

# SAINT MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND, PARISH

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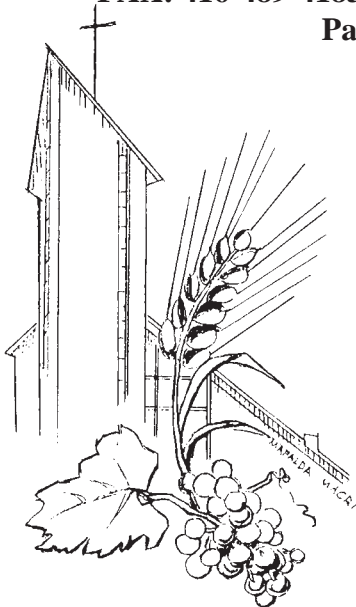
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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

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.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

### THE MOVEMENT OF PRAYER

Send forth your light and your fidelity, they shall lead me on and bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place. Psalm 43:3

If you're like me, you may notice that fostering a prayer life contains many elements. First, we become aware... and awareness requires attention. That is, we notice what desires, feelings, hopes and longings are stirring in our hearts, bodies and minds. When we long for peace, healing and transformation, we can offer these desires to God. We reach to God and notice how God reaches to us. This brings us to another element of prayer: openness. Our assumptions are challenged, our boxes break open, and then we are challenged to let go. As we surrender, we can hear God's voice in surprising places and people. At times God speaks through the oppressed and little ones. Prophets, it seems, tend to come from sidelines. Last, our prayer invites us to act. We respond to the messages, uniting with God's mercy and goodness, imitating God's outreach. Through it all, we love.

Sr. Julia Walsh, F.S.P.A.  
From: Living Faith

### 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

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

† JOAN JOHNSTON Requested by Diane Warden

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – 8:20am

† LARRY MURRAY Requested by Eileen Murray & family

Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00pm

† JAKOB KLENIEWSKI Requested by Mary Kleniewski

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am No Intention

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

† ORLANDO & OLGA NAPOLI Requested Mencarini family

### LOOKING AHEAD

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**

Wed. Mar. 30 7:45pm **PASTORAL COUNCIL** meets in the parish hall

Fri. Apr. 1 7:00pm Mass at St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's

followed by Stations of the Cross

Sat. Apr. 2 10:00-11:30am **PARISH HOME CATECHISM**

**PROGRAM** meets in parish hall for review lesson #7

- **BUNDLE UP SUNDAY** at St. Eugene's Chapel

Sun. Apr. 3 **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

- **BUNDLE UP SUNDAY** at St. Eugene's Chapel (see special notice)

Thurs. Apr. 7 10:00am-12noon **VIRTUAL MEETING** of all parishes in **Zone #3** with Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

Fri. Apr. 8 7:00pm Mass at St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Sun. Apr. 10 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

### HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FUND FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. ORAT is Canada's largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year; it will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible.

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

**Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

- ☞ Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- ☞ By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- ☞ Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
- ☞ Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

### SUPPORT OUR LENTEN SHARELIFE APPEAL

Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday.

Our parish goal for this year is **\$140,000**. As we approach our collection next weekend, please reflect upon your ability to contribute to our parish campaign this year.

The pandemic placed many of ShareLife agencies funded by ShareLife under great stress as they continue to support the needs of clients. The need is great.

Please deposit your envelope in the collection basket. You can also make your donation online via the parish website or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

However you give, whatever you give, please give generously to ShareLife.

### SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE OPTION

One of the most financially sound way 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)

### BUNDLE UP FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bring your gently used clothing, shoes, linen, toys (new or nearly new) and household goods to share with others. On:

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Eugene's Chapel**

A St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will donate & sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Thank you for your continued support.



"The container will be open all day Saturday and all day Sunday until 4:00pm.

**NB We do NOT accept appliances, furniture, books, mattresses, construction material, cassettes, or dishes.**

**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 – March 13, 2022**

Offertory **\$3,899.00**      PAG **\$953.75**  
Budget **\$8,300.00**      (**\$3,447.25**)

**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:

- 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.**

**OFFICE OF VOCATION**

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood 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 or www.vocationstoronto.ca

**PRAYER & BLESSINGS**

**Morning Prayers**

The dawn of a new day brings with it fresh possibilities through your mercy, O Lord. Fill me not with regret over yesterday or worry about tomorrow, but confidence and courage to live in the present moment. Here you abide with me in a foretaste of eternal life. Open my heart to receive the good gifts you will offer me today, sure to be enough to sustain me. I ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. *Amen.*

Gentle Savior, thank you for the good night's rest I enjoyed. Strengthen me now to do your will in all things, so that at the end of the day I can say that I have done my best. *Amen.*

Jesus, even in the freshness of morning, it is all too easy to take another day for granted. Help me to savor this moment and to cherish the gift of life, even in difficult times. I know that your promises are the only guarantees life holds for us. So help me to appreciate what I have, especially the people you have put in my life. May I never lose sight of how precious my time with them really is. *Amen.*

**THIS LENT...**

Special is good word for describing Lent. Lent calls us to take more seriously and make special just forty days of our lives. Each of these forty days is a gift and another opportunity to connect with the source of our lives: **God**. Forty special days! Let's not waste so many other days.

If we take each of these forty days one at a time with the Church, we will see unravel before our eyes the great Mystery of Salvation. It is Christ who calls us to look with more attention and love as he hangs on the Cross for us and as he rises from the tomb. We will grow in the realization that he is the greatest person in the history of the world.

All of the suggestions and ideas which have grown up around Lent are summarized in three words: prayer, conversion and works of charity. These are days for doing a little more of each of the three.

**Prayer:** we should spend a little more time in raising our minds and hearts to God, especially in meditation of the life of Christ as found in the holy Gospel; holy mass, and the stations of the Cross are a good help in doing this, also the recitation of the holy Rosary and meditation on the mysteries.

**Conversion:** we achieve conversion little by little. It takes effort and self-denial to bring ourselves round to living our lives more and more for God. Fasting one day a week, or giving up candy or cake are just some examples. The reason for giving up what is permitted seems to lie in the fact that they serve: to curb our self-centeredness, over-all "grabbingness" and self-indulgence.

**Works of Charity:** Under conversion, we usually speak of the negative practices of Lent, but under the works of charity we refer to the positive things that we can do for God and our neighbour.

Whatever we do for Lent, let us realize that it brings us closer and closer each day to the Paschal mystery. We are given these forty days of preparation so that we will reach Easter Sunday prepared mentally and spiritually and emotionally to look upon the greatness of the **Gift of God**.

**SOMETHINGS TO THINK ABOUT**

- ❖ The fact that there's "A Highway to Hell" and only a "Stairway to Heaven" says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.
- ❖ So when is this "Old Enough to Know Better" supposed to kick in?
- ❖ Be careful when you follow the masses, sometimes the "m" is silent
- ❖ A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped and she is holding a gun". "Have you arrested the woman?" "Not yet, the floor is still wet!"
- ❖ Think positive it keeps you young. For example, I fall down the stairs today and I thought wow! that's the fastest I've moved in years.
- ❖ Some people should use a Glue stick, instead of Chaps stick.



**CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS**

**OLDER CROWD**

- ☺ A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true, that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked "No Refills!"
- ☺ **Overheard at the Senior's Center.**  
"Sometimes getting out of bed ruins the whole day!"
- ☺ **Do's and Don'ts for Vacuuming**  
Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I just finished the whole house before realizing the vacuum wasn't plugged in!

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