

# SAINT MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND, PARISH

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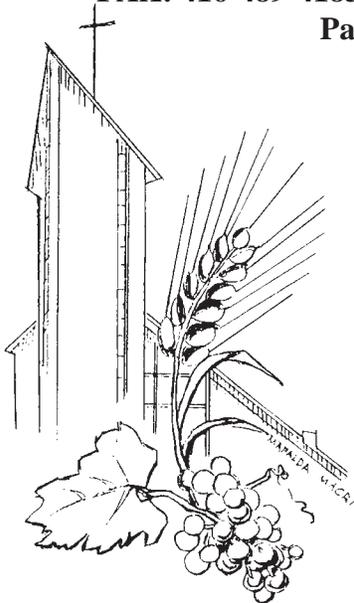
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## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Fr. Jeremias Inoc

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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

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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

Saturday 3:45pm - 4:15pm

## 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

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joe Longpre (Vice-Chair)

### ALTAR SERVERS

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

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

416-485-7781

### LECTORS

Cherie Zuzarte

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### COMMUNION MINISTERS

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.

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

#### AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done for me? *Psalm 116:12*

It is one thing to occasionally say, "Thank, God," for the blessings we have received. But it is far more important to cultivate an attitude of gratitude. We can develop such an attitude first by being on the lookout for good things in our everyday life. Sometimes these good things are extraordinary: the birth of a healthy baby, the recovery from an illness, the mending of a relationship. Other times these good things are things we tend to take for granted: safe place to live, a loyal friend, the mystery and beauty of the natural world.

Another way of cultivating an attitude of gratitude is by openly thanking individuals who do good things for us: a family member, a co-worker, a neighbour, a parish priest, a receptionist, a nurse, the letter carrier. Saying thank you is good; writing a thank you note or sending an appreciative email is even better.

Generous God, Source of all blessings, I ask for this special blessing: an attitude of gratitude.

Sr. Melanie Svoboda, S.N.D.  
From: [Living Faith](#)

- ⇒ National Collection for **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES – HEALING & RECONCILIATION**
- ⇒ Bundle Up Sunday for SVDP at St. Eugene'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 18, 2022

Offertory	\$4,764.50	PAG	\$889.50
Budget	\$8,300.00		(\$2,646.00)

#### 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. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Eugene's - Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fr. Andy's last Mass at St. Margaret's will be on Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:20am please note that for the rest of the week there will be no Masses at St. Margaret's. However, weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated each day at St. Eugene's Chapel at the regular scheduled times.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am**

For PARISH FAMILY OF ST MARGARET'S & ST. EUGENE'S

**Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – NO MASS**

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am – NO MASS**

**Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am – NO MASS**

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 25 **26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Weekend assistance: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB;  
Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

⇒ **Annual Collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church**

⇒ **World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees**

⇒ **Bundle Up Sunday for SVDP** at St. Margaret's

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

Wed. Sept. 28 NO 7:00pm MASS at St. Margaret's

Thurs. Sept. 29 NO 8:20pm MASS at St. Margaret's

Fri. Sept. 30 NO 8:20pm MASS at St. Margaret's

⇒ **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation**  
(Day for prayer, reflection and education)

Sat. Oct. 1 Welcome **Fr. Jeremias Inoc!** Officially becomes our new pastor

Sun. Oct. 2 **27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

Homilist: Fr. Jeremias Inoc



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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. 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>** drop off location in St. Margaret's church near St. Joseph shrine. All contributions will be picked-up on the following **Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.**

#### 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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/WyUTGMil>

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.

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**108<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 25<sup>TH</sup>**

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 108<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees." In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom. Indeed, the Lord says, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me" (*Mt 25:34-36*)

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**INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND**  
**COLLECTION – OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2022**

Catholic throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 1 & 2 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The fund was the result of a \$30 million financial commitment made by the Canadian Bishops in September 2021.

Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous spirituality and culture.

This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation). Thank you for your generosity.

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**DON'T BE AFRAID**  
BY PAT MARRIN

*"Do you still not understand?" (Mark 8:21)*

One of the most frequently uttered phrases by Jesus in the Gospels is "Do not be afraid." If we think about it, what is the most undermining and limiting factor in our daily lives, the thought or feeling that keeps us from being at peace, deliberate and confident in our tasks and hopeful about the future? It is fear, and not just direct fear based on real threat, but the kind of floating anxiety that gnaws at our sense of well-being and shadows even our accomplishments and good deeds. We could always have done better. We made mistakes. People judge us. Something is wrong and bad luck is just around the corner, either for us or for people we care about.

Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that God's mercy was already theirs. He wanted them to experience the Good News he was sending them out to share with others. The ultimate victory over sin and death was already assured. He had come to give them abundant life no one could take away from them. This was their strength to accompany him to Jerusalem where he would lay down

his life. Yes, they would endure suffering and loss, but the rebirth they were about to undergo would end in joy.

The miracle they had just witnessed (Mark 8:1-10) when Jesus fed over 4,000 people was a sign of God's providence. Jesus was himself the "Bread of Life," able to fill any hunger they could imagine. Physical food was just the surface of the abundance God was offering them, so "Don't be afraid." What frustrated Jesus was that his own disciples were so easily infected with the fear the scribes and Pharisees used to control people—fear of breaking a law, committing a sin, falling out of favor with a god who was always watching and judging them, demanding sacrifices and penances, ready to inflict some test or punishment on them to keep them in line.

So, in the boat, he told them to be on their guard against the "leaven" of the Pharisees and of Herod, another source of threat used to intimidate people. Leaven is the perfect metaphor to describe fear—a hidden enzyme, invisible, tasteless and undetectable until it pervades all the other ingredients and, when heated, rises and takes over. Small anxieties instill doubt, then fear, then paralysis, loss of courage and hope. But the disciples still didn't get it. They think he is talking about a bread shortage. If they were anxious about little things, would they be ready of Jerusalem?

What if we were to take Jesus at his word and spend a day without fear, asking him to guide us through our tasks and encounters free of anxiety, knowing that whatever happens, he is there to bless us? Free of fear about ourselves, we have that much energy to expend in compassion and comforting others. At the end of the day, if the results are good, end with a prayer of gratitude before sleep.

From: **National Catholic Reporter**

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**WORDS TO WALK BY**

**Make Your Dash Count** BY JOSEPH F. SICA

*"Whoever keeps my word will never see death." John 8:51*

Did you ever notice the most important punctuation mark on a tombstone? It's the one between the dates – that small, seemingly insignificant **dash**. It's misleading. When God put me on this earth, he had that dash in mind. Someday, I'll stand face-to-face with him and he'll ask, "What did you do with the life I gave you?" In other words, *How did I live my dash?*

Since forever's not an option, we need to be wise about how we spend our time. Let's unload all the foolish stuff that prevents us from fully embracing life. Stop paying attention to what others think, making mountains out of molehills, posing your finger on the panic button. Life doesn't wait for us to get over our imaginary fears and worries. It just keeps moving on. Give the present your full attention, and engage with both the big and little stuff. Make each moment count.

For years, I've sat with those who were dying. It was a privilege to engage in personal and meaningful conversations with them. Some shared their regrets of what they wished they had done but didn't. They either put it off or let others direct their lives. Wouldn't you like to arrive at your deathbed regret free? There's still time. What are you waiting for?

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**CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS**

**The Amish Carriage...**

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was hand printed sign... "Energy Efficient Vehicle: Run on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step on the exhaust."

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