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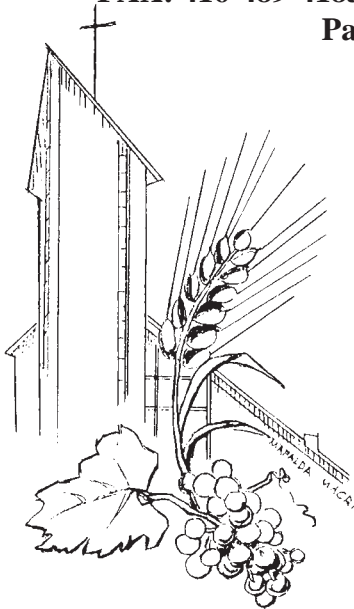
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PASTORAL TEAM

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

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

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

Parish Mission Church - St. Eugene's

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Discontinued until further notice

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Remedios, Chair 416-485-7781

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joe Longpre (Vice-Chair)

ALTAR SERVERS 416-485-7781

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

(Sunday 10:30 a.m.) Priscila Domanay 416-485-7781

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Cherie Zuzarte 416-485-7781

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Diane Dibacco 416-485-7781

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 416-342-7590

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (P.H.C.P.)

Anna Di Carlo 416-788-0899

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

Parish Office 416-485-7781

SENIORS GROUP

Miriam Hastings 416-483-7659

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (Ushers)

Parish Office 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

THE ADVENT JOURNEY – WITH NEW EYES!

I routinely take the same short drive to my office. I am so used to seeing the houses or apartments, the stop signs and traffic lights, that I am often not really paying attention. But every day something new is happening on that brief drive.

I share the way with a myriad and diverse group of travelers as well as activities. People walk hand in hand, joggers run, children jump rope, bicyclists pedal, wheelchairs move. Trees constantly change, snow piles up, icicles drip from roofs, rain water pours over the curb, buds bloom. Every day is different.

When we travel on familiar paths and roadways, there are things on the way that are seemingly hidden from us. We are so used to the routine that we sometimes cannot see what might be on the path directly in front of us.

Yet in the ordinary is found the extraordinary. I simply need to open my ears, my eyes, my senses. I need to be wide awake!

How many times have we traveled the Advent pathway? Every year we hear similar reminders; every three years we hear these same readings, this year from Matthew's Gospel. They are so familiar that we might not hear the nuances or the word that might jump at us if we gave over our full attention. Like changing a radio frequency or fine tuning a musical instrument for the clearest sound, we must fine tune our senses as we pray and sing, listen and respond to the richness of this Advent/Christmas season.

What must we do to awaken for this journey once again?

Look east! Look to unusual travelers, signs, and stars! Look to the least, the insignificant, the discounted! Look at the ways people choose to be faithful. Look to those who seek and follow Emmanuel. Look on the familiar path you follow every day. Look to those who journey side by side with you.

Yes, let us be wide awake this Advent! Recognize in our human daily encounters the advent of God. The Incarnation all over again. See – look deeply – for in the face of any and all, we meet the Christ. The face of God.

Denise Simeone

From: **Living Faith**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

IT'S ADVENT ALREADY!

You might notice something different about our Advent Wreath in the Sanctuary. For years the Advent Season was looked upon as a "**Mini Lent**" with a penitential spirit, along with the purple representing the "penance" of the Lenten Season. In the midst of this "Penitential Season" of four weeks, there was one week to "rejoice" so there was a rose or "lighter colour" used to designate the third week.

Advent is now seen as **not** a "Penitential Season" but one continuous **Season of four weeks** waiting in expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Although we still use the colour purple it possesses a different meaning than "penance". Rather it is looked upon as the "**Royal Purple**" representing the Kingly aspect of Christ whose birth was longed for by the Israelites for 1,000's of years. Thus we have all four purple candles on the Advent Wreath indicating one season of hope and expectation that lasts four weeks. Needless to say, you may organize your Advent candles with either arrangement – all four purple or three purple and one rose. What is important to remember is that the Advent Wreath is the ancient symbol of our connection to the Israelite's years of waiting for the birth of Christ the Messiah and now our present time of waiting, full of expectation and hope for the **Second Coming** of the Risen Lord as the **King of the Universe**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 29th – 8:20am

† **DAVID HOLLE** Requested by *Ingrid Holle*

Wednesday, December 1st – 7:00pm

THANKSGIVING MASS Requested by *Tellis family*

Thursday, December 2nd – 8:20am

† **OLGA FABBRO** Requested by *Ingrid Holle*

Friday, December 3rd – 8:20am

THANKSGIVING MASS Requested by *Sumastre family*

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Nov. 28 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

* Annual "**Christmas Collection**" to assist the work of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** (see special notice)

Sat. Dec. 4 **10:00 – 11:30am Parish Home Catechism**

Program meets in parish hall for review lesson #3

Sun. Dec. 5 **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year "C")**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

Wed. Dec. 8 **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00pm Mass at St. Margaret's

Sun. Dec. 12 **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year "C")**

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Sun. Dec. 19 **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year "C")**

Guest homilist: Fr. Ray Douziech, C.Ss.R.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – LECTORS (2021-2022)

Every year we like to make available to our Ministers of the Word (Lectors) the "**Workbook for Lectors**" to assist you as a resource throughout the year, in your ministry.

All Lectors at **St. Margaret's** and **St. Eugene's Chapel** may now pick up their copy of this resource book for **Year "C"** at the **parish office** during our **regular office hours**. We ask that for this exchange, our Lectors will return copies of the **Year "A" or "B"**, that they had already signed out.

We encourage all our Lectors to take advantage of this most helpful resource!

MESSAGE FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The annual collection of The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be held on **November 27 and 28, 2021**. All donations gathered will be used exclusively for neighbors in need in this parish. Funds will help families with grocery vouchers, new beds or clothing vouchers. The special Christmas distribution will help families give their children the kind of Christmas everyone deserves. The funds are used throughout the year to provide food vouchers every other month to those most in need.

You've been very generous in the past, for which we are enormously grateful. The need continues to grow so we ask for your prayers and for your generosity at Christmas time and throughout the year.

The Christmas envelopes will be available on the weekend of November 21 and 22, 2021. **Just a reminder that when contributing, please use The Society of St. Vincent De Paul envelope provided. Remember to include your complete contact information on the envelope so we can issue tax receipts for donations of \$20.00 or more. You can also donate through the CanadaHelps.org website which allows you to make a secure on-line donation.**

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.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Offertory	\$3,355.00	PAG	\$963.75
Budget	\$8,300.00		(\$3,981.25)

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2021 - 2022

Due to the limitations & protocols imposed on us by this COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be making available copies of this year's Sunday missal, for purchase in the church. You can order your personal copy of Sunday Missal 2021- 2022 Living with Christ, from any of the supplies listed below.

Joseph's Inspirational Inc. – phone# 416-291-1772

www.josephsinspirational.ca

Pauline Books & Media – phone# 416-781-9131

www.daughtersofstpaul.ca

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SELF-CONTACT TRACING

As we continue to deal with the many restrictions imposed on us as individual, families and parish community, I wish to remind you of the need for what is referred to as, "Self-Contract Tracing". It is wise for everyone attending any Masses here at St. Margaret's or St. Eugene's Chapel, to keep track of the dates and times of your attendance. This way, heaven forbid, if there were any problems that demanded it, we could inform the community, through our parish blast, website & weekly Bulletins, to check for their own personal risks. This is another reason why we should have every parishioner's email address on file at the parish office.

*We all have to continue to do our part, during this ongoing pandemic.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

ST. MARGARET'S

(*Pre-registration required for attendance at Christmas Eve Masses and Christmas Day Masses) Please call parish office

beginning Dec. 6th

Fri. Dec. 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE*

- No 8:20am Mass
- 7:00pm & 10:00pm

Sat. Dec. 25th - FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD*

- 9:00am, 10:30am & 12noon

Sun. Dec. 26th - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

- 9:00am, 10:30am & 12noon

Mon. Dec. 27th - 8:20am Mass

Fri. Dec. 31st - NEW YEAR'S EVE

- No 8:20am Mass
- 4:30pm Vigil Mass of the Solemnity

Sat. Jan. 1st - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Sun. Jan. 2nd - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO YOUR PARISH

If you are unable to attend in person, you are no doubt aware that our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate – salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.). These are funded through the generosity of our parish community.

It continues to be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection. We have benefited greatly from the Canada Employment Wage subsidy, but that support has almost disappeared.

Here are the ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- **Mail** your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish or **drop off** to the parish mailbox by the lower right side of the office door.
- **Online donations can be made through our website** click on **Donate** icon and follow the instructions. This can be done as a one-time donation or as an ongoing monthly donation.
- **Contribute through Pre-Authorized Giving.** You can obtain a form from the parish office or request to e-mail it to you. Mail or drop off the completed form and a voided cheque to the parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month. This amount will then be deposited to the parish's account.
- **You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking** – similar to how you may be paying your utility bills. To do this, they need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email provide them with your name, address, parish name and municipality. They will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to St. Margaret's parish. You can make a one-time or recurring gift to your offertory. This is the most cost effective way to donate electronically. If you have any questions please contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400 ext 540 or development@archtoronto.org

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash, was one of the greatest political sages America has ever known. Some of his sayings:

- ☺ Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
- ☺ There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
- ☺ Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- ☺ If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
- ☺ The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
- ☺ Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.
- ☺ If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
- ☺ Lettin'the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back.
- ☺ After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.



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