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# PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Fr. Andy Macbeth, Pastor Rev. Mr. Robert Kinghorn, Permanent Deacon Cheryll Varona, Office Manager Richard Kitchen, Custodian

# Let us be thankful ...

Let us be thankful for the blessings we receive. Let us be thoughtful of others. Let us remember dear and close friends. Let us have faith in tomorrow. Let us live life as a Golden Rule. Let us find sunlight through the clouds. Let us believe.

Let us be the people we have the ability to be. \_\_\_\_Let us have understanding.

> Let us say this thanks in prayer To God, for the gifts He has given.



## THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

#### IN THE RIGHT PLACE

He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, But stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Jeremiah 17:6

I once visited a lava waste on a volcanic island that, while beautiful and attractive in its own way, left me yearning for something different – for green plants growing in healthy soil and cool running water that refreshes and renews everything it touches. When we separate ourselves from God, whether by intention or inattention, we place ourselves in just such a dangerous situation. This new landscape may seem attractive and alluring for a while, but it can never sustain us, can never refresh and renew us the way only the presence of God can. We must be aware of the place where we stand and live.

Ever-sustaining God, find me in your presence today.

Steve Givens From: Living Faith

## <u> രഷ്ക് INTENTIONS</u>ം

Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am For Parish Family of St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's

<u>Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am</u> NO INTENTION

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am

Requested by the family

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Oct. 10	28 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn		
-	Annual THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE		
	(see special notice)		
Mon. Oct. 11	THANKSGIVING DAY – Blessings To All!		
-	8:20am Mass; Parish Office closed for holiday		
-	Last chance to bring in any food donations for		
	ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE		
Sat. Oct. 16	10:00 – 11:30am PARISH HOME CATECHISM		
	<b>PROGRAM</b> meets in parish hall for review lesson #1		
	(Important registration forms distributed for Frist		
	Reconciliation & Confirmation)		
Sun. Oct. 17	29 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB		
Thurs. Oct. 217:30pm Information/Registration meeting in			
	church, for ALL students who wish to receive		
	Confirmation in 2022		
Sun. Oct. 24	30 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	Guest homilist: Fr. Ray Douziech C.Ss.R.		
-	Annual collection for WORLD MISSION SUNDAY		
Sun. Oct. 31	31 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn		
-	Third & Last Instalment of our ShareLife Campaign		
Mon. Nov. 1	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS		
-	8:20am <u>Mass</u>		
-	7:30pm Information/Registration Meeting in church		
	for parents of children who wish to celebrate First		
	Reconciliation (Confession) in 2022		
Tues. Nov. 2	COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL		
	DEPARTED (ALL SOUL'S DAY)		
-	7:00pm Special Mass at St. Margaret's		

## THANKSGIVING BE THANKFUL

*Be thankful* that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow. Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference. It is easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

*Gratitude* can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.



~Author Unknown

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS 2021-2020

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Registration Forms to Candidates St. Margaret's - Wed. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 2021

PHCP - Sat. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Information/Registration Meeting (For ALL candidates <u>with</u> their parents or guardians)

## Thurs. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm in church

Received: Registration Forms & Baptismal Certificates

> Distributed: Pack of documents & form for Rite of Enrolment

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Registration Forms to Candidates

St. Margaret's - Wed. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 2021 PHCP - Sat. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Information/Registration Meeting (For parents or guardians of

all candidates)

Mon. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm in church

Catechetical Session: (Fr. Andy) - For parents or guardians of all candidates

Thurs. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

(Parents' resource book for purchase \$10)



Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it! Join us for a weekend: October 22-24, 2021

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Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a special weekend for you to spend together as a couple and share your feelings, hopes, and dreams. It is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. **English contact**: Gerard & Marge 905-792-1925

Spanish contact: Gustavo & Milena Junca 647-773-3963 milenapenaq@gmail.com

#### 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 OCTOBER 3, 2021

Offertory	\$4,360.00	PAG <b>\$963.75</b>
Budget	\$8,300.00	( <b>\$2,976.25</b> )

<u> </u>	HELP TODAY & DONATE Items needed:
GOODSHEPHERD.CA	<ul> <li>Canned soups &amp; stews</li> </ul>
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS	<ul> <li>Canned legumes, e.g. chick peas, black beans</li> <li>Pasta sauce &amp; canned tomatoes</li> <li>Canned vegetables</li> <li>Tuna</li> <li>Breakfast cereals</li> </ul>
lt's never a bad time to help those who are in need.	<ul> <li>Tea bags</li> <li>Packaged cookies/granola bars</li> <li>Chocolate bars</li> <li>Rice</li> <li>Jam</li> </ul>

Please help us by donating non-perishable food items to help benefit those in need this Thanksgiving. Donations will be collected from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> drop off location in St. Margaret's church near St. Joseph shrine. All contributions will be picked-up on the following <u>Tuesday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup></u> and taken to the Good Shepherd Center to assist them in their most important ministry. Yes, you can make a difference! With a non-perishable food donation to feed the hungry

#### Please note:

Due to the Covid pandemic and the reality that many parishioners may not be coming to the weekend Masses, but would still like to make a donation to the Food Drive, the parish hall foyer will be open on **Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 3:00pm** to drop off items.

#### PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM 2021-2022

This program is for **Catholic students** who are <u>not attending</u> Catholic Schools who wish to receive any Sacraments in the coming year. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, the parish can only offer 2 preparation classes:

#### First Reconciliation & First Eucharist for Grade 2 and up Confirmation for Grade 7 and up

Saturday classes 10:00 – 11:30am in the parish hall, will start on <u>Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.</u> Students will be required to wear masks. Families need to register in the parish office with a copy of the child's <u>Catholic Baptismal Certificate</u>, before <u>but no later than</u> <u>Friday. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup></u>

#### SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

#### Living the Gospel by supporting frontline workers

Day in and day out, frontline workers have been working tirelessly during the pandemic. While they are there for us, who is there for them?

Catholic Family Services agencies have served countless people who are on the front lines during the pandemic, providing counselling and support. Your gift to ShareLife is helping them cope with the stress and anxiety of being exposed to illness. October 31 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

### Donations to date <u>\$92,839</u> Goal for 2021 \$150,000 ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

The Office of Administration of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2022. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Virtual Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on **Tuesday**, **October 26 and Thursday**, **October 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m. We invite you to register at ApplyMCS.com** 

St. Michael's College School offers a generous bursary programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE October 26-30, 2021

Join Michael Ruzicki as he explores Liturgy, Mystagogical Catechesis, and Parish Vitality and how we can live our lives and transform our parishes through a deeper and ongoing commitment to encountering Christ through the practice of mystagogical living. Visit www.archtoronto.org/conference to register and learn more about this other sessions.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY – Sept. 24, 2021

#### Volunteers and Lay Ministers at Parishes

Beginning on **October 8, 2021**, we will require that all volunteers, lectors, choir members, ushers, and individuals performing similar functions (collectively, "Volunteers and Lay Ministers") attending the workplace be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

In order to be considered fully vaccinated, Volunteers and Lay Ministers will need to provide proof of vaccination as issued by the Ontario Ministry of Health (in hard or soft copy) to their volunteer leader, parish ministry leader, or pastor.

At his sole discretion, a pastor may allow Volunteers and Lay Ministers (save and except for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) who have not provided proof of vaccination to provide proof of a recent negative COVID-19 as a condition of attending the workplace or place of worship as a Volunteer or Lay Minister. If applicable, these individuals must provide proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test result (in hard or soft copy) to the pastor. For the purposes of this Policy, a test result will be considered "recent" if the individual received the test result within the preceding seven days, or such other time period as we may require.

Rapid tests available through participating drug stores are acceptable. These tests are administered at the pharmacy with results available within 15 minutes. The volunteer or lay minister, as applicable, is responsible for the cost (about \$40/test).

#### **CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS**

- I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
- It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes that would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.

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