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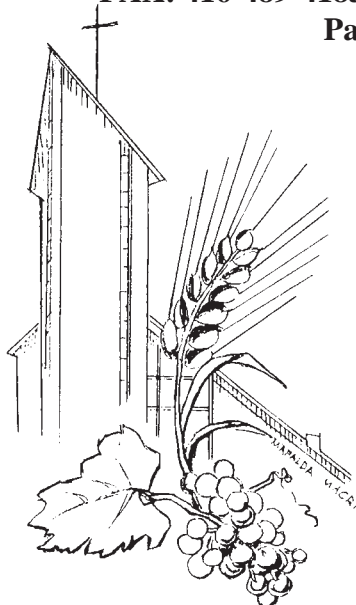
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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

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](http://www.tcdsb.org)

### **Parish Mission Church - St. Eugene's**

13 Regina Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M6A 1R2

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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

### 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 LENT

## THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

### LETTING GO, BEING EMBRACED

Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it. Luke 17:33

Before presenting this paradox, Jesus paints a vivid picture of people who had been busy with their daily tasks and others clearly living it up. Then, Jesus cuts to the chase with warning about being too caught up in the business of living. Jesus' response to living is always focused on the needs of others, to the point of dying for us that we may have life to the fullest. The Word of God teaches us that temptations in life often come to us disguised as our own needs. These can distract us, if we let them, from what truly matters. Even in prayer, we can be distracted by random thoughts and worries instead of resting in God's love. Jesus reminds us to let go of life's distractions and lose ourselves in intimate moments of prayers, embraced by the Word of God forever.

Deborah A. Meister  
From: Living Faith

### BREAKING NEWS!

As of Tuesday, March 1, 2022 there will be 100% seating capacity with no physical distancing restrictions. Please note that masks will still be required.

### ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT

#### St. Margaret's

7:00pm Mass; 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

#### St. Eugene's Chapel

6:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm Devotion to the Precious Blood  
7:00pm Mass; 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am NO INTENTION

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm NO INTENTION

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am NO INTENTION

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

THANKSGIVING Requested by Tellis family

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Mar. 6 **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB  
- 188<sup>th</sup> Birthday of City of Toronto (1834)

Fri. Mar. 11 **7:00pm Mass** at St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Sat. Mar. 12 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins turn clocks **AHEAD ONE-HOUR!**

Sun. Mar. 13 **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn  
- March break: March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Fri. Mar. 18 **7:00pm Mass** at St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Sun. Mar. 20 **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

Fri. Mar. 25 **FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

- 7:00pm **Mass** at St. Margaret's & St.

Eugene's followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Sun. Mar. 27 **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

- First collection for our **SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**

### 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 27, 2022

Offertory	\$4,253.00	PAG	\$953.75
Budget	\$8,300.00		(\$3,093.25)

### YOUR 2021 TAX RECEIPTS

As last year our **2021 income tax receipts** are being **mailed through an Archdiocesan Program**. As of **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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.**

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE – MARCH 25-27, 2022

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### VOCATIONS OFFICE

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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.  
E-mail: vocations@archtoronto.org or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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### **SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE OPTION**

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds and mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipts for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and supports various archdiocesan charities.

To donate listed securities, you can obtain our form, the Letter of Direction by visiting this link:

<https://bit.ly/SecuritiesLetter>

For further information, contact the development office at 416-934-3400 ext 561/519 or [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

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### **COME AND SEE – DAY RETREAT**

**Saturday, March 18 (9:00am-3:00pm) at St. Augustine's Seminary**

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

For more information, please contact (your parish priest) of the Office of Vocations via email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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### **OUT ON A LIMB** by PAT MARRIN

Like other parables, the story of Zacchaeus, the diminutive tax collector who climbs a tree to see Jesus, has its own inexhaustible potential for reflection.

I would like to focus on something that is in many of the Gospel stories about people coming to discipleship. It has to do with a threshold they cross that costs them something to draw closer to Jesus, who is himself on a journey that appears to be one of increasing powerlessness, a paradoxical descent described as loss for gain, cross for glory.

Consider Zacchaeus. Small in stature, despised for his profession and compromised as a Jew for dealing with the occupying Romans, he is nonetheless a wealthy man with power over others. We can imagine his concern for stature and importance to make up for other deficits, and his efforts to assert his dignity, even if he is buying influence and intimidating others to "respect" him.

His desire to "see" Jesus is a response to a grace-filled invitation to regain right relationships and personal integrity through repentance. It reduces Zacchaeus to an almost childlike eagerness. He runs alongside the crowd as Jesus approaches. He tries to get to the front row but is likely elbowed and pushed back by people who see their chance to show contempt.

So, Zacchaeus gathers up his robes and climbs a tree. It is an astonishing sight, this grown man up in the sycamore tree, and no doubt people in the crowd hooted at him. But Jesus does not; he instead meets Zacchaeus' willingness to surrender his dignity to begin his conversion journey with mercy by calling him down and proposing dinner at his house to continue the grace of the moment.

An act of humility opens up Zacchaeus' heart, the same first step toward deeper discipleship we find in Peter's failure, Paul's conversion when knocked to the ground and blinded,

or the Prodigal Father's surrender of patriarchal dignity to run to embrace and kiss his returning son. Zacchaeus begins his journey home by being up a tree and out on a limb for Jesus. God does the rest. The cost of discipleship seems high because we so value our pride and control, but surrender sets us free to become our true selves again, before God, self and other people. No small blessing.

From: **National Catholic Reporter**

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### **EVENING PRAYERS**

Lord, I am grateful for each person whose path I crossed this day. I pray that each finds the sustenance and love that you offered them. I am grateful for the food I ate, the liquids I drank, the air I breathed. I am especially grateful for your loving provision of spiritual food and drink that sustains my soul. *Amen.*

~ Phil Fox Rose

Gentle Shepherd, some nights I feel lost. The stress of the day has passed, but in the quiet, I still cannot find peace. Guide me in your ways, I pray, reminding me to be not afraid, helping me to discover anew that I may rest in you. I pray that all who are lost will seek you out and find your unconditional love. *Amen.*

~ Terence Hegarty

Gracious God, may we find peace this night as the fears that bind us are transformed into trust. As we prepare to let go of this day, we hand over to you the fruits of our labours, entrusting our unfinished work to you. We place ourselves in the care of your protective angels. Into your hands we offer our lives. *Amen.*

~ Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B.

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### **PRAYER FOR PERSEVERANCE**

Faithful God, when people and institutions disappoint us, may we continue to place our trust in you. Transform our hearts and minds and help us recognize the many ways you are present in our lives. Fill us with your holy wisdom so that we might act with integrity, humility and compassion as we work for change. *Amen.*

~ Terri Mifek

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### **CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS**

The Brother-in-law

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerks called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor. The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery...

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment. "Do you have health insurance?" she asked. He replied in raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?" He replied, "No money in the bank."

Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun. He said, "I only a spinster sister, and she is a nun"

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The man replied "Perfect! Send the bill to my brother-in-law!"

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