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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
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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

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Barbara Dillon 416-485-7781

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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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

GRATITUDE BEGETS GENEROSITY

Then Tobit went back in, rejoicing and praising God with full voice for everything that had happened.

Tobit 11:15

Tobit had two good reasons to be grateful. His sight was restored, and his son returned home safely from his long journey. Little wonder he expressed his gratitude to God "with full voice."

I believe that gratitude is a sign that we are close to God. Why do I say this? First, when we are grateful, we are humbly acknowledging that someone has given us something, that is, we are on the receiving end of someone else's generosity. Ultimately, the giver of all good gifts is God. Second, when we are grateful, we are ordinarily very happy. Gratitude is expressed not in frowns and sadness, but in smiles and joyful exuberance. And third, when we are grateful, we often want to share our good fortune with others. Gratitude begets generosity.

What are you grateful for today?

Giver of all gifts, help me to see the blessings of this particular day. May my gratitude for these gifts bring me closer to you and to others.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.
From: **Living Faith**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 14th – 8:20 a.m.

✠ **PASQUALI MILANO** Requested by Siena & family

Wednesday, June 16th – 7:00 p.m.

✠ **MARIA SCHWAB** Requested by the family

Thursday, June 17th – 8:20 a.m.

Special Intention **Jane Lo** Requested by Lo family

Friday, June 18th – 8:20 a.m.

✠ **TERESA LIAN CAO** Requested by Lo family

LOOKING AHEAD

* Please refer to special notice: "Update on Pandemic Information"

Sun. June 13 **11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Sun. June 20 **12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

- **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** to all our Fathers!

- **2ND INSTALMENT FOR OUR SHARELIFE**

CAMPAIGN

Sun. June 27 **13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Thurs. July 1 **154TH CANADA DAY!**

8:20 am Mass at St. Margaret's Church

No Mass at St. Eugene's Chapel

Fri. July 2 **No Mass** at St. Eugene's Chapel

Sun. July 4 **14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

UPDATED PANDEMIC INFORMATION

On **Monday, June 7th** we received confirmation from Cardinal Collins that the Provincial Government is allowing churches to **re-open for public Masses as of Friday, June 11th**. Parishes are permitted **15% capacity** for Sacramental Celebrations.

Daily and Weekend Masses at St. Margaret's Church and St. Eugene's Chapel have resumed 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 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 protocols.

Please note: Seating at all Masses continues to be on "A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS**"!

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 JUNE 6, 2021

Offertory **\$1,266** PAG **\$925**
Budget **\$8,300.00** (**\$6,109**)

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

Next weekend is our second ShareLife collection weekend.

It is important we meet our goals, as a parish and an archdiocese, on behalf of those served by our agencies.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been difficult on all of us. These uncertain times have been particularly hard on so many of the agencies you support through ShareLife.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign. If you have not contributed to date, please consider doing so. **2nd Installment June 19th & 20th**
Please make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or at sharelife.org please give generously.

	2021 YTD \$19,499	Goal \$150,000
Previous Results	Amount	Donors
2020	138,138	395
2019	148,555	821
2018	140,836	814
2017	146,628	802

IN LOVING MEMORY

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Carmel Moore**. Carmel and her family have been members of the parish for almost 50 years. She has been an active member of the St. Margaret's Seniors Social Club for many years, serving as their well-received "Bingo Caller" during the last few years before moving to a retirement home close to her daughters.



As an active parishioner, Carmel served as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Communion Minister) and a member of our ShareLife Committee. Carmel will always be fondly remembered as a proud "Newfoundlander," who left her mark and made such a contribution to the parish family of St. Margaret's. The family has yet to make their arrangements.

ONGOING DIRECTIVES

1. The **parish office is closed to the public – limited essential appointments only**. Please contact us by phone only on: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00am – 12noon, 1:00pm – 4:00pm or any day by e-mail at stmargaretofscotland@archtoronto.org
2. **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!
3. **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
By appointment only
4. **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! making arrangements for these special Masses.

11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17.22-24

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10

Gospel: Mark 4.26-34 – *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

Making the Church a Home

In today's readings we hear about small things having large impacts. In the Gospel, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven "is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

The mustard seed in this parable represents the Gospel that Jesus came to proclaim. It started with just a small handful of people but now, 2000 years later, has spread to all the corners of the world. The birds that come to find refuge in the tree represents all of us who come to find rest and shelter in the Gospel and the Church.

As stewards, we should play our part in helping the tree continue to grow through the gift of our time and talents. We should seek ways to help spread the Gospel message in our parish, whether it be through assisting at liturgies, helping with catechesis or serving the poor in our community. We should also spread the message that God desires all of us, even those who have fallen away from their faith, to find healing, safety and comfort in the Church. Let us be committed to making the Church a home for all who seek Christ.

Summary

In today's Gospel we hear about the parable of the mustard seed in which Jesus explains that the tiniest seed can grow into the largest tree that houses many birds of the air. The mustard seed represents the Gospel message that began with a few people 2000 years ago and has now spread all over the world. As stewards, we should play our part in helping the tree continue to grow through the gift of our time and talents.

From: **Stewardship**

THE FARMER AND THE LITTLE BOY

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard.

As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur.

The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence.

His eyes danced with delight.

As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball **appeared** this one noticeable smaller.

Down the ramp it **slips**, Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up...

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that, the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so, he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup.

Holding it carefully, he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy... "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love."

The world is full of people who need someone who understands.



Online Quick Access Single Session Counselling For Individuals, Couples & Families

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering Online Quick Access Single Sessions.

To arrange for a session, please email info@cfstoronto.com or call 416 921-1163 or 416 222-0048. Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is a Catholic Charities member agency supported by ShareLife.



NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS & WEBSITE

We encourage you to visit and explore our new website.

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Our new website, aside from being aesthetically pleasing, is more interactive, AODA compliant and is easier to navigate. We are excited of the new experience, but we know there's still work to do. In the coming months, we hope to continue improving the site that it best serves how we communicate with you.

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

Senior Driver

Sitting by the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, an OPP police officer sees a car pattering along at 27 km/h.

Says he to himself: "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five elderly ladies, two in the front seat and three in the back, wide eyed and white as ghost.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... twenty-seven kilometres an hour! ... The elderly woman says a bit proudly.

The police officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explains to her that 27 is the highway number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grins and thanks the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... is everyone in this car OK?"

"These women seem awfully shaken, and they haven't made a peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just go off highway 169."



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