill, will help us explore Henri's wisdom and its relevance for today.

DCDSB SEEKS VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) is seeking a volunteer community member with financial and business expertise to serve on its Audit Committee for a three-year term, effective immediately. To learn more [please visit dcdsb.ca](http://please.visit.dcdsb.ca). The deadline to submit a letter of interest and resume is Friday, May 29, 2026.

MAY MONTH OF MARY – PRAYER

Lord,

As we honour the glorious memory of the Virgin Mary, we ask that by the help of her prayers we too may come to share the fullness of your grace. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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