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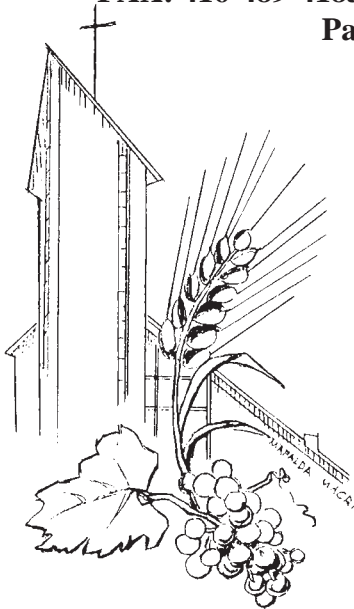
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Rev. Fr. Andy Macbeth

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

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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

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416-485-7781

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

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416-485-7781

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### 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.

# EASTER SUNDAY

## THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

### EASTER – THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

"They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Twice Mary Magdalene repeats these words of desolation. Twice she expresses the loss of love, loyalty and hope. Then a third time, even when she meets her Lord, her desolation is so great that she cannot recognize him. Are Mary's words of loss not our words many days in our lives? Have we not all felt a loss so deep that we were beyond all consolation? Listen to the passage carefully. Jesus dries Mary's inconsolable tears by just calling her name "Mary"!

Easter is the day when Jesus calls each one of us by name and shows us that we are not beyond hope or consolation. The resurrection addresses our losses and our hope. The joyous celebration of Easter reminds us that no place of despair is beyond Christ's redeeming presence. This is important for us to hear in a time like ours when it is easy to lose hope in everything.

The Easter liturgy is our personal invitation to hear Jesus call our name like He called Mary's name. Look to the end of the reading for Mary's response. She went to tell everyone what she had heard. Let us become the people who add our voices to Mary's to tell the world what we have heard.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On behalf of our Pastoral Team, our Associate Pastor, Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla, C.P.P.S., our Permanent Deacon Robert Kinghorn, Cheryl Varona and myself, *I wish all our parishioners and their families a most Holy & Happy Easter!*

~ Fr. Andy Macbeth

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am

✠ **LEO & ASSUNTINA CAROTI** Requested by the family

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

✠ **ANTONIO ALIPALO** Requested by Delfinado & Rose family

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – 8:20am (No Intention)

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8:20am

✠ **GRAZIA MARIA ANTONORI** Requested by the family

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Apr. 17 **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Mon. Apr. 18 **8:20am Mass – Easter Monday**

- **Parish Office Closed** for holiday

Fri. Apr. 22 **8:20am Mass** – return to regular weekly schedule

Sat. Apr. 23 **Birthday Best Wishes to Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB**

Sun. Apr. 24 **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

Thurs. Apr. 28 **7:30pm – 8:30pm CATECHETICAL SESSION** in

parish hall, for **ALL PARENTS** of children wishing to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in 2022.

Sun. May 1 **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Guest homilist: Fr. Ray Douzиеch, C.Ss.R.

- **2<sup>ND</sup> SHARELIFE INSTALMENT FOR CAMPAIGN**

- **BUNDLE-UP SUNDAY FOR ST. MARGARET'S**

(see special notice)

Wed. May 4 **7:45pm PASTORAL COUNCIL** meets in Rectory

Thurs. May 5 **10:00am-12nn PASTORAL TEAM** meets in Rectory

Sat. May 7 **10:00-11:30am PARISH HOME CATECHISM**

**PROGRAM** meets in parish hall for review lesson #8

Sun. May 8 **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

- **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

## 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 – April 10, 2022

Offertory **\$7,277.25**

PAG **\$933.75**

Budget **\$8,300.00**

**(\$89.00)**



### ShareLife Agencies Need your Support

ShareLife supports more than 40 agencies across the archdiocese, providing vital health, social and community services to those in need.

We extend a special invitation to visitors or newcomers to our parish to support our parish's campaign. You can do this by visiting [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org). Once there, you can choose our parish name to make you donation.

Thank you for living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife.

**2022 Report-To-Date: \$24,306.00**

**Goal \$115,000.00**

### 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: St. Margaret of Scotland Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

### A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE FROM CCCB

**God of peace and justice**, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*



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The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) • [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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

**CONFIRMATION**

Mon. April 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Week for Candidates to **submit to the parish** office during regular parish hours, their completed **package of documents**.

Thurs. Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> **7:30pm – 8:30pm CATECHETICAL SESSION** in parish hall, for ALL PARENTS of children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022.

**FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION) CELEBRATION**

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm  
Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm

**LIGHT ENLIGHTENS BY PAT MARRIN**

“No one who lights a light conceals it” (Luke 8:18).



Ezra 2:1-6; Luke 8:6-18

Today's Gospel about light affirms one of Pope Francis' reflections on the importance of discernment. Just as physical sight requires light, so insight comes only with careful and prayerful thought in the light of God's presence in all things. The discerning person is constantly absorbing and processing his or her experience of life, with God in mind. Faith is not just ideas but the active investigation of how God is being revealed in our daily journey.

Jesus addresses people's perceptions and attitudes as the source of their behavior. People stumble because they are blind to reality. Even learned teachers and leaders can be blind if they let their prejudices distort their experience. Jesus is the light coming into a world darkened by sin and human pride. His disciples carry this light, which enables them to be discerning. As Pope Francis said, "The wisdom of discernment redeems the necessary ambiguity of life and helps us find the most appropriate means." We can then act wisely and effectively.

Faith is our response to God's revelation of the truth to be found in Jesus. Our relationship to him opens our minds and hearts to ongoing insights that enrich our lives. Those who have insight will gain even greater insight as they learn more and more about themselves and the world. Those without insight become more myopic, narrow-minded and blind, until they stumble and fall. But disciples are in the world to share the light with everyone, to be guides for others. We welcome today by being "Christophers" -- bearers of light.

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**THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS**

Alleluia, He is Risen! Today is the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities. Today is the day Christ broke through the chains of sin and death and triumphantly rose from the dead, winning for us our salvation. As Christians, we are an Easter people and we are called to live in the joy and peace of the Risen Christ. Let us take a moment to reflect on how Easter can profoundly impact our daily lives.

By human standards, the crucifixion was an utter humiliating defeat. It was the end of the story for the person of Jesus and His followers. Jesus would just be remembered as the influential and charismatic preacher that went too far by claiming to be God. All hope was seemingly lost. Yet, this is the paradox of the cross. The cross, the weapon of torture and death, becomes the very means of life and salvation. It was the necessary step in order for the resurrection. There simply is no Easter Sunday without a Good Friday. This is the beautiful truth of our faith. The famous Portuguese proverb says that "God writes straight with crooked lines." When all seems lost and broken, God can use these situations to bring about great blessings. As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials in life or our ministry. If God was able to bring about the resurrection out of the crucifixion, just imagine the great deeds He will bring through our crosses. So let us rejoice on this Easter Sunday and thank God for the gift of his resurrection.

**Summary**

The beautiful truth of our faith is that God was able to bring about the greatest good of the resurrection through the seemingly utter defeat of the crucifixion. The famous Portuguese proverb says that "God writes straight with crooked lines." As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials but instead trust that God will transform these difficulties into many little Easter mornings.

**PRAYERS & 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.*

**CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS**

**A Lighter Note – on Aging**

- ☺ It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- ☺ The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
- ☺ When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- ☺ I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- ☺ I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- ☺ Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00pm is the new midnight.
- ☺ Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any containers.





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