

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

MENDING A BROKEN HEART

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. *Psalm 34:19*

To let love in, we must be prepared to get our hearts broken. When we choose to love, we have signed up for the whole package; we have chosen the cross. We must carry that cross with every breath we take, knowing fully that the Lord is not just by our side, but also bearing the weight on our behalf. The Lord is never far away from those who need him the most.

When people we love die and we are devastated, the Lord will sit by our side and cry with us. When we lose everything we have worked for, the Lord will provide exactly what we need. When sickness steals time from us, and we feel hopeless and lonely, the Lord will be our companion and give us strength. The Lord is drawn to us when our hearts are broken because we are closest to his heart.

Vivian Amu
From: **Living Faith**

UPDATED PANDEMIC INFORMATION

On Friday March 12th, Cardinal Collins has informed us that we can resume public Masses as of Monday March 15th. Therefore, beginning **Monday March 15th** we will resume **Daily** and **Weekend Masses** at St. Margaret's Church and St. Eugene's Chapel at the regular scheduled times that are **posted on the front of our bulletin**.

However the amended restriction for all sacramental celebrations is **15% of our capacity**. For **St. Margaret's that is 75 persons** and **St. Eugene's Chapel that is 30 persons**. This of course requires that all **physical distancing and the wearing of masks must be maintained** as part of the ongoing pandemic precautions.

***PLEASE NOTE: Seating at all Masses continues to be on "A First Come, First Serve Basis"!**

ONGOING DIRECTIVES

- The **parish office is closed to the public**. Please contact us by phone only on: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00am – 12noon, 1:00pm – 4:00pm or any day by e-mail at st.marg@sympatico.ca
- UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**
Obviously due to the present restrictions, it becomes even more important to have the e-mail addresses of as many parishioners as possible. If you or you know anyone who may not have already informed the parish office of your e-mail address, we strongly encourage you to contact the parish office during the above scheduled times!
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
by appointment only
- The **Church dispensation** from attending Sunday Eucharist, for all the faithful, who are unable to attend Sunday Mass, continues throughout the covid-19 pandemic.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves, via our website and parish blast. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

Special Notice: For the "Enhanced" digital Bulletin version - Check your emails or our website

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

St. Margaret's

Sun. Mar. 28

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
Regular Mass Times

Thurs. Apr. 1

HOLY THURSDAY
7:30pm **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
followed by **ADORATION** until 11:00pm

Fri. Apr. 2

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm **LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sat. Apr. 3

EASTER VIGIL LITURGY

8:00pm **Mass**

Sun. Apr. 4

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses: 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00nn

NB – Monday April 5th Parish Office is Closed

St. Eugene's

Thurs. Apr. 1

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S**

SUPPER followed by **ADORATION** until midnight

Fri. Apr. 2

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm **SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Sat. Apr. 3

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

8:30pm **Mass**

Sun. Apr. 4

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses: 10:00am, 11:30am

Note:

Stations of the Cross after 12noon Mass each Friday during Lent.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Margaret's – By Appointment only

St. Eugene's – Mar. 27 – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mar. 31 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 2 – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (Good Friday)

or *by appointment*

ANNUAL JEANS DRIVE

St. Margaret's is once again holding a drive in support of the Good Shepherd's ministry to Toronto's homeless men. The most requested item is Jeans (sizes 30" – 40" waist). They're warm durable and look pretty good on anyone.

Please bring any donation of jeans (used or new) to the parish hall, anytime between 8:00 am – 3:00pm on Apr. 10th or Apr. 11th

Homeless men in Toronto may be struggling with all sorts of problems, but there's no reason they can't do so in nice pants!



Tune into Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or are just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life, you won't want to miss this brand new series!

SCHEDULE:

- Starting February 19

- Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

- Saturdays at 4 p.m.

- Sundays at 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

- On demand: www.slmedia.org/yeslord

THE MUSIC OF LENT

Greetings and well wishes parish family of St. Margaret's as we embark on our Lenten journey we are reminded of the times we face and how it's affected everyone in our community and the world. Last year we hosted a marvellous concert event that featured the music of Lent featuring a choir of 20 many of whom have actively served in our parish as cantors.

We featured a diverse repertoire of choral music, hymns we sing at church as well as music that will appear in the new Catholic hymnal. Fr. Andy was so gracious to allow us to post links to selections heard from

the concert to musically compliment the season of lent. Please feel free to subscribe to my sacred music channel on YouTube.

https://youtu.be/rQlp_HbQkV0

This weeks music selections are Led by the Spirit(Hymn) and He Comes to Us as One Unknown (choral) recorded live from St. Margaret of Scotland Friday February 21/2020 find us on FB www.facebook.com/togetherinworshipcanada

- <https://youtu.be/kOH57irnZRE>
- <https://youtu.be/PIbvnxPPPgc>
- <https://youtu.be/JFCr81q8D2U>
- <https://youtu.be/dlcY7RlhUgs>
- https://youtu.be/w_Xyz9WFon8
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Yours in Christ,
Diego Iapaolo

2021 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

"SPECIAL PROCESS" FOR PICKING UP ENVELOPES DURING THE PANDEMIC FOR 2021

St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's Chapel

1. Through the Parish Office

Monday, Tuesday, Friday – 9:00am – 12noon; 1:00 – 4:00pm, contact the parish office to arrange for "an outside pick up".

2. Parish Hall

The parish hall foyer will be open on Saturdays & Sundays from 9:00am – 3:00pm, to pick up your 2021 Sunday Offertory envelopes. **March 20th & 21st**

NOTICE!!!

ALL PARISHIONERS are encouraged to use Sunday envelopes:

1. Take **any numbered box**. You **do not need to keep the same number** from previous year.
2. Please write your complete name and full address on the **first three (3) envelopes (print clearly)** for income tax recording purposes.
3. **USE ONLY ENVELOPES** for the **CURRENT YEAR – 2021** otherwise your donation may be credited to another person's account number.

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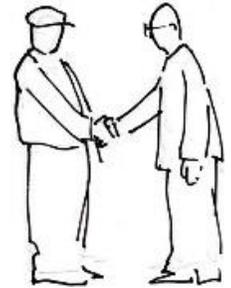
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PRAYER AND FORGIVENESS

By Pat Marrin

*"Settle with your opponent quickly" (Matthew 5:25).
Matt 5:20-26*

Jesus' central message was that the "kingdom of God" was at hand. Just what was this kingdom? It was not an earthly sovereignty, though its influence was pervasive and decisive. It was powerful, yet manifested in paradox, a sign to the weak and the poor that God was present in them and for them. Wherever it was announced, evil retreated and wholeness and liberation were restored. Jesus was somehow its exemplar. God was speaking and acting through him. Those who heard Jesus' word felt a revolution in their hearts that changed the way they saw everything and moved them to want to change the world.



Prayer was the lifeline into this mysterious realm that Jesus proclaimed. It was pure gift and therefore could not be owned or controlled, but it was accessible to everyone, especially sinners, outcast, wounded and oppressed people. At the same time, it eluded the proud and the self-righteous, the wise and clever. Only those who submitted to God's authority and Spirit could experience the peace and joy of living in right relationship with all Creation as ordered by the Great Commandment of love.

In today's Gospel, Jesus alerts his disciples that unchecked and unresolved anger can block them from the kingdom. Do not imitate the scribes and Pharisees whose veneer of virtue and graciousness covered hearts smoldering with pride and contempt for others. They kept the letter of the law but not its spirit. They did not murder anyone, but they let anger harden their hearts and shrivel their spirits. They ruled over the people but did not love them.

Jesus says that this lack of empathy and the inability to forgive block prayer. He warns his disciples not to let the sun go down on unresolved conflict lest a simple quarrel deepen into bitterness, then harden into hatred, brooding and self-justification. He compares it to taking a complaint to court before a judge, who orders you to jail and to pay a fine that must be paid to the last penny before you are released. Better to settle quickly on the way. Resolve things before you go to worship, because love of God and love of neighbor are one and the same.

The imagery describes exactly what happens when anger is allowed to take root. How many family quarrels have led to estrangement that lasts a lifetime and beyond, hurt feelings that might have been resolved early or healed with a phone call or simple apology, siblings imprisoned in their pride, going to the grave unable to forgive when they might have seized the grace of the moment and set themselves and everyone else free.

To be in the kingdom is to be in the company of God, who is all merciful and forgiving. To share God's life, we must become like God. This is why we must forgive before we can begin to pray. Asking for the grace of forgiveness is then our first prayer.

From: **National Catholic Reporter**

WHEN THIS IS OVER...

- "When this is over, may we never again take for granted
- A handshake with a stranger
- Full shelves at the store
- Conversations with neighbours
- A crowded theater
- Friday night out
- The taste of communion
- A routine checkup
- The school rush each morning
- Coffee with a friend

Bundle Up

For the

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



We are collecting your donations at

St. Eugene's Chapel

13 Regina Avenue, Toronto
On

April 10 - 11, 2021



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For more information visit www.ssvptoronto.ca



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The stadium roaring
 Each deep breath
 A boring Tuesday
 Life itself.
 When this ends may we find
 that we have become more like people
 we wanted to be
 we were called to be
 we hoped to be
 and may we stay
 that way – better for each other
 because of the worst." ~ *Laura Kelly Fanucci*

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34++

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9

Gospel: John 12.20-33 – *Jesus Speaks about His Death*
Heart Speaks to Heart

As we approach Holy Week, the readings begin to point towards Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. His sacrifice was a sacrifice of love done to reconcile us with God. It is through His sacrifice that we now live in the new covenant between God and humanity. In the first reading, God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Through Jesus, a new covenant is formed. One that is not ruled by strict adherence to laws and regulations, but rather one that is based on living in the love of God. The Lord says that He will write the covenant on our hearts. For the Lord to insist on writing it on our hearts, He implies that this covenant will be extremely personal and intimate.

As stewards, we are called into a deep relationship and friendship with God. St. John Henry Newman's motto was "Cor ad cor loquitur", or "Heart speaks unto heart." He fully understood the depths and importance of what it means to be in an intimate relationship with God. Do we likewise try to foster a personal relationship with Christ? Jesus' life, death and resurrection forever changed the way we go to God in prayer. Let us strive to go to Him and bear our heart to Him, that we may be able to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.

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From: **Stewardship**

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)

What is the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan?

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan to assist you in your support of the work of our parish church through your regular parish offerings and the mission of outreach supported through our own annual appeal, ShareLife. The work of our parish and ShareLife is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, the Archdiocese of Toronto seeks, through Pre-Authorized Giving, to assist you in your giving. Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the parish's account.

To enroll for the PAG please follow the [LINK](#) or call the office.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO'S ONLINE SESSIONS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. The single-session consultation is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern.

To arrange for a session, please contact: info@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048. Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you.

Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs.

Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of his/her inability to pay fees.

RESOURCES FOR LENT

- DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM

- [Best Lent Ever](#): "It's not what you give up this Lent, it's who you become."
- Daily Lenten Reflections

- WORDONFIRE.ORG

- Daily Lenten reflections with Bishop Robert Barron
- Lenten articles
- YouTube videos
- "[The Stations of the Cross](#)" video with Bishop Barron
- [Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary](#) with Bishop Robert Barron

- JESUITS.ORG/IGNATIAN-LENT

- An Ignatian Guide to Lent: 40 Days of Ignatian Spirituality

- CCCB.CA

- Journey through Lent 2021:
 - Video series of scriptural reflections with Bishop Gerard Bergie, of St. Catharine's.

- [LITURGY UPDATES FOR LENT](#) (*join the mailing list*)

- SPECIAL WAY OF THE CROSS

- [LINK](#)

- MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021

- [LINK to Vatican](#)

- How to Draw young People Back to the Church

- Click for the [video](#)

A TIMELY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

My day-to-day routine is so busy.
 So much so that I sometimes forget to stop to
 thank you for all that is good in my life.
 My blessings are many and my heart is filled
 with gratefulness for the gift of living.
 For the ability to love and be loved by You, for
 the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of
 creations.

I want to also thank you,
 for those things in my life that are less than I
 would hope for them to be.
 Sometimes life is very hard, and it's struggle to keep my head
 above water.

When my heart feels stretched and empty, and pools of tears forms
 in my weary eyes, still I rejoice that You are as near to me as my
 next breath.

In the midst of turbulence, I am growing and learning.

In the silence of my soul,

I thank you most of all for Your unconditional love. **Amen.**

REMEMBERING THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Have you considered remembering our parish in your will? The Church is where we experience many important moments in our lives. A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings – a lasting legacy of love that



MARCH 21, 2021

will help the Church continue with its many ministries. When making your will, please consider a bequest to **(Name of Parish)**. For more information, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext. 519 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development

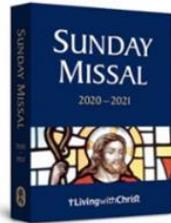
SUNDAY MISSAL FOR 2020 - 2021

Due to the limitations & protocols imposed on us by this COVID-19 Pandemic, we will not be making available copies of this years' Sunday missal, for purchase in the church. You can order your personal copy of **Sunday Missal 2020 – 2021 Living with Christ**, from any of the supplies listed below.

Joseph's Inspirational Inc.
Website: www.josephsinspirational.ca
Phone#: 416-291-1772

Pauline Books & Media
Website: www.paulinestore.ca
Phone#: 416-781-9131

Broughton's
Website: www.bbroughton.com
Phone#: 416-690-4777



YOUR 2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

This year, for the first time, due to the restrictions connected to the Covid-19 Pandemic, our 2020 income tax receipts are being **mailed through an Archdiocesan Program**. At the **end of February** these will be mailed out to all who made donations of \$75 or more. For **those below**, this threshold of \$75, **you may contact the parish office directly**, and have your receipt mailed. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Cheryll, our office manager, during the pandemic office hours.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO YOUR PARISH

If you are unable to attend in person, you are no doubt aware that our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate – salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.). These are funded through the generosity of our parish community.

It continues to be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection. We have benefited greatly from the Canada Employment Wage subsidy, but that support is scheduled to diminish after September.

Here are the ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office mailbox.
- Visit our **Donate Now** page by [clicking here](#) and select the region for our parish (**Toronto West**) from the map. You will be taken to a page that allows you to choose your parish, amount of your gift – one-time or recurring and payment method – credit card or chequing account.
- You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking – similar to how you may be paying your utility bills. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one-time or recurring gift to your offertory. This is the most cost effective way to donate electronically

If you have any questions please contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400 ext 540 or development@archtoronto.org

MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL COLLINS



March 12, 2021

My dear friends,

Earlier today, the provincial government announced changes to the restrictions on places of worship currently in the Grey (Lockdown) Zone. As of Monday, March 15, 2021, churches in this designation (in the archdiocese, currently Toronto and Peel Regions) will be permitted 15 per cent capacity for religious services.

This is a significant improvement from the hard cap of 10 people that has been in place for several months and it is a more balanced approach in light of the recently relaxed restrictions in other sectors.

Your Voices Were Heard

A week ago, we launched the “A Place to Worship” campaign, inviting the faithful to contact their Member of Provincial Parliament to ask for a fair and balanced approach to restrictions for places of worship. More than 13,000 letters were written, with 80 per cent sent within 48 hours of the request. I am grateful to all those who participated in the campaign.

Earlier this week, a diverse group of faith leaders had the opportunity to meet virtually with Premier Ford, Minister Elliott and Dr. Williams to discuss our concerns. I wish to extend my profound gratitude to the provincial government for sharing generously of their time and for the healthy dialogue that was exchanged.

I know that many Members of Provincial Parliament also advocated for a just and equitable approach for places of worship, on behalf of their constituents, and I thank them as well.

WorshipSafe Health & Safety Protocols

As Catholics, the source and summit of our spiritual life is participation in the Eucharist. The faithful have not been able to experience this reality since December 2020 in Toronto and Peel.

In light of today's announcement, I have asked churches in these areas to begin celebrating public Masses as soon as they are able to implement our WorshipSafe health and safety protocols, as early as March 15, 2021 and no later than Thursday, March 18, 2021. Please contact your local parish for more details regarding their plans.

These safety protocols have been in place since our re-opening in June 2020. From June to December of last year, with attendance of 1.5 million, fewer than 50 people who attended our churches reported COVID-19 cases; none of their cases was traced back to the church as a source of community transmission and there is no evidence that they infected others while at church.

Continued Vigilance

I do wish to stress that the Grey (Lockdown) Zones are still very much in areas where positive cases of Covid-19 are highest in the province. We must continue to take the necessary steps, out of love for neighbour, to protect one another. We recognize the vast majority of the faithful will not be attending services in person.

In addition to our WorshipSafe measures, livestreaming of services will continue and dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist remains.

The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise extreme caution about any outings, including attendance at church.

A Time for Christian Love

This is a time of great emotional and spiritual trauma, and people need the strength offered by faith. Whether it has been comforting the family grieving the loss of a parent, praying with a spouse who has experienced domestic violence, or assisting a suicidal parishioner suffering from isolation and insecurity in the midst of the pandemic, faith communities continue to be on the front line of prayer, care and outreach.

We will continue to safely and thoughtfully support those who need us most during this period of pandemic, as we continue to pray for those who are sick, those who have died and those who continue to care for them.

Thank you once again to all those who engaged in respectful dialogue with their elected Member of Provincial Parliament. May God continue to bless you now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,
+ Thomas Card. Collins
 Thomas Cardinal Collins
 Archbishop of Toronto

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

Wisdom from "Over the Hill"!

Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
 2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
 3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
 4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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 6. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
 7. It is a whole lot easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
 8. Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant; the early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
 9. I wish the buck really did stop here. I sure could use a few of them.
 10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
 11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
 12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
 13. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
 14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
 15. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
 16. It's not hard to meet expenses... they're everywhere.
 17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
 18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter...I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "Here after".
 19. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
 20. Have I sent this message to you before?
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