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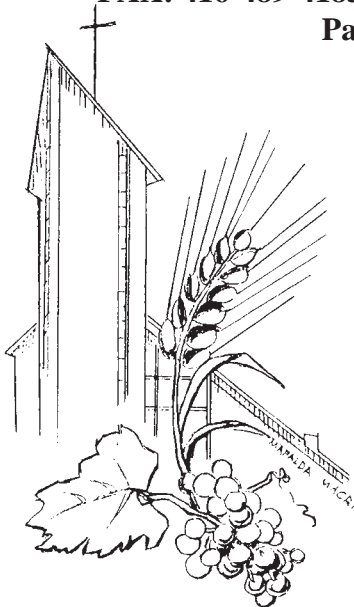
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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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)

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416-485-7781

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

(Sunday 10:30 a.m.) Priscila Domanay

416-485-7781

LECTORS

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Parish Office 416-485-7781

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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

NOT ONLY IN DISTRESS

O God, You are my whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. Psalm 63:2

The words above offer us a lovely prayer for times when we are feeling forsaken and abandoned, weary and anxious. I would like to suggest, though, that it is of utmost importance that these words are not only prayed when we are in distress. These words can serve as a gentle reminder that God is always awakening us. At every moment, we are invited into deeper relationship with the One to whom we lift up our hands, our voices and our hearts.

So let's not just call out to God when we feeling parched and lifeless. Every morning and throughout the day, turn to the One whose love is better than life and be grateful that you are held in hands larger than your own.

Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B.
From: [Living Faith](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 19th – 8:20am

✠ **ANDREA PEACE** - Requested by Emma & Vito Wong

Wednesday, September 21st – 7:00pm

✠ **FELESIMA CAMACHO** - Requested by Joe Camacho

Thursday, September 22nd – 8:20am

DEPARTED SOULS - Requested by the Tellis family

Friday, September 23rd – 8:20am (No Intention)

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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 11, 2022

Offeritory **\$6,123.75** PAG **\$889.50**
Budget **\$8,300.00** (**\$1,286.75**)

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: terryfox.org

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – SEPT. 17TH – 18TH

To mark this occasion, we are making available Cardinal Collins homily for this year's Stewardship Sunday on our website. Please refer to that for further reflection on "Stewardship"!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving God,
I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you.
In faith and love, help me to do your will.
I am listening, Lord God.
Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly.
I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school – to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.
Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervor to fulfill my good intentions.
I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbour.
Help me to reach out to others as you, my God, have reached out to me. Amen

Learn more about the time and talent aspects of stewardship at www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

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

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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/WyUTGMlii>

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.

I WANT TO SEE

BY PAT MARRIN

"Do you see anything?" (Mark 8:24).

In Mark's miracles, Jesus is like a med student learning to diagnose with questions and then trying different treatments. In today's Gospel healing of the blind man, like the healing of the deaf mute in Mark 7:31-37, Jesus first takes the man aside from the crowd and, with hands-on intimacy, explores the problem. In both miracles, he uses spittle, primitive by our germ phobia standards, but perhaps a kind of medicinal approach at the time based on the creation story in Genesis, when God forms Adam with moist mud. Jesus is, in fact, recreating the blind man to restore him to "spitting image" of God, a tender, almost motherly intervention, like a cat licking her kittens clean.



As with the deaf mute, the actual healing comes in stages. The blind man first regains his ability to see light, color and movement, but either in a blur or because he has never seen before and needs to learn to identify what he is seeing. He sees people, but they are like "trees walking." Jesus then touches his eyes and he sees clearly. What a fascinating moment this is as the blind man is introduced to things he has known by sound, feel and smell but never knew what they looked like. His imagination is being flooded with connections as he puts names to objects, fragments of sensation into a whole new world he is entering for the first time.

These miracles are what healing is really like. We naturally experience hearing, but we must learn to listen, to distinguish sounds from noise, then meaning from strings of words, and finally, to nuance the truth by knowing context, intention, distinctions between fact and fiction, reality and lies. We see without perceiving, perceive but through lenses determined by culture and preference, imposing our subjective views on others based on familiarity and loyalty in the form of racial or political prejudice.

To really listen and perceive requires miracles of healing that come with education, respect and compassion that open us to new truths, give us the clarity only love can teach us, what the fox tells the Little Prince, "that it is only with the heart that we can see rightly." We cannot really pray without learning to listen to the inner whisper of the Spirit, discerning instead of judging, respecting differences instead dismissing others because they are wrong.

To grow as disciples, we must pray for spiritual eyes and ears. To follow Jesus, we must listen to his Word and see the road he is on. Perhaps the most important thing we can pray for our country right now is for the ability to see clearly and listen deeply. This is the only way forward to a restored community and shared purpose based on common ground and interests.

From: **National Catholic Reporter**

FAMOUS QUOTABLES

- ✦ Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance? – *Edgar Bergen*
- ✦ Have no fear of perfection – you'll never reach it. – *Salvador Dali*
- ✦ He that can have patience can have what he will. – *Benjamin Franklin*
- ✦ He who conquers others is strong; he who conquers himself is mighty. – *Lao Tzu*
- ✦ He who has a why to live can bear with almost any who. – *Freidrich Nietzsche*
- ✦ Hear and you forget; see and you remember; do and you understand. – *Confucius*
- ✦ Hell, there are no rules here – we're trying to accomplish something – *Thomas Alva Edison*
- ✦ I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it. – *Pablo Picasso*
- ✦ I am the captain of my soul. – *Nelson Mandela (quoting William Ernest Henley)*
- ✦ I buy expensive suits. They just look cheap on me. – *Warren Buffett*
- ✦ I didn't fail the test, I just found 100 ways to do it wrong. – *Benjamin Franklin*
- ✦ I don't like that man. I must get to know him better. – *Abraham Lincoln*
- ✦ I intent to live forever. So far so, so good. – *Steven Wright*
- ✦ Yes, I'm paranoid – but am I paranoid enough? – *David Foster Wallace*
- ✦ I never forget a face, but in your case I'll be glad to make an exception. – *Groucho Marx*
- ✦ I never said most of the things I said. – *Yogi Berra*
- ✦ I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places. – *Henny Youngman*
- ✦ I've been on a calendar, but never on time. – *Marilyn Monroe*
- ✦ If a little is great, and a lot is better; then way too much is just about right. – *Mae West*

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

The Deer Season

One deer season in an Eastern Province there was a shortage of deer for the fall hunting season. So when hunters bought their hunting license they were told they were only allowed to fire one shot and then the license expired.

One creative hunter decided he would go hunting at night with a flashlight taped to his rifle, this is called jacking for deer. He saw a deer fired his gun and shot the deer in the hoof, quickly he fired again and shot the deer between the eyes.

He went over to claim his prize deer. Just then a Game Warden jumped out to the bushes and said "I heard two shots. This is an illegal kill, I will confiscate the deer."

The hunter protested that he only shot once and what the Game Warden heard was an echo. "Well" says the Game Warden, "How do you explain the two bullet holes in the deer, one in his hoof and one between his eyes?"

"That is easy to explain" said the hunter.

"You see when I shone the light in the deer's eyes he put his hoof over his eyes!"



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