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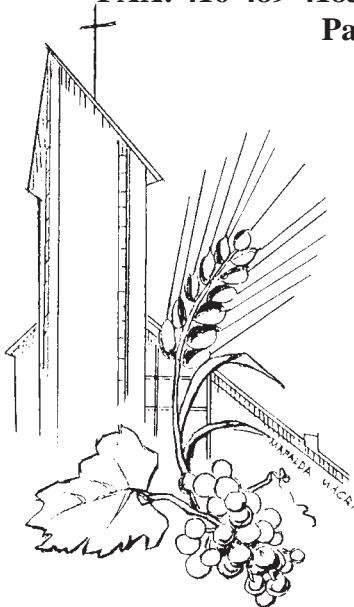
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Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Kinghorn

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12noon; 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Evening Receptionist: Monday & Wednesday 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Monday 12 noon in writing

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Friday 12 noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment

BAPTISM - By appointment

SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY

4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES:

MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

8:20 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a Catholic marriage preparation course.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

It is highly recommended that parents contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obligated to participate in our baptismal preparation program. Baptisms generally take place on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month at 1:30 p.m.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory Office when a member of your family is seriously ill and/or would like to receive Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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Peter Remedios, Chair 416-485-7781

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416-485-7781

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416-485-7781

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

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416-485-7781

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

416-733-8544

PARISH MEMBERSHIP ... Welcome new parishioners! To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Please introduce yourself/family to the pastor and register as soon as possible.

All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

N.B. Please notify the parish office if you change your address or family information.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

CREATING A CLEAN HEART

A clean heart create for me, O God... Psalm 51:12

Occasionally when, for the umpteenth time, I am washing dishes or cleaning off the unattended stacks of paper collecting dust on my desk, I think of how I continually repeat these efforts. Yet I go on doing these tasks because they need taking care of and I feel a lot better about the changed appearance. That's also how I view creating "a clean heart."

I seemingly get rid of a bad habit and then it pops up again, or a new one appears on the scene that I'd not noticed before. No doubt this will go on for the rest of my life, but I do not let it daunt me. I remember how great my desk looks when I make the effort to take care of the mess and how happy I am when the sink is emptied. So I go on giving myself to the grace that assists me in cleaning of my heart so I can more truly reflect the Holy One's love.

Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.
From: Living Faith

BREAKING NEWS!

As of Tuesday, March 1, 2022 will be in 100% seating capacity with no physical distancing restrictions.

Please note that masks will still be required.

Therefore, as of **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, no reservation required** for Ash Wednesday church attendance.

N.B. There will be NO SCHOOL MASS on Ash Wednesday

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Just a reminder, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. **During this Lenten Season, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm on Fridays followed by the Stations of the Cross.** We hope this will be an opportunity for many of you to celebrate the Eucharist this week and take part in this time honored devotion to our Church. Please note the following:

SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During this season, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the paschal mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation. Lent also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: it recalls baptism, or prepares for it, and it emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery.

At all times, but especially during Lent, it is important to reach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. The Church too has a role in promoting penitential practices. People are also to be encouraged to pray and do penance for sinners.

Lenten penance should be external and social as well as internal and individual. In encouraging penitential practices, consideration should be given to the wide possibilities in modern life, as well as to the circumstances of individuals and communities.

The penitential character of Lent is to be maintained. On these days penance is to be considered an important requirement of the Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

REGULATIONS 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 to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline 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 every 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 substitution indicated for the regulation to fast and abstain on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat; the law of fasting allows one full meal a day but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing common sense.

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.

~~~ ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT ~~~

#### St. Margaret's

7:00pm Mass; 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

#### St. Eugene's Chapel

6:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:30pm Devotion to the Precious Blood

7:00pm Mass; 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am

THANKSGIVING MASS Requested by Sumastre family

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00pm

For Parish Family of St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8:20am

NO INTENTION

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

†LICIA BACCI Requested by Marisa Carrino & family

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Feb. 27 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Wed. Mar. 2 ASH WEDNESDAY the beginning of Lent

"Universal Day of Fast and Abstinence"

St. Margaret's - 7:00pm only

St. Eugene's Chapel – 5:00pm & 7:00pm

NB Ashes are distributed during Mass

Fri. Mar. 4 7:00pm Mass at St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's

followed by Stations of the Cross

Sat. Mar. 5 10:00-11:30am Parish Home Catechism

Program meets in parish hall for review lesson #6

Sun. Mar. 6 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

- 188<sup>th</sup> Birthday of City of Toronto (1834)

Fri. Mar. 11 7:00pm Mass at St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's

followed by Stations of the Cross

Sat. Mar. 12 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins turn clocks

AHEAD ONE-HOUR!🕒

Sun. Mar. 13 **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn  
- March break: March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Fri. Mar. 18 **7:00pm Mass** at St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's  
followed by **Stations of the Cross**

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING A GIFT TO YOUR PARISH**

Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT – February 20, 2022**

|           |                   |     |                     |
|-----------|-------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Offertory | <b>\$3,044.00</b> | PAG | <b>\$953.75</b>     |
| Budget    | <b>\$8,300.00</b> |     | <b>(\$4,302.25)</b> |

**YOUR 2021 TAX RECEIPTS**

As last year our **2021 income tax receipts** are being **mailed through an Archdiocesan Program**. As of **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, these will be **mailed out** to all who made donations of \$75 or more. For **those below** this threshold of \$75, **you may contact the parish office directly**, and have your receipt mailed. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Cheryll, our office manager, during our regular business office hours.

**ANNUAL FINANCE COUNCIL'S PRESENTATION FOR 2021**

We are happy to inform you that the Finance Council's Annual Presentation for 2021 is now available to all parishioners in two ways: (**follow the links**)

1) A **YouTube video** and 2) the **written script** with the financial statement. Both versions are now available on our parish website. **A tip of the hat to Joe Longpre & Ray Kahnert, members of our Finance Council, for preparing this wonderful video.**

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

**Lenten Retreat – Sat. March 5, or, Tues. March 15**

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm  
Cost: \$40.00 lunch included  
Where: Queen of Apostles, 1617 Blyth Rd., Mississauga  
905-278-5229, or, office@qoa.ca

**Father Ron Rolheiser Lenten Retreat**

Time: Friday, 7:00pm – Sunday 2:00pm  
Cost: \$450.00 per person, or, \$700.00 per cpl  
Where: Queen of Apostles, 1617 Blyth Rd., Mississauga  
905-278-5229, or, office@qoa.ca

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. This synod is of great importance to the Holy Father and it cannot succeed without parishes encouraging people to participate.

To help parishes engage the faithful and solicit their feedback, the Archdiocese of Toronto has created a number of resources that you can use including:

- An online survey that provides a forum for people to share their thoughts: [www.archtoronto.org/synodality](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality)

- A video featuring Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, that explains the synod and asks people to participate: Synodality Video

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**LIFE IN CHRIST** by PAT MARRIN

**"Who are you, Lord?" Acts 22:8**

**The conversation of St. Paul**

The conversation of St. Paul is important not only for our understanding of Paul but also for an understanding of our own Christian discipleship. Paul's encounter with the crucified and risen Jesus defined his life from that moment on. The purpose of his existence and the key to his human maturity and divine destiny was union with the dying and rising of Jesus the Christ.

Paul called this experience of union with Jesus the "Paschal Mystery," our share in the new Passover from sin and death to new life accomplished by Jesus. By living in Christ and for Christ, Paul was being transformed, dying to his former self in order to rise to his authentic self, a new creation in Christ.

By baptism every Christian takes up this same pattern of dying to self in order to live with Christ. By sharing the Eucharist, we nourish this new life as members of the body of Christ. What Jesus accomplished once and for all is now extended in time and space as the redemption of the world, humanity and all of creation.

Paul's ministry was about sharing this mystery through his preaching and the establishment of faith communities across Asia Minor, with a special appeal to the Gentiles. What was prefigured by the first covenant under the law for the Jews was now a new covenant of Grace offered universally. Membership in Christ and transformation through the Paschal Mystery are the ultimate purpose of our lives and the goal of history.

We celebrate the conversion of St. Paul to remind ourselves that life in Christ is meant to be the conscious, deliberate focus of our lives. The heart of our discipleship is to fulfill Paul's prayer, "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20).

From: **National Catholic Reporter**

**CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS**

What we eat?

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG.

High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However, there is one thing that's the most dangerous of all and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it? After several seconds or quiet, a 75-year old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, "Wedding Cake!"





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