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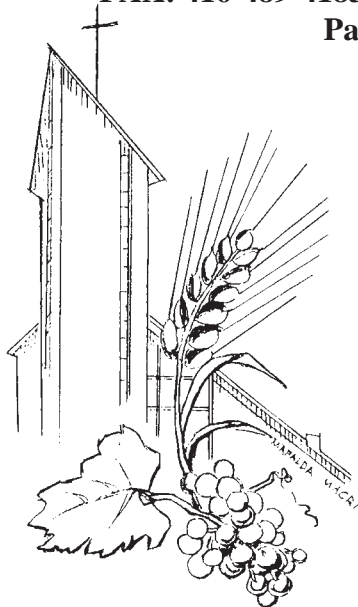
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PASTORAL TEAM

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Rev. Fr. Alexander MacDonald	Associate Pastor
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Cheryll Varona	Office Manager
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Tues., Fri. - 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Monday 12 noon in writing

SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH

St. Margaret's	416-393-5249
Loretto Abbey	416-393-5510
Toronto Catholic District School Board	416-222-8282

or www.tcdsb.org

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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	12:00 noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:45 - 4:15 p.m.
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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 Only

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Remedios, Chair 416-485-7781

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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ALTAR SERVERS 416-485-7781

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

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Anna Di Carlo 416-788-0899

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Barbara Dillon 416-485-7781

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Parish Office 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

MENDING A BROKEN HEART

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. *Psalm 34:19*

To let love in, we must be prepared to get our hearts broken. When we choose to love, we have signed up for the whole package; we have chosen the cross. We must carry that cross with every breath we take, knowing fully that the Lord is not just by our side, but also bearing the weight on our behalf. The Lord is never far away from those who need him the most.

When people we love die and we are devastated, the Lord will sit by our side and cry with us. When we lose everything we have worked for, the Lord will provide exactly what we need. When sickness steals time from us, and we feel hopeless and lonely, the Lord will be our companion and give us strength. The Lord is drawn to us when our hearts are broken because we are closest to his heart.

Vivian Amu
From: **Living Faith**

UPDATED PANDEMIC INFORMATION

On Friday March 12th, Cardinal Collins has informed us that we can resume public Masses as of Monday March 15th. Therefore, beginning **Monday March 15th** we will resume **Daily** and **Weekend Masses** at St. Margaret's Church and St. Eugene's Chapel at the regular scheduled times that are **posted on the front of our bulletin**.

However the amended restriction for all sacramental celebrations is **15% of our capacity**. For **St. Margaret's that is 75 persons** and **St. Eugene's Chapel that is 30 persons**. This of course requires that all **physical distancing and the wearing of masks must be maintained** as part of the ongoing pandemic precautions.

***PLEASE NOTE: Seating at all Masses continues to be on "A First Come, First Serve Basis"!**

ONGOING DIRECTIVES

- The **parish office is closed to the public**. Please contact us by phone only on: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00am – 12noon, 1:00pm – 4:00pm or any day by e-mail at st.marg@sympatico.ca
- UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**
Obviously due to the present restrictions, it becomes even more important to have the e-mail addresses of as many parishioners as possible. If you or you know anyone who may not have already informed the parish office of your e-mail address, we strongly encourage you to contact the parish office during the above scheduled times!
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
by appointment only
- The **Church dispensation** from attending Sunday Eucharist, for all the faithful, who are unable to attend Sunday Mass, continues throughout the covid-19 pandemic.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves, via our website and parish blast. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

Special Notice: For the "Enhanced" digital Bulletin version - Check your emails or our website

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

St. Margaret's

Sun. Mar. 28

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Regular Mass Times

Thurs. Apr. 1

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30pm **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** followed by **ADORATION** until 11:00pm

Fri. Apr. 2

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm **LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Sat. Apr. 3

EASTER VIGIL LITURGY

8:00pm **Mass**
Sun. Apr. 4 **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
Masses: 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00nn
NB – Monday April 5th Parish Office is Closed

St. Eugene's

Thurs. Apr. 1

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** followed by **ADORATION** until midnight
GOOD FRIDAY (No Stations of the Cross)

Fri. Apr. 2

3:00pm **SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Sat. Apr. 3

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Sun. Apr. 4

8:30pm **Mass**

EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses: 10:00am, 11:30am

Note:

Stations of the Cross after 12noon Mass each Friday during Lent.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Margaret's – By Appointment only

St. Eugene's – Mar. 27 – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mar. 31 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 2 – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (Good Friday)

or **by appointment**

ANNUAL JEANS DRIVE

St. Margaret's is once again holding a drive in support of the Good Shepherd's ministry to Toronto's homeless men. The most requested item is Jeans (sizes 30" – 40" waist). They're warm durable and look pretty good on anyone.

Please bring any donation of jeans (used or new) to the parish hall, anytime between 8:00 am – 3:00pm on Apr. 10th or Apr. 11th

Homeless men in Toronto may be struggling with all sorts of problems, but there's no reason they can't do so in nice pants!



Tune into Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or are just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life, you won't want to miss this brand new series!

SCHEDULE:

- Starting February 19
- Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
- Saturdays at 4 p.m.
- Sundays at 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- On demand: www.slmedia.org/yeslord

THE MUSIC OF LENT

Please subscribe Diego's sacred music channel on YouTube

"**Together in Worship Canada**" or facebook

www.facebook.com/togetherinworshipcanada

Music selections are recorded live from St. Margaret of Scotland Friday February 21/2020

2021 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

"SPECIAL PROCESS" FOR PICKING UP ENVELOPES DURING THE PANDEMIC FOR 2021

St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's Chapel

1. Through the Parish Office

Monday, Tuesday, Friday – 9:00am – 12noon; 1:00 – 4:00pm, contact the parish office to arrange for "an outside pick up".

2. **Parish Hall**

The parish hall foyer will be open on Saturdays & Sundays from 9:00am – 3:00pm, to pick up your 2021 Sunday Offertory envelopes.

March 20th & 21st

NOTICE!!!

ALL PARISHIONERS are encouraged to use Sunday envelopes:

1. Take **any numbered box**. You **do not need to keep the same number** from previous year.
2. Please write your complete name and full address on the **first three (3) envelopes (print clearly)** for income tax recording purposes.
3. **USE ONLY ENVELOPES** for the **CURRENT YEAR – 2021** otherwise your donation may be credited to another person's account number.

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In the first reading, God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." For the Lord to insist on writing the law on our hearts, He implies that this covenant will be extremely personal and intimate. Let us strive to go to Him and bear our heart to Him, that we may be able to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.

From: **Stewardship**

A TIMELY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

My day-to-day routine is so busy.

So much so that I sometimes forget to stop to thank you for all that is good in my life.

My blessings are many and my heart is filled with gratefulness for the gift of living.

For the ability to love and be loved by You, for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creations.

I want to also thank you,

for those things in my life that are less than I would hope for them to be.

Sometimes life is very hard, and it's struggle to keep my head above water.

When my heart feels stretched and empty, and pools of tears forms in my weary eyes, still I rejoice that You are as near to me as my next breath.

In the midst of turbulence, I am growing and learning.

In the silence of my soul,

I thank you most of all for Your unconditional love. **Amen.**

REMEMBERING THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Have you considered remembering our parish in your will? The Church is where we experience many important moments in our lives. A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings – a lasting legacy of love that will help the Church continue with its many ministries. When making your will, please consider a bequest to **(Name of Parish)**.

For more information, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext. 519 or visit

www.archtoronto.org/development

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

Wisdom from "Over the Hill"!

Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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6. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
7. It is a whole lot easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant; the early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
9. I wish the buck really did stop here. I sure could use a few of them.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
16. It's not hard to meet expenses... they're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter... I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "Here after".
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
20. Have I sent this message to you before?

Bundle Up

For the

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



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St. Eugene's Chapel

13 Regina Avenue, Toronto
On

April 10 - 11, 2021



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34++

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9

Gospel: John 12.20-33 – Jesus Speaks about His Death Heart Speaks to Heart

As we approach Holy Week, the readings begin to point towards Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. His sacrifice was a sacrifice of love done to reconcile us with God. It is through His sacrifice that we now live in the new covenant between God and humanity. In the first reading, God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Through Jesus, a new covenant is formed. One that is not ruled by strict adherence to laws and regulations, but rather one that is based on living in the love of God. The Lord says that He will write the covenant on our hearts. For the Lord to insist on writing it on our hearts, He implies that this covenant will be extremely personal and intimate.

As stewards, we are called into a deep relationship and friendship with God. St. John Henry Newman's motto was "Cor ad cor loquitur", or "Heart speaks unto heart." He fully understood the depths and importance of what it means to be in an intimate relationship with God. Do we likewise try to foster a personal relationship with Christ? Jesus' life, death and resurrection forever changed the way we go to God in prayer. Let us strive to go to Him and bear our heart to Him, that we may be able to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.

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