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Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Kinghorn

Permanent Deacon

Cheryll Varona

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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

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St. Margaret's 416-393-5249

Loretto Abbey 416-393-5510

Toronto Catholic District School Board 416-222-8282

or www.tcdsb.org

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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

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416-485-7781

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

416-342-7590

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (P.H.C.P.)

Anna Di Carlo

416-788-0899

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Parish Office

416-485-7781

SENIORS GROUP

Miriam Hastings

416-483-7659

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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 OF LENT

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

LOVE ISN'T FAIR

My son, you are with me always; everything I have is yours. Luke 15:31

An open letter to the elder son in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Dear Elder Son, I hear you! I understand why you're so upset and refuse to go to the party. After all, you are the dutiful son, the responsible one. You didn't run off and squander your inheritance like your ingrate of a brother. No, you stayed on the farm and worked your tail off. And yet, when your younger brother comes crawling home, your dad throws a party for him! It isn't fair! It just isn't fair!

And there, dear Elder Brother, is "the rub." Yes, the party isn't fair – precisely because LOVE isn't fair! Fair is what is deserved, what is earned, what is merited. But love goes way beyond fairness. It morphs into ecstatic welcoming, into unfathomable mercy, into unconditional forgiveness. So, Elder Brother, go to the party and enjoy yourself. Why? Because the love being poured out on your brother is the same love that is being poured out on you! Rejoice! Rejoice!

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.
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 25th – 7:00pm

✠ **ORLANDO & OLGA NAPOLI** Requested Mencarini family

Monday, March 28th – 8:20am

✠ **ANTHONY WONG** Requested by Emma & Vito Wong

Wednesday, March 30th – 7:00pm

✠ **PEDRO & MARIA AMPULLER** Requested by Romeo Ampuller

Thursday, March 31st – 8:20am

For the **PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN** Requested by Tellis family

Friday, April 1st – 7:00pm

✠ **FILOMENA DI LAURENZIO** Requested Antonio Di Laurenzio

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Mar. 27 **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

- First collection for our **SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**

- **10:30am Mass at St. Margaret's – Liturgy of the Word with Children** resumes for children ages 3-10 years old.

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 **5TH 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
- **1:30pm Pastoral Team** meets in Rectory
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
- **HOLY LAND Envelopes** available for **Good Friday Collection** (see special notice)
- **HOLY WEEK LITURGIES** (see special notice)

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 2nd & 3rd – 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 20, 2022

Offertory	\$4,585.50	PAG	\$953.75
Budget	\$8,300.00		(\$2,760.75)

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
- ✉ By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- ✉ Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

We are excited to welcome back our Liturgy of the Word with Children this **Sunday, March 27th** we offer this ministry for kids from ages **3 to 10 years old** during our **10:30am Mass**.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

This weekend is the first collection in our parish's annual ShareLife Parish Campaign. The ShareLife mission of "living the Gospel by providing for those in need" is at the core of how we are called to live our lives as Christians.

Our parish goal this year is **\$115,000**. Please reflect on your ability to contribute to our campaign this year.

With your help, as we emerge from the pandemic, ShareLife will continue to be there for the poor and marginalized in our community.

Please deposit your envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

2021 FINAL REPORT

Through Parish \$44,127
Through Diocese \$81,600
TOTAL \$125,727.00

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS
(FOR ALL REGISTERED FAMILIES)**

FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, April 2nd 1:30pm
Sunday, April 3rd 3:00pm



FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION)

Saturday, May 14th 1:30pm
Sunday, May 15th 3:00pm



HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

ST. MARGARET'S

Thursday, Apr. 14 th HOLY THURSDAY	(No 8:20am Weekday Mass) 7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until 11:00pm
Friday, Apr. 15 th GOOD FRIDAY	3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord 7:30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, Apr. 16 th EASTER VIGIL	(No 4:30pm Mass) 8:00pm Mass
Sunday, Apr. 17 th EAST SUNDAY	9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon

ST. EUGENE'S CHAPEL

Thursday, Apr. 14 th HOLY THURSDAY	(No 9:00am Weekday Mass) 7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until midnight
Friday, Apr. 15 th GOOD FRIDAY	12noon & 3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord 7:30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, Apr. 16 th EASTER VIGIL	(No 4:30pm Mass) 8:00pm Mass
Sunday, Apr. 17 th EAST SUNDAY	10:00am, 11:30am

IS BEING PLEASANT A VIRTUE?

By [Melannie Svoboda SND](#)

Is being pleasant a virtue? That's the question I asked myself recently after interacting with mostly pleasant people all day. Those people include my fellow Sisters of Notre Dame. My experience has been that we are, as a group, basically pleasant women. It also includes the employees of this apartment complex I now live in. (NOTE: A few weeks ago I moved into another building on our large SND campus—an apartment complex that is part of Notre Dame Village here in Munson Township.) Here I frequently bump into other residents, housekeeping people, food service personnel, and maintenance workers—and they too are pleasant. Recently I went into a drug store where I asked a clerk who was stocking shelves where I could find a certain item. She not only told me where I could find it, she stopped what she was doing and took me to the exact place where my item was. And she did this very pleasantly—even cheerfully.

Being pleasant isn't automatic. When I was a novice, another novice accused me of "being born with happy genes." Although we

may be predisposed to being pleasant by genetics or upbringing, sooner or later, after we've experienced some "major thwacks" in life, we realize we have to cultivate pleasantness as a general policy. I look upon pleasantness as the oil that lubricates interpersonal relationships. Or as the soothing lotion that smooths away our rough edges. Or as the light fragrance that permeates the atmosphere, putting everyone in a slightly better mood.

Heaven knows there are plenty of good reasons NOT to be pleasant. Just read the news headlines. Or perhaps there are physical conditions that get in the way of being pleasant: headaches, arthritis, indigestion. Other factors that can suffocate pleasantness are worries about loved ones, trouble at work, strained relationships, financial problems, fear of the future, feelings of inadequacy—and the list goes on.

I'm not saying we must always be pleasant. Everyone is entitled to a crabby day every now and then. Even Jesus wasn't pleasant all the time. He was impatient with the obtuseness of his disciples. He railed against the scribes and Pharisees on more than one occasion. And certainly he was far from pleasant when he drove the money changers from the Temple—while wielding a whip, no less. There are situations that demand that we NOT be pleasant; for example, when we see someone being mistreated or when we witness a grave injustice. During my teaching years, I sometimes had to put on my not-so-pleasant-face when confronting a student about his or her behavior. (More than once, such a student said to me: "You're a nun! You're supposed to be nice!")

I look upon pleasantness as the little sister of love. A pleasant demeanor becomes an incarnation of the love we profess as Christians. As a virtue, it can be "practiced" our entire life—even when we may be confined to a health care center. Case in point: the other day I was walking through our health care center and I met one of our oldest sisters, Sister Ronald. She was being pushed in her wheelchair by one of our aids. The three of us greeted each other pleasantly. Then I asked sister directly, "And how are you today, Sister?"

She smiled broadly and said, "I am having a very good day." Then added, "How about you?" I said I was having a very good day too, and added, "Especially now—because I've met you!" Later I reflected on her words. How could she—objectively speaking—be having a very good day? After all, she's 96! She's in a wheelchair. She has to depend on others to go just about anywhere. And she needs help with all of her personal needs. And yet she can still be such a pleasant woman. I have never lived with her, but those who have tell me, "She was a joy to live with." Pleasantness, then, was not a virtue she decided to practice when she turned 90. It was probably a virtue she lived her entire life.

Let us conclude this reflection with this little prayer:

God, source of all love, help me to be a more pleasant person—especially in my daily interactions with others: those I live with, I work beside, I serve or who serve me, and even total strangers I encounter on any given day. Keep me more mindful of my demeanor, my facial expression, my choice of words, and the tone in which I speak them. If I encounter a situation that demands that I NOT be pleasant, give me the courage to speak and act on behalf of others. May I always remember that being pleasant is a part of the love that you are calling me to extend to others. And finally, I thank you for all the pleasant people I will encounter today. Amen.

From: **Sunflower Seed**

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

- ☺ Did you hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu. You get what you deserve.
- ☺ When everything is coming your way, you are in the wrong lane.
- ☺ I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallow, and nuts. I won't lie, it was rocky road.
- ☺ What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.

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