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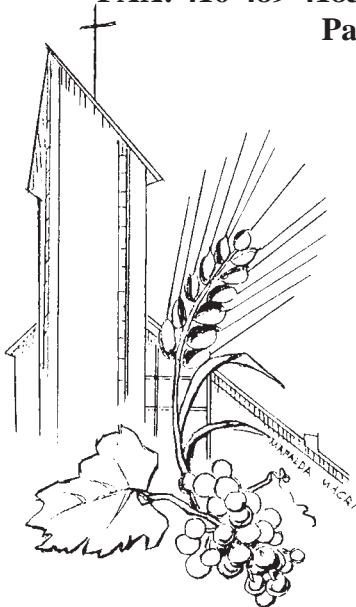
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Rev. Mr. Robert Kinghorn

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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

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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 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

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416-485-7781

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416-485-7781

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416-342-7590

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

Anna Di Carlo

416-788-0899

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416-485-7781

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416-483-7659

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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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

DIVINE CALLING

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:20

Zebedee had a successful fishing business with hired men and his two sons, James and John. Why would the two brothers leave a secure life and family ties to follow Jesus? They heard a deeper calling. A religious vocation has been designated as a divine attraction. The term "vocation" is from the Latin *vicar* – to call. Standing at the seashore, Jesus made the call. A religious vocation is not simply employment. It is not a promise for much wealth and is not an easy life. It is service. The Lord continues to call men and women to religious life because the world greatly needs dedicated and faithful modern-day disciples those invitations may come in many ways, at any time, whether people are young or old. James and John knew when to step ashore to offer their gifts of service. You will understand your vocation if you realize that you have that deep divine attraction.

Fr. James McKarns
From: Living Faith

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 12th – 8:20am

† PEDRO & MARIA AMPULLER - Requested by Romeo & Salome Ampuller

Wednesday, September 14th – 7:00pm

† RON PRATO - Requested by Maria Prato

Thursday, September 15th – 8:20am

† MONICA D'SOUZA - Requested by the family

Friday, September 16th – 8:20am

THANKSGIVING MASS – Requested by Jeanette Montecastro

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 11 **24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Sat. Sept. 17 **10:00am LORETTO SISTERS** Celebrates their "175th Year in Canada" with special Mass with Cardinal Collins at St. Michael's Cathedral/Basilica (see special notice)

Sun. Sept. 18 **25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

⇒ "STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY" in the Archdiocese

⇒ **11:00am Mass at St. Paul's Basilica** to celebrate their 200th Anniversary! with Cardinal Collins

⇒ **SOCIAL/COFFEE SUNDAY** in parish hall after **9am, 10:30am, 12nn Masses to bid "Farewell" to Fr. Andy** as he prepares to leave on retirement on **Sept. 30th**.

Tues. Sept. 20 **72nd Anniversary of the establishment of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish (1950)**

Wed. Sept. 21 **11:00am – 3:00pm SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB** has first meeting of the new season in the parish hall

Sun. Sept. 25 **26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Weekend assistance: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB;

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Mon. Sept. 26 **8:20am Mass** at St. Margaret's



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

Through Parish: **\$67,625.00**

Through Diocese: **\$31,270.00**

TOTAL = \$98,895.00

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 – September 4, 2022

Offertory **\$4,770.00** PAG **\$889.50**
Budget **\$8,300.00** (**\$2,640.50**)

LORETTO SISTERS

The Loretto Sisters invite you to join them as they celebrate their **175th Year in Canada** with a special Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral on **Saturday, September 17th at 10:00am with Cardinal Collins**. RSVP is appreciated (416) 483-2238

42ND TERRY FOX RUN

The 42nd Annual Terry Fox Run is taking place on **Sunday, September 18, 2022**. If you are able, please consider joining and/or donating (tax receipts issued), raising funds for the Terry Fox Foundation's ground-breaking cancer research.

For further info: terry.org

BUNDLE UP FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

St. Margaret's - Sept. 24th & 25th
St. Eugene's - Oct. 1st & 2nd

A St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot, 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 4pm.

Note: we do **NOT** accept appliances, furniture, books, mattresses, construction materials, cassettes or dishes.



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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

It's never a bad time to help those who are in need.

HELP TODAY & DONATE

Items needed:

- Canned soups & stews
- Canned legumes, e.g. chick peas, black beans
- Pasta sauce & canned tomatoes
- Canned vegetables
- Tuna
- Breakfast cereals
- Tea bags
- Packaged cookies/granola bars
- Chocolate bars
- Rice
- Jam

Please help us by donating non-perishable food items to help benefit those in need this Thanksgiving. Donations will be collected from **Oct. 1st to 10th** drop off location in St. Margaret's church near St. Joseph shrine. All contributions will be picked-up on the following **Tuesday, Oct. 11th** and taken to the Good Shepherd Center to assist them in their most important ministry.

Yes, you can make a difference! With a non-perishable food donation to feed the hungry.

VOCATIONS

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. 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

SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The annual event of Season of Creation begins on **September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, patron saint of ecology.

Each year an ecumenical steering committee selects a theme, and this year inspiration is taken from Psalm 19:1-4 the proclaims, "Listen to the Voice of Creation." A short video to introduce this season may be watched via this link, <https://youtu.be/WyUTGMiil>

The Celebration guide for 2022 provides detailed information on how observe this season in parishes, schools and at home. Please see <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

May this Season of Creation renew our Christian unity through our common efforts to respond to the voices on the margins of society and to care for the earth as good stewards in our discipleship.

THE LORD IS PRESENT

BY REV. MSGR. DR. PETER B. COUGHLIN

God is everywhere. God is present, living in you and me. When I was born I owed God "thanks" for the gift of life. When I was baptized I owed God "love" because He made me His child by adoption, filling me with His love and making me an heir to the kingdom of heaven.

The Lord calls each of us to serve Him through a particular calling in a vocation tailored to our particular talents and gifts and our spirituality. Our call may be to marriage or the single state of life, to holy orders or the consecrated life. We follow our particular calling or vocation through love, loving God with the totality of our being and sharing that love with all those entrusted to our care and those who in any way are part of our daily life.

Living within me is the presence of the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit who guides me and leads me on the journey through life. The love of the Lord fills me and works through me to draw people to come to know and love the Lord. God is not at a distance. He is very near, in my heart, my mind, on my lips. With St. Paul we are continually moving from glory to glory because Christ lives in us. He never leaves us, never stops loving us. He is constant, His love never fails, is always seeking intimacy with us. The more room we make for the Lord in our life the more aware we become of His presence with us, within us.

Our vocational call is built on love, and the more the love increases the stronger the call and the Lord's presence within. People don't fall in and out love. They can stop loving, but the Lord never stops loving, no matter how far we turn away from Him. The Lord is always ready to forgive when we repent, ready to restore us to his favour and to lead us closer and closer in the love He has for us.

Really, the vocational call each of us have, even though it may be different from one another, is the call to love, to be great lovers who spend time with the Lord, communicating intimately with Him. This is our first priority: to love and worship the Lord, to listen to Him, serve Him in our brothers and sisters, to produce the fruits of love, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control, joy, all the good fruit of the Spirit.

SHARING THE GIFT OF MERCY

The readings and gospel this Sunday are richly steeped with the central Christian mystery that St. Paul proclaims in his first letter to Timothy, that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." This message is the saving grace for all Christians, the lifeline we all hold onto as we journey throughout our time on earth with our eyes fixed heavenward. The forgiveness of our sins is the greatest, most transformative, gift that Christ bestows on our lives.

This gift of forgiveness, although freely given by Christ, needs to be cultivated with ongoing contrition, repentance, and penance. Moreover, this gift should not be held solely for oneself, but graciously shared in a two-fold manner to others. Firstly, as the words of the Our Fathers so frequently remind us, we must forgive the trespasses of others. In doing so, we are sharing the gift of God's forgiveness with our neighbour.

Secondly, we should be an example to others of the salvific power of God's forgiveness in our own lives, so that they may be inspired by our witness and be encouraged to turn to God's mercy as well. Perhaps one concrete practice we could do adopt is inviting others to join us in

receiving the sacrament of Confession. Therefore, as true grateful disciples of Christ let us continually seek His gift of forgiveness and ask ourselves how are we sharing the good news of this great gift with those whom we encounter?

Summary

In the second reading St. Paul proclaims that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." The forgiveness of our sins is the greatest, most transformative, gift that Christ bestows on our lives. So as true grateful disciples of Christ, let us continually seek His gift of forgiveness and ask ourselves how are we sharing the good news of this great gift with those whom we encounter?

ENCOUNTER OR TRANSACTION?

BY PAT MARRIN

"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matt 6:8).

If God already knows what we need, then why pray? Prayer is not to inform God, but to listen in order to know what we really need.

When we go to see a doctor, based on our appearance a good doctor may already know why we are there. But diagnosis is a dialogue, and by asking questions, both patient and doctor go beyond symptoms to causes. They learn what the matter really is.

Where does it hurt? How long has this been going on? When did it first start? What were you doing? What medicines are you taking?

So it is with prayer, because it is a personal encounter and not just a transaction. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he invited them into his own relationship with God. Before they stated their needs, they first were to enter into this intimacy with God, Abba, a loving parent to a beloved child. Heaven comes to earth when we enter God's presence. God wants what we need, so let God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

When it is our turn to speak, we already know we are in competent hands. We speak honestly and freely of our general needs, then of specific situations that are causing us pain. We lack something, have unsatisfied hungers. We are in conflict, have hurt someone or been hurt by them. We are angry or fearful. We need forgiveness to heal the pain, courage to face some temptation, reassurance to calm our anxiety that something bad might happen to us.

We pray in order to present ourselves before God, tell our story, admit our faults, know that God's love covers everything, including our sins. We pray to find peace so we can once again feel good, let go of the day's failures, get some sleep, start again tomorrow.

Regular prayer should be the most natural thing we do because it renews us to be ourselves, gets us back on track, going forward to greater and greater life. When we talk with God, the outcome is always Good News.

From: **National Catholic Reporter**

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

At Any Age Laughter is the Best Medicine

- ☺ Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.
- ☺ It's weird being the same age as old people.
- ☺ When I was a kid I wanted to be older but this is not what I expected!
- ☺ It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.
- ☺ I see people my age mountain climbing. I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.
- ☺ We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story anyway.
- ☺ I'm at place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out!!!
- ☺ I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.
- ☺ I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 9 hours and 20 minutes.

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