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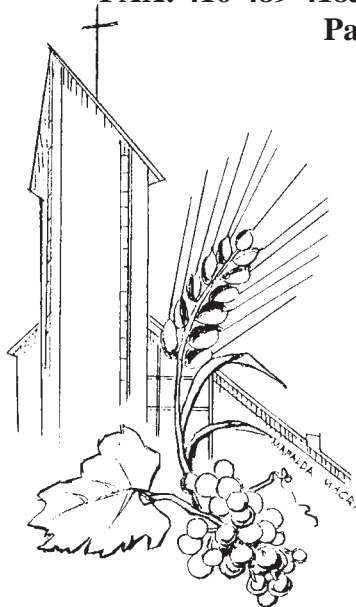
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Rev. Mr. Robert Kinghorn

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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

St. Margaret's 416-393-5249

Loretto Abbey 416-393-5510

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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

(Sunday 10:30 a.m.) Priscila Domanay

416-485-7781

LECTORS

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416-485-7781

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416-485-7781

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416-342-7590

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Mark 14:22

In many, if not all, religion traditions, the sharing of a meal is a celebration rich in symbolism. The Eucharist and Passover are bearers of the shared memories of people. God reveals himself through the communal ritual of drinking and eating. Through the Eucharist, we believe that God remembers himself for us. He is brought to our midst and once again nourishes us with his very flesh and blood. We consume his life, and he becomes, very intimately, a living part of us. When we leave the sacred table and reimmerse ourselves into the seemingly mundane routines of life, we bear God within us – a God who lived, died and rose for us so that we might live the same mystery for and with each other. The body and blood of Jesus is indeed food for our journey through life.

Fr. James Stephen Behrens, O.C.S.O.
From: Living Faith

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 31st – 8:20am

†**MARY JO MacLELLAN** Requested by Allan MacLellan

Wednesday, February 2nd – 7:00pm

†**TERESA LEHMAN (Mother of Fr. Michael Lehman)**
Requested by parish family of St. Margaret's

Thursday, February 3rd – 8:20am

†**AGRAPINA TAMAYAO & DECEASED MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY** Requested by Dorothea Addun

Friday, February 4th – 8:20am

†**FELICULA, MONICO, & RODRIGO QUEDDENG** Requested by Dorothea Addun

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Jan. 30 **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

Wed. Feb. 2 **WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

Sat. Feb. 5 **10:00-11:30am Parish Home Catechism Program**
meets in parish hall for review lesson #5

Sun. Feb. 6 **5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

Sun. Feb. 13 **6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn
• **ANNUAL "MARRIAGE SUNDAY"** throughout the Archdiocese.

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-Contact 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.

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.

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** (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

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
- A video featuring Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, that explains the synod and asks people to participate: Synodality Video

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 23, 2022

Offertory	\$2,389.75	PAG	\$953.75
Budget	\$8,300.00		(\$4,956.50)

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 1st 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.**

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – FEB. 2ND 2022

ST. JOHN PAUL II, established the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life in 1997 to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which highlights the fact that Christ is the light of the world through the symbolic lighting of candles. "Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers."

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

"God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, for ever and ever. Amen"

JANUARY WELNESS TIP – DECLUTTERING FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The Christmas break has come and gone, and in many cases that means we have accumulated more "stuff" in our homes. Perhaps things were left to pile up or parents of children might find there is a stack of new toys that they are figuring out where to put. What we are surrounded by can affect our mood; if we see too much around us, it can distract us, lead to negative thinking and take away from our productivity.

Did you know that decluttering can lead to improved mental health? Removing the pile that potentially causes stress can benefit your mental health by making you feel calmer, happier and more in control. A tidy environment (mental and physical) can boost our mindset. Start the New Year by committing to finding ways to reduce your stress.

Below are some tips to declutter for your mental health:

- **Start small.** Find a small pile or drawer that you would like to organize. The feeling of accomplishment that arises from this will motivate you to do more and move on to the next drawer or space that needs decluttering.
 - **Choose your space.** Look around you, determine which area could use some decluttering in order to boost your productivity and go from there. Perhaps your workspace needs to be tidied up, papers need to be sorted and the number of pens at your desk needs to be reduced because some just don't work anymore.
 - **Take your time.** This top to bottom decluttering does not have to happen in one 24-hour period. Spread it out over days, even weeks. One drawer/surface at a time or one room at a time. The choice is yours.
 - **Mental declutter.** Take some time to pray, clear your mind. Perhaps try journaling to organize your thoughts. Separate emotions from various subjects to look at them more objectively. Write out things you wish to say to someone – be succinct and straight to the point.
 - **Digital declutter.** Open up your phone and remove all apps you do not use. Unsubscribe from all the promotional emails that you just don't pay attention to. Maybe even peek into the ever-daunting gallery on your phone and delete all the duplicate photos that have been taken. In a world where we try to get the perfect photo, we may have 20 shots of the same image. Save one or two of the best ones and move on.
 - **Donate.** Find things you no longer use that are in good condition and donate them to local organizations or buy nothing groups.
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- **Recycle.** Gather all items that can be reused by your own household or dispose of them in an environmentally responsible manner by looking up local depots that may take certain items. For more information on decluttering for your mental health, please visit: www.camh.ca.

CALL FOR ADVISORS AND THE PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

Calling all Catholic Advisors

Are you a lawyer, financial or insurance advisor? If yes, then we want to hear from you! The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of advisors, who understand our faith and can assist us with our estate and financial affairs. Come and be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional lives. For further information, contact the Development office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or email development@archtoronto.org.

Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account.

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for you:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@archtoronto.org.

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

"THE TOMATO GARDEN"

An elderly Italian man lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, since the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over... I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Pop,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love, Vinnie

At 4am the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Pop,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you, Vinnie





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