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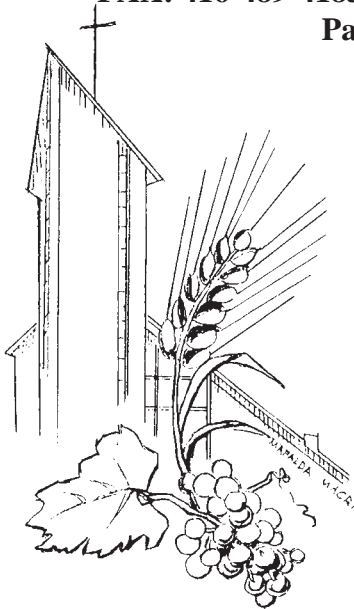
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PASTORAL TEAM

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

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

LECTORS

Cherie Zuzarte 416-485-7781

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Diane Dibacco 416-485-7781

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

Anna Di Carlo 416-788-0899

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Parish Office 416-485-7781

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

GRATEFUL GIVING

Without cost you have received;
without cost you are to give.

Matthew 10:8

So much comes to us without cost. We are taken care of as infants and children by our parents, educated by our society and given an array of opportunities for making our way in the world. And yet, it is not rare to hear, "I've worked hard for everything I have."

Yes, it takes work to master a trade or profession. The early years are often filled with scrimping and saving to meet basic needs. But think of being a refugee struggling to obtain water, food and shelter. Think of living in a war-torn land where such problems are multiplied by the risk of sudden death.

We live in a peace and prosperity that would astound previous generations. And yet gratitude is not a sign of our times. I think God would like us to be grateful and willingly share with those not as blessed. The first step, I think, is in recognizing what we have received without cost. Then, out of sheer gratitude, we will be moved to give.

Aileen O'Donoghue
From: Living Faith

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 6th – 8:20am

THANKSGIVING MASS Requested by Emma & Vito

Wednesday, December 8th – 7:00pm

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

Thursday, December 9th – 8:20am

† CHARLES BYRNE Requested by Miriam Hastings

Friday, December 10th – 8:20am

† VINCENT WHITEHEAD

Requested by Jeannene Webb, Bill & Paul Webster

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Fri. Dec. 10 **12noon Parish Office Closed**

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

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Dec. 13th – 18th ADVENT DAYS OF CONFESSIONS FOR ST. MARGARET'S

(Call parish office for an appointment)

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

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

Fri. Dec. 24 **No 8:20am Mass**

- **12noon Parish Office Closed**

- See special Christmas Schedules for St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's Chapel

Mon. Dec. 27 **8:20am Mass; Parish Office Closed**

Tues. Dec. 28 **Parish Office Closed**

Fri. Dec. 31 **No 8:20am Mass**

- **12noon Parish Office Closed**

Mon. Jan. 3 **8:20am Mass; Parish Office Closed**

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

- No 4:30pm Mass

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

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

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

Mon. Jan. 3rd - 8:20am Mass

ST. EUGENE'S CHAPEL

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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 NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Offertory **\$2,904.00** PAG **\$963.75**

Budget **\$8,300.00** (**\$4,432.25**)

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.

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!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DEC. 8TH

The feast of the Immaculate Conception does not celebrate the conception of Jesus. It celebrates the belief that his mother was conceived free from sin. We tell the story of the Annunciation on this feast because this is the reason Mary was so favored by God.

Jesus came to show us what God looks like. Jesus is God with skin on. But it is Mary who gave him that skin. Mary shows us what we are all called to be. We are all called to enflesh the divine in our own lives, to make God visible by the way we live. Francis of Assisi once said that we are the only image of God some people will ever know. What God are we modeling for them?

Mary was blameless in God's eyes from the moment of her conception, for a very special reason. But it is also true, as Paul tells us today, that we were chosen, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless. It would be an overwhelming task if the angel Gabriel had not told Mary how we can all accomplish it. The Holy Spirit will come upon us, and the power of the Most High overshadow us.

Immaculate Conception is an invitation to all of us to allow the power of the Holy Spirit to become a reality in our lives.

Practice

Today, be particularly conscious of the fact that you are making God visible for others. Ask the Holy Spirit for the insight to know how God would respond in each difficult situation you encounter.

THE CHURCH

WHAT DID THAT SPIRIT give the newborn community of eleven apostles? The traitor was no longer there, but he would soon be replaced by another, and still others would succeed the apostles, and these would eventually become this community of ours which today fills the cathedral and is listening to us through the radio. We are the community that, by the promise and breath of Christ the church was born, as Christ himself explained, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21-22). The mission that the church carries out in the world for all ages is none other than the mission of Christ dead and risen. The church celebrates her liturgy and preaches her word for that reason alone: to save people from sin, to save them from enslavements, to overthrow idolatries, and to proclaim the one God who loves us. This will always be the difficult task of the church, and she realizes that she must never betray his message. Since carrying out this mission cost Christ humiliation and the cross, the church also must be ready if necessary to suffer martyrdom, the cross, humiliation and persecution, as Christ did.

PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

Evening Prayers

God of Peace, I rest in this moment, recalling with gratitude your presence in my life today. Help me tomorrow to be keenly aware of your nearness and great love. *Amen.*

~ Deborah A. Meister

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessed day I had today. But as I get ready to retire for the evening, let me ask that you watch over all those not as fortunate as myself. Care for those who suffer for lack of food, for those who are homeless, for those without jobs, for those who are lonely, for those who live in the path of violence, and for all those who need your gentle love and mercy. For this I pray. *Amen.*

~ Paul Pennick

Heavenly Father, as the sun sets, I turn my heart ever more intently toward you. In the silence of the night, may your unutterable Word fill my being. May we be united in love and peace this night and forever. *Amen.*

~ Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

From: **Living Faith**

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

The annual collection of The Society of St. Vincent De Paul was 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.

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.

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

More from Will Rogers "about growing old"

- ☺ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
 - ☺ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
 - ☺ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've travelled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.
 - ☺ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
 - ☺ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
 - ☺ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
 - ☺ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.
 - ☺ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.
 - ☺ Being young is beautiful, being old is comfortable.
 - ☺ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.
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