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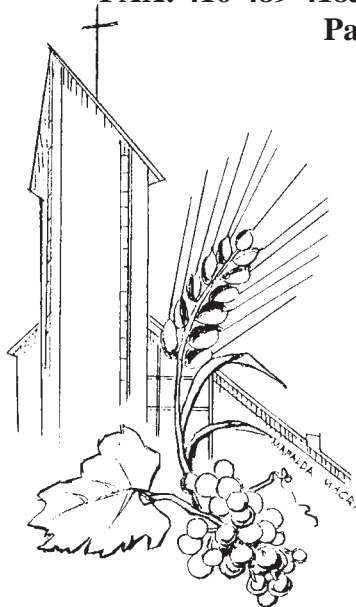
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Rev. Fr. Andy Macbeth

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

Associate 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:

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

Cherie Zuzarte 416-485-7781

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Diane Dibacco 416-485-7781

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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

EVEN GREATER

Before the mountains were begotten and the earth and the world were brought forth, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:2

Among the amazing exhibits at the Rose Center for Earth and Space in New York City is a walkway that offers a timeline of the history of the universe. Laid out in detail for visitors to take in at their own pace is the story of the magnitude of this universe we inhabit. Visitors can see the depiction of how our precious earth fits into and relates to the cosmos. They can see our human connection to all around us from the beginning of time. It can be profoundly humbling to notice how late in the timeline humankind – our ancestors – first appears.

Even more awe-inspiring and humbling than these images is the reality that a loving God has been, and continues to be, tenderly present from all eternity.

Creating God, I am forever grateful for all the ways you fill my heart with wonder.

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.
From: Living Faith

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 21st – 8:20am

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

Wednesday, February 23rd – 7:00pm

THANKSGIVING MASS Requested by K. S. Joseph & family

Thursday, February 24th – 8:20am

†PHYLLIS ZAMMIT Requested by Helen Rupf

Friday, February 25th – 8:20am

†JOSEPH GNANAPRAGASAM Requested by Emma & Vito

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Feb. 20 **7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

Mon. Feb. 21 **FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY**

8:20am Mass at St. Margaret's
• **Parish office Closed** for holiday

Thurs. Feb. 24 Celebration of **FIRST RECONCILIATION**
scheduled for 7:00pm, **postponed till later date**

Sun. Feb. 27 **8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Wed. Mar. 2 **ASH WEDNESDAY** the beginning of Lent
"Universal Day of Fast and Abstinence"

St. Margaret's - 7:00pm only

St. Eugene's Chapel – 5:00pm & 7:00pm

NB Ashes are distributed **during** Mass

****Please note – Attendance at St. Margaret's Ash Wednesday is by Registration Only!**
(see special notice)

Fri. Mar. 4 **7:00pm Mass; 7:30pm Stations of the Cross**
at St. Margaret's

Sat. Mar. 5 **10:00-11:30am Parish Home Catechism Program**
meets in parish hall for review lesson #6

Sun. Mar. 6 **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

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 – February 13, 2022

Offertory **\$3,775.00** PAG **\$953.75**
Budget **\$8,300.00** (**\$3,571.25**)

YOUR 2021 TAX RECEIPTS

As last year our **2021 income tax receipts** are being **mailed through an Archdiocesan Program**. As of **February 14th** these will be **mailed out** to all who made donations of \$75 or more. For **those below** this threshold of \$75, **you may contact the parish office directly**, and have your receipt mailed. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Cheryll, our office manager, during our regular business office hours.

ANNUAL FINANCE COUNCIL'S PRESENTATION FOR 2021

We are happy to inform you that the Finance Council's Annual Presentation for 2021 is now available to all parishioners in two ways: (**follow the links**)

1) A **YouTube video** and 2) the **written script** with the financial statement. Both versions are now available on our parish website. **A tip of the hat to Joe Longpre & Ray Kahnert, members of our Finance Council, for preparing this wonderful video.**

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION IN 2022

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its imposed restrictions on church celebrations and gatherings, we unfortunately have to **postpone the celebration** of First Reconciliation, that was scheduled for **Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022**.

We are now, hopefully looking forward to the possibility, of scheduling the celebrations of First Reconciliation for both **2021 and 2022 cohorts, during the Spring of 2022**. These dates have yet to be established but we will communicate them to you as soon as we are able. When these dates can be confirmed, you will be asked to register your child and family for a particular date and time.

Once again, we are sorry for this, yet another delay, but it is at this time, the best pastoral solution for everyone's health and safety. We will keep you posted through upcoming email notices.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

On **Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022**, we will have a **7:00pm Mass at St. Margaret's**. Due to the pandemic attendance restrictions currently imposed on parishes by the Ontario government, we require that **attendance** at this Mass, will be by **REGISTRATION ONLY**. To register for the **St. Margaret's Mass** please contact the parish office beginning **Monday February 14th**

St. Eugene's Chapel will have **5:00pm & 7:00pm Masses** on a "First-Come, First-Serve Basis"

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday – 9:00am – 12nn; 1:00pm – 8:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 9:00am – 12nn; 1:00pm – 5:00pm
N.B. There will be NO SCHOOL MASS on Ash Wednesday



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**HOW DO WE WALK TOGETHER AS CHURCH?
EMBRACING POPE FRANCIS' NEW CALL TO
SYNODALITY**

Wednesday, Feb. 16th – 11:00am

A virtual event sponsored by Novalis Publishing

Join authors Moira McQueen and Massimo Faggioli for a robust conversation on the topic of Synodality and how the faithful at all levels can participate in Pope Francis' call to synodality and contribute to a rich reflection on a vibrant future for the Catholic Church. Moderated by Christopher White. Sponsored by Novalis Publishing.

COST: Free • REGISTER: <https://bit.ly.RegisterSynodality>

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

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Lenten Retreat – Sat. March 5, or, Tues. March 15

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$40.00 lunch included

Where: Queen of Apostles, 1617 Blyth Rd., Mississauga 905-278-5229, or, office@qoa.ca

Father Ron Rolheiser Lenten Retreat

Time: Friday, 7:00pm – Sunday 2:00pm

Cost: \$450.00 per person, or, \$700.00 per cpl

Where: Queen of Apostles, 1617 Blyth Rd., Mississauga 905-278-5229, or, office@qoa.ca

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life.

If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org • www.vocationstoronto.ca

WHY US? by PAT MARRIN

“He summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him” (Mark 3:13).

The wisdom of any leader is revealed in the people he or she chooses as associates and advisors. Presidents unveil their agendas in the members of their cabinet. A pope suggests the path of his papacy by his choice for secretary of state and the other members of the Curia. So, Jesus' selection of the Twelve Apostles reveals a great deal about his understanding of his mission. All four Gospels list names Jesus called, and the setting on a mountain after a night of prayer gives special weight to the moment.



If credentials and experience were important, Jesus' choice of four fishermen, a tax collector, a zealot and a traitor raises questions about why he chose these men and not others. Deeper introductions reveal Peter, boastful but indecisive, short-tempered brothers, James and John, Thomas the skeptic, Simon, linked to underground zealots determined to overthrow Rome, and the tragic Judas.

Why would Jesus choose such an ill-suited, mismatched group of nobodies to save the world if not to demonstrate the power of God to redeem and fashion a community of grace and purpose from ordinary humanity? In the course of their time together, Jesus, a village carpenter, would take raw and unhewn lumber and build a house worthy of God on earth. Truth be told, it was their failures and weaknesses that proved the power of God's mercy to transform sinners into saints. Even betrayal, denial and abandonment only made the light of God's unconditional love shine all the brighter.

Lost under layers of theological and historical mythmaking, these glimpses of real lives are buried like foundation stones to support the church that emerged from the first generations of believers. Lost with them are the many anonymous women and men who lived the Paschal Mystery by dying and rising with Jesus to begin the transformation of a sinful world into the Beloved Community that is the end of history.

We are today's Apostles, Jesus' messengers of hope, ambassadors of reconciliation and models of ordinary holiness, plying our simple gifts and best intentions to the needs of our communities. The Word of God calls us by name each morning to be with Jesus in the work of daily redemption, mending the world a stitch at a time, poco a poco, pas a pas, little by little, step by step. With grace to multiply our efforts, it is enough to do the best we can as things arise.

From: **National Catholic Reporter**

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

- ☺ Life is never so bad at its worst that it is impossible to live; it is never so good at its best that it is easy to live.
- ☺ Sometimes my greatest accomplishment is keeping my mouth shut.
- ☺ Why did God make the man first? Because everyone needs a rough draft.
- ☺ What do you say to comfort a friend who is struggling with English grammar? There, their, they're...

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