

# SAINT MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND, PARISH

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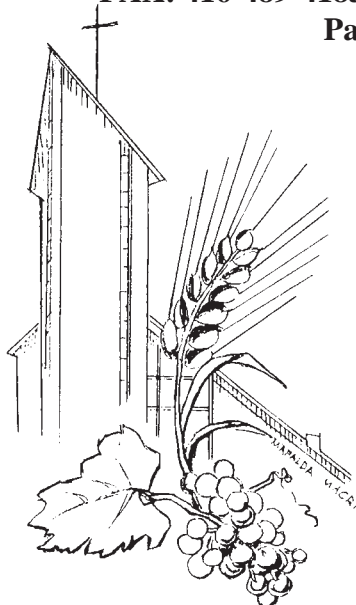
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## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Fr. Andy Macbeth

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Gerardo V. Laguartilla, C.P.P.S.

Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Kinghorn

Permanent Deacon

Cheryll Varona

Office Manager

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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

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Toronto Catholic District School Board 416-222-8282

or [www.tcdsb.org](http://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:

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Friday 12 noon

#### 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

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416-485-7781

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### COMMUNION MINISTERS

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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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### 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 IN ORDINARY TIME

### THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

#### NEVER ALONE

...the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. Matthew 4:16

If we read this passage on a day when our hope is dim or our spirits flagging, we might take comfort in noticing the tense of the verbs used. "Have seen" a great light means that it has already happened, not that we will see it only in the future. A light "has arisen" confirms that this is so. These are the sure word of the Holy One, present and at work in our midst.

No matter how thick the cloud of darkness or uncertainty or despair, no matter that our present situation makes us feel as if we sit alone in a land overshadowed by sin and death, we can place our hope in the God whose care is unending, the God who never abandons.

*Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.*

From: Living Faith

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This week (Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>), I will be taking some post-Christmas time off. There will be **NO** Weekday Masses at St. Margaret's church. However, our Associate Pastor, Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla, C.P.P.S. will continue to be celebrating weekday Masses at our mission church, St. Eugene's Chapel, at the regularly scheduled times.

#### OMASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

NO MASS

Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am

NO MASS

Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – 8:20am

NO MASS

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Jan. 16 **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

**\*Special Notice:**

**There will be NO Weekday Masses at St. Margaret's January 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> 2022**

Sun. Jan. 23 **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Thurs. Jan. 27 **10:00am – 12noon Zoom Meeting** of all parishes in **Zone #3**

- **7:00pm Meeting of Parish Finance Council**

Sun. Jan. 30 **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman

#### SPECIAL NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF OUR 2021 COHORTS

We are preparing this update for the parents of children who had planned on receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** and **First Eucharist** in 2021. It was our hope to re-schedule these celebrations during February & March of 2022. However, due to the recent pandemic lockdown restrictions, recently announced by the Provincial government and the delay of "**In Person Class**" in our

school, it is necessary to continue to postpone these celebrations, until a more stable set of circumstances is established. Please be assured that we will communicate directly, via email, to all our families who have registered for these sacraments in 2021. As soon as we are able, we will attempt to establish realistic dates for these celebrations to take place.

#### SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

**Let's listen to the voices of our brothers and sisters fighting for their right to a healthy environment**

World leaders have gathered for the 26<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). Although these powerful decision-makers are debating the future of the planet, they are probably too far removed from the realities of its most vulnerable people. It is up to us to hear and amplify the voices of those who are defending their rights and the environment against economic ravage.

Medarda Hernandez, whose community in Honduras has been repeatedly harmed by large industrial projects, including supposedly "green" projects, says, "if other extractivist projects start in our community, we are not going to let them pass. I ask the international community to come to our aid, because we are really suffering from this situation."

So that people like Medarda do not go unheard, let's make Canadian companies operating abroad responsible for protecting human and environmental rights. Join Development and Peace's **People and Planet First** campaign to make this happen.

Visit <https://devp.org/en> to learn more.

#### 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 – January 9, 2022

Offertory	\$4,580.00	PAG	\$953.75
Budget	\$8,300.00		(\$2,766.25)

#### MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2022

##### A Celebration of Marriage

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, **Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB**, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating **milestone anniversaries** (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

#### 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.

### SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. This synod is of great importance to the Holy Father and it cannot succeed without parishes encouraging people to participate.

To help parishes engage the faithful and solicit their feedback, the Archdiocese of Toronto has created a number of resources that you can use including:

- An online survey that provides a forum for people to share their thoughts: [www.archtoronto.org/synodality](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality)
- A video featuring Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, that explains the synod and asks people to participate: Synodality Video

### 2022 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2022 Envelopes are available at the front of the church by the exit doors on Sunday. All parishioners are encouraged to use Sunday envelopes:

1. **Take any numbered box.** You DO NOT need to keep the same number from one year to the next.
2. Please write your **full name, complete mailing address and phone number clearly** on the **first three envelopes** you use and you will be assigned the number on the box.
3. **Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 you can start using your 2022 envelopes. DO NOT use your 2021 envelopes otherwise your donation will be credited to someone else.**
4. **If you're visiting or forgot your envelope DO NOT take one envelope from the numbered box use pink envelope.**



### 2021 PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES

The following envelope numbers have not been properly identified with parishioners' information. If you see your envelope number listed **please contact parish office at 416-485-7781 as soon as possible.** Thank you

**Envelope numbers:**

**121, 183, 259, 276, 289, 348, 1213, 1222, 1318**

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**January 18 – 25, 2022**

**Theme: "We saw the star in the East and we came to worship Him."**

#### **Reflection:**

In this fragile and uncertain world, we look for a light, a ray of hope from afar. In the midst of evil, we long for goodness. We look for the good within ourselves, but often we are so overwhelmed by our weakness that hope fails us. Our confidence rests in the God we worship. God, in his wisdom, enabled us to hope for divine intervention; but we had not anticipated that God's intervention would be a person, and that the Lord himself would be the light in our midst. This exceeded all our expectations. God's gift to us is a 'spirit of power, and love'. Not by relying on our own strength and

ability are we drawn forward on the way to this perfect light, but rather by God's Holy Spirit.

In the midst of humanity's darkness the star from the East shone. In it we see a light that penetrates the depths of the darkness that separates us from one another. The star's light was not only an illumination at a particular historical moment but it continues to shine and change the face of history. Throughout the ages, and ever since the star first appeared, the world has come to know through the lives of Christ's followers the hope that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. These give witness to God's work in history, and to the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. These give witness to God's work in history, and to the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. Despite the vicissitudes of history and the changing of circumstances, the Risen One continues to shine, moving within the flow of history like a beacon guiding all into this perfect light and overcoming the darkness which separates us from one another.

The desire to overcome the darkness that separates us compels us to pray and work for Christian unity.

#### **Prayer: Searching for God**

*O Lord my God, teach my heart this day where and how to see you, where and how to find you.*

*You have made me and remade me, and you have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, and still I do not know you. I have not yet done that for which I was made.*

*Teach me to seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, or find you unless you show yourself to me.*

*Let me seek you in my desire, let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you, let me love you when I find you.*

*~ Saint Anselm*

**The annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church 920 Progress Ave.,**

**Scarborough, ON on Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook: [facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch)

### CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

#### **Priest's Dilemma**

If a priest preaches over ten minutes, he's longwinded.

If his sermon is short, he didn't prepare it.

If the parish funds are high, he's a businessman.

If he visits his parishioners, he's nosy.

If he doesn't, he's snobbish.

If he has fairs and bazaars, he's bleeding the people.

If he doesn't, there's no life in the parish.

If he takes time in confession to help and advise sinners, he takes too long. If he doesn't, he doesn't care.

If he celebrates the Liturgy in a quiet voice, he's a bore.

If he puts feeling into it, he's an actor.

If he starts Mass on time, his watch is fast.

If he starts late, he's holding the people.

If he tries to lead the people in music, he's showing off.

If he doesn't, he doesn't care what Mass is like.

If he decorates the church, he's wasting money.

If he doesn't, he's letting it run down.

If he's young, he's not experienced.

If he's old, he ought to retire.

If he dies, there was nobody like him and there will never be his equal again!

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