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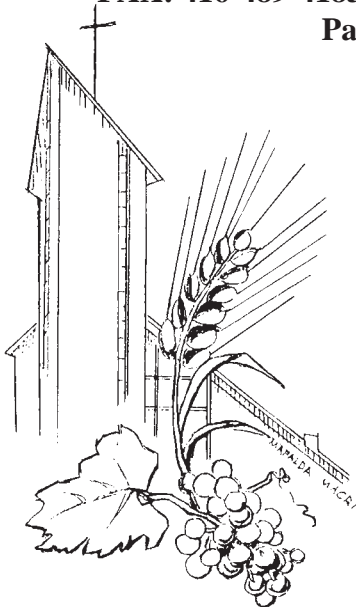
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Rev. Mr. Robert Kinghorn

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Cheryll Varona

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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 7:00 p.m.

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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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

COME AND EAT

Jesus said to me, "Come, have breakfast." John 21:12

In today's passage from John's Gospel, we see Jesus embody the spaciousness of heart so integral to a spirit of hospitality and welcome. This charming scene echoes of the Eucharistic meal at the Last Supper. After pointing out to the disciples a place of abundant fishing beyond their limited imagining, Jesus waits on shore to welcome them as community and to invite the laying down of their burdens. He prepares a meal on a charcoal fire over which the simple elements of everyday life, fish and bread, have been placed with love. He longs to welcome the weary disciples to a feast full of gratitude and hope.

At our celebration of Eucharist, we reenact this time of feeding and tending and gathering in community at a table of love set by Jesus. Now as then, he invites us to come and enter into this sacred meal in all its fullness and richness.

Loving God, welcome us to this table always.

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

From: Living Faith

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 2nd – 8:20am

For **FAITHFUL DEPARTED** Requested by *Tellis family*

Wednesday, May 4th – 7:00pm NO INTENTION

Thursday, May 5th – 8:20am

† **OLEGARIA ACASO** Requested by *Benita Dayaguit*

Friday, April 29th – 8:20am

† **MARTY WILLEN** Requested by *Dorina Samson*

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. May 1 **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Guest homilist: Fr. Ray Douzdech, C.Ss.R.
 - **2ND SHARELIFE INSTALMENT FOR CAMPAIGN**
 - **BUNDLE-UP SUNDAY FOR ST. MARGARET'S**
 (see special notice)
 - **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – May 1st – 6th**
 Theme: *REBUILD, RESTORE, RENEW TOGETHER*
- Wed. May 4 **7:45pm PASTORAL COUNCIL** meets in Rectory
- Thurs. May 5 **10:00am-12nn PASTORAL TEAM** meets in Rectory
- Fri. May 6 Archdiocesan: **DAYS OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS!**
- Sat. May 7 **10:00-11:30am PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM** meets in parish hall for review lesson #8
- Sun. May 8 **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth
 - **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
- Sun. May 15 **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB
- Sun. May 22 **6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn
- Mon. May 23 **8:20am Mass**
VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY
 - Parish Office Closed for holiday
- Sun. May 29 **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**
 Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB
- Thurs. June 2 **7:00pm FINANCE COUNCIL** meets in Rectory
 - **Ontario Provincial Election!**

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisement for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in **May 2022** & supports the bulletin service. **Please support the bulletin and advertise you product or service. Call Liturgical Publication at 905-624-4422.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION/CELEBRATIONS (FOR ALL REGISTERED FAMILIES)

CONFIRMATION

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

FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION) CELEBRATION

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



Today is the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign.

We are fortunate in the Catholic community to have ShareLife-funded agencies that reach out to the marginalized in our communities, especially so during the pandemic.

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another. One of the ways we do this is through our support of ShareLife. We express this love and care by supporting the work of ShareLife-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment.

As a pastor, it is reassuring to know I can refer those who come to me for guidance with difficult family issues to a Catholic Family Service agency that will be attentive to our beliefs and values as they help them.

These services are made possible through our generosity toward ShareLife. When you support these agencies, you are helping them to grow in response to the increased demand for service they face. This results in a positive impact on the lives of those who turn to them for help.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign. If you have not contributed to date, please consider doing so.

2022 Report-To-Date (Our Goal \$115,000)

Through Parish: **\$24,371.00**

Through Diocese: **\$9,875.00**

Total = \$34,246.00

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 24, 2022

Offertory **\$3,322.10** PAG **\$933.75**

Budget **\$8,300.00** (**\$4,044.15**)

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



How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org • www.vocationstoronto.ca

Prayer for Vocation

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labour. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to Yours harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

~ Pope St. John Paul II

A Prayer for our Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that Your priests may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder Your word and follow Your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of Your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WOE TO YOU PHARISEES BY PAT MARRIN

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled” (Matthew 23:12).

The Pharisees hold a unique place in the Gospels as critics of Jesus and his teachings. Their name means “separation,” and they held themselves apart as models of perfection in the law. They were scandalized by Jesus’ association with sinners and his perceived laxity by healing on the Sabbath and excusing his disciples from ritual washings. They were persistent in trying to trap Jesus in error. He calls them hypocrites in today’s Gospel for loading obligations on others and doing nothing to help them.

With Jesus’ emphasis on mercy and forgiveness, it may seem strange that he attacks the Pharisees with such negative language. He accuses them of misleading people regarding God; they are blind to their own faults while accusing others of failure; they plot against Jesus while pretending to be righteous and pure; they sin against the Spirit by accusing Jesus of colluding with Satan; they don’t practice what they preach. They have narrowed their approach to God to the externals of keeping the rules, but they have missed the mystery of love. They have closed themselves off from what God reveals to the simple by assuming they are better than others.

We recall that Jesus’ message was “Repent and hear Good News.” Without first repenting by acknowledging our inadequacies, we cannot hear the saving news of God’s mercy. Only sinners can open their hearts to the gift of divine love. The self-righteous do not need God because they are earning their own way to a reward they imagine they have achieved by their own goodness. While this may work with some lesser goals, like mastering the details of the law, it makes no sense when approaching the majestic glory of God. We must surrender our hearts to a relationship with our own Creator. It is a pure gift, a transformation only God can offer us.

Lent is the season of entering the wilderness of our own helpless inadequacy. Only by stripping away the delusions of our own pride and superiority can we enter the absolute simplicity of the inner life of God. Jesus saw sinners taking heaven by storm while the Pharisees remained outside in the specious certitude of their own worthiness. Jesus could not reach them in their solitude and self-assurance. Only by his death could he hope to crack open their isolation from God’s love for them.

Not all Pharisees were enemies of the Gospel. Nicodemus humbled himself by coming to Jesus at night to try and understand him. Paul was a self-proclaimed Pharisee who persecuted the church before his conversion. Many Pharisees joined the early church. The term “Pharisee” has come to describe an attitude of self-righteousness and even hypocrisy, but we know that many of them came to believe in Jesus.

From: **NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER**

LEARNING TO TRULY LOVE CHRIST

In the Gospel this Sunday we’re called to reflect on the rich and important exchange where Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” Firstly, it is important to note the original translation of this passage. The first time Jesus asks Peter he uses the word “agape,” which is an unconditional, self-sacrificial love. The same type of love that Jesus had for us. However, in Peter’s response he uses the word “philia,” which is the love between friends. Although philia is still beautiful, it isn’t raised to the same heights of agape. This same exchange of agape and philia occurs the second time Jesus asks Peter.

However, when Jesus asks the third time, it is He who uses the word philia, asking Peter if he can love Him as a friend. This is why it says Peter felt hurt. because it seemed like Jesus lowered the standard for the type of love Peter was called to. However, the beautiful reality is that Jesus instead understands and meets Peter at the level of love he’s currently comfortable with. Yet Jesus doesn’t desire Peter to remain at that level. He goes on to foretell the kind of death he would one day suffer, signifying that he would one day be able to love Jesus agape.

Jesus does the same in the lives of all of his stewards. He desires all of us to love Him unconditionally, yet He meets us where we currently are and helps us to slowly advance in love. Let us always seek to love Christ and His Church and pray this simple prayer, “Jesus I love you, help me to love you more each day.”

Summary

When Jesus first asks Peter if he loves Him, he uses the term “agape,” signifying an unconditional love, to which Peter replies, “philia,” the love of friends. However, by the third time it is Jesus who asks Peter if he will love him philia, which rather than an insult, is the beautiful reality that Jesus meets Peter where he currently is. So too in our lives, Jesus accepts the current level of love we’re comfortable with, but like Peter, He slowly desires and leads us to embrace a deeper way of loving Him and the church.

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP CANADA Presents: "He is Risen"

An interactive hymn & choral concert featuring many Easter favourites. Sing along with 20 voice choir while enjoying seasonal choral and festival organ music. Taking place **Friday, May 13th at 7:30pm at Blessed Sacrament Church**, 24 Cheritan Ave., Toronto (located on the west side of Yonge St., south of Lawrence Ave.). Tickets are \$15 for seniors and \$20 adults. Available now and at the door. Your support is sincerely appreciated through tickets or donations. All are welcome. (Masking optional)

Please contact: **Diego or Tony** • togetherinworshipcanada@gmail.com

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

It's What Day?

A man left the Tavern after an evening of too much drink. He took a shortcut home through a cemetery. In the dark he fell into a freshly dug open grave. In the darkness he could not see to find a way to climb out so he curled up in a corner and fell asleep. A little later another pub crawler with too much to drink took the same shortcut through the same cemetery. He had a flashlight to find his way. He heard the pub crawler moaning and groaning. He shone the flashlight into the grave and said "What is the matter with you?" "I'm cold" said the fellow in the grave. "Well no wonder you're cold you've done gone and kicked all the dirt off yourself!" then he staggered away.

Before dawn the next morning as the first light of day began to appear the first pub crawler found a way up the side of the grave. With his head, arms and shoulders sticking above the edge of the grave he could see all the dimly lit tombstones around him. Then dawn broke gloriously around him. He realizes where he was and said "Glory be to God, it's Resurrection Day and I'm, I'm, I'm the first one up!"



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