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THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

THE OTHER SIDE OF PAIN

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen: for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Sometimes our afflictions don't feel momentary or light at all. Without considering the backdrop of eternity as our timetable, our suffering in the moment often feels permanent. Without remembering to exchange burdens with the Lord, the weight of our present pain can be crushing.

Many times I have been so preoccupied with the difficulty I see and feel, that I forget to look for what is unseen – God's power to transform.

I love the saying, "What you focus on expands." When we focus on our suffering, misery grows. When we focus on abundance, on faith, on God's ability to heal and redeem, hope grows. We can change our vision to include the parameters of what is unseen and remember that suffering always produces something valuable on the other side of pain.

Kristin Armstrong
From: **LIVING FAITH**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 28th – 8:20am

✠ **LIBRADA ADDUN**

Requested by Dorothea Addun

Wednesday, June 30th – 7:00pm

✠ **CYNTHIA GRIFFITHS**

Requested by Nick & Jane Seed

Thursday, July 1st – 8:20am

For Parish Family of St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's

Friday, July 2nd – 8:20am

✠ **MARY CATHERINE O'BRIAN**

Requested by Terry Kaiser

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. June 27 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Tues. June 29 No 9:00am Mass at St. Eugene's

Wed. June 30 No 7:00pm Mass at St. Eugene's

Thurs. July 1 154TH CANADA DAY!

- **8:20 am Mass** at St. Margaret's Church
- **No 9:00am Mass** at St. Eugene's Chapel
- **Parish Office Closed** for Holiday

Fri. July 2 No 12:00nn Mass at St. Eugene's Chapel

- **Parish Office Closed** "Gone Fishing"!

Sun. July 4 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Sun. July 11 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman

Sun. July 18 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Guest homilist: Fr. Ed Eherer, C.Ss.R.

Sun. July 25 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

* **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY**

"I Am with you always" Matt 28:20

NEWS REGARDING ST. EUGENE'S CHAPEL

Announcement from Fr. MacDonald:

At the end of June I will be leaving Toronto for Montreal, to begin a period of discernment with the Sulpicians, which is a society of priests who live in community. I am privileged to be given this opportunity and very grateful to His Eminence Cardinal Collins for supporting this venture. Unfortunately, it means I must bid farewell to a community I've quickly grown to love. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, I've loved every moment of being at St Eugene's. You will always remain a treasure in my heart. Toronto remains my spiritual home and so I will be back frequently to see you. Thank-you for your generosity, your kindness, your friendship, your service and most of all for your FAITH!!! I also thank the staff of St. Margaret's, Cheryll and Richard who have been absolutely wonderful to work with and of course, Fr. Andy Macbeth who has been a superb example of unwavering dedication to his parish. May the Lord continue to bless you all! ~ Fr. Alexander.

The community at St. Eugene's Chapel and St. Margaret's, wishes Fr. Alexander MacDonald all the very best as he begins a new era in his ministry.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR AS OF JULY 1ST

We want to welcome our New Associate Pastor, **FR. LUI SANTI, C.PP.S.** Fr. Lui belongs to the religious community of the **Missionaries of the Precious Blood,**

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commonly referred to as, **The Precious Blood Fathers**. He was ordained in 1994, he is a former pastor of **St. Roch's Parish** on Islington Ave., and has been serving in the Archdiocese for many years. More information from Fr. Lui will be posted in the coming weeks. **Welcome Fr. Lui!**

During the transition period there will be **No Masses at St. Eugene's Chapel, Monday June 28th – Friday July 2nd**. **Fr. Lui's first weekend at St. Eugene's Chapel will be on July 3rd & 4th**

NB Masses will be celebrated at St. Margaret's at the scheduled times.

A BIG THANK YOU

You may have noticed the beautiful colourful flowers growing in the planters around the Church, Rectory & Hall. These are the result of much work done by two "Gardening Angels"! We want to thank **Cherie Zuzarte & Brenda Aquilina**, for all their efforts in purchasing, planning, planting & caring for, these wonderful additions to our parish grounds.

Thank you ladies for coming forth and contributing in such a positive way to your parish family.



UPDATED PANDEMIC INFORMATION

Daily and Weekend Masses at St. Margaret's Church and St. Eugene's Chapel have resumed 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** 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 protocols.

Please note: Seating at all Masses continues to be on **"A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS"!

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 FOR JUNE 20, 2021

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| Offertory | \$8,122 | PAG | \$925 |
| Budget | \$8,300 | | \$747 |

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES

The following envelope numbers have not been properly identified with parishioners' information. If you see your envelope number listed please call the office at 416-485-7781. Thank you.



Envelope numbers: 121, 183, 1222

RE-SCHEDULING CELEBRATIONS OF SACRAMENTS FROM 2020 & 2021

For all families, whose children were to celebrate sacraments in 2020 or 2021, this is to let you know that, we are starting to make plans for the **Fall of 2021** and the **Spring of 2022**.

It is **very important**, for all families concerned, to have completed a **Registration Form** for each particular sacrament, **including your email address!** Beginning in late August, we will be forwarding information to all registered families, via your email address.

NB If your child, has not already completed the necessary registration forms for: Confirmation in 2020, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation in 2021, you need to contact the parish office, as soon as possible, to have your email on our list, for the upcoming information.

Parish office hours: Mon., Tues., & Fri.

9am – 12nn, 1pm – 4pm

ONGOING DIRECTIVES

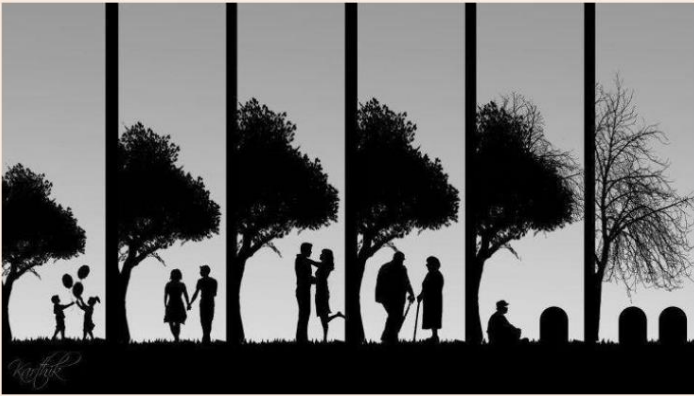
1. The **parish office is closed to the public – limited essential appointments only**. Please contact us by phone only on: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00am – 12noon, 1:00pm – 4:00pm or any day by e-mail at stmargaretofscotland@archtoronto.org
2. **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**
Obviously due to the present 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!
3. **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) by appointment only**
4. **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!

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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!

IMAGES OF OUR JOURNEY



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.

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.



Online Quick Access Single Session Counselling For Individuals, Couples & Families

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering Online Quick Access Single Sessions.

To arrange for a session, please email info@cfstoronto.com or call 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.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is a Catholic Charities member agency supported by ShareLife.



NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS & WEBSITE

We encourage you to visit and explore our new website.

stmargaretofscotland.archtoronto.org

NEW E-MAIL

stmargaretofscotland@archtoronto.org

Our new website, aside from being aesthetically pleasing, is more interactive, AODA compliant and is easier to navigate. We are excited of the new experience, but we know there's still work to do. In the coming months, we hope to continue improving the site that it best serves how we communicate with you.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

Our Second and Third ShareLife Instalments are postponed until October.

"These uncertain times are especially difficult for addiction clients. Our programs would not be open without ShareLife donors, Through your support we are able to dramatically reduce social isolation for men and women living with mental health and addictions."

— Robin Griller, St. Michael's Homes

Please also remember that organizations are also there to help you. If you, your family or other loved ones are in need of support from the services of a ShareLife funded agency, visit sharelife.org and click on the "Need Help?" button.

Many thanks to all the generous supporters of our parish's ShareLife campaign.

Please make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or at sharelife.org please give generously.

2021 YTD \$21,464 Goal \$150,000

| Previous Results | Amount | Donors |
|------------------|----------------|------------|
| 2020 | 138,138 | 395 |
| 2019 | 148,555 | 821 |
| 2018 | 140,836 | 814 |
| 2017 | 146,628 | 802 |



Dear friends,

We don't need to tell you how difficult parenting has become during the pandemic – many of you are experiencing this firsthand!

On top of the challenges all parents are facing, many teen mothers lack supportive partners and family members, and are juggling parenting with completing their high school education. Research is showing that they are increasingly suffering from anxiety, depression and loneliness during COVID-19. This has serious implications for child development and parent-infant bonding.

Thanks to your support of ShareLife, agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto are there for these women. One of these agencies, Rose of Sharon, has given a helping hand to more than 350 mothers and babies in the past year, delivering over 710 care packages and providing 550 hours of telephone support. Emma was just one of the young women you helped through Rose of Sharon:

Emma came to us looking for support. She attended our live nutrition and health webinar when her little daughter was only two days old. Emma said she did not feel so alone when she could see others. She learned some new things and she felt reassured when she could see the smiles on the faces of the staff. She was so grateful for being able to reach out to us to share her joys, her worries, and her future.

While some aspects of life are returning to normal, parenting will remain a huge challenge for moms like Emma. You can make it a bit easier for them by giving to the ShareLife Parish Campaign.

On behalf of our agencies, and the mothers they serve like Emma, we're immensely grateful your continued support.

Arthur Peters
Executive Director

Introducing the ShareLife Podcast



Staff from ShareLife agencies witness firsthand the lives you've changed through your generosity. The new ShareLife Podcast features their stories, along with their insights on the issues facing poor and marginalized people in our communities.

On the pilot episode, we discuss the mental health crisis facing our youth. Our guest Amanda Fellows from Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County explains why so many young people have been struggling during the pandemic, and shares how this agency has been making a measurable impact in their lives.

We invite you to listen to the first episode, available however you enjoy your podcasts.

- [Apply Podcasts](#)
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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW THE CATHOLIC FAITH COULD HELP YOU LIVE BETTER?

How it could help you find more *joy* at work, *manage* your personal finances, *improve* your marriage, or make you a *better* parent?

THERE IS GENIUS IN CATHOLICISM.

When *Catholicism* is lived as it is intended to be, it elevates every part of our lives. It may sound simple, but they say *genius is taking something complex and making it simple*.

Dynamic Catholic started with a dream: to help ordinary people discover the *genius of Catholicism*.

Whenever you are in your journey, we want to meet you there and walk with you, *step by step*, helping you to discover God and become *the-best-version-of-yourself*. To find more helpful resources, visit us online at dynamiccatholic.com

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1st Reading: Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8.7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5.21-43 – *A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed*

Recreation vs Re-creation

Summer is a great time to travel with friends and family. It is also within these days that we have the opportunity to slow down from our fast paced lives and enjoy some rest and leisure time. However, while the summer may be a time for vacation, it should never be a vacation from God. We should still strive to be committed to our prayer life, although adapted for summer time and different daily routines. We should still make it a priority to attend Sunday Mass even when away on vacation in another city, province, or foreign land. We can even use the extra free time to attend daily Mass when possible.

Essentially, if we want to make the best of our summer, we should use it to grow deeper in our relationship with God. Summertime is either a time of recreation or re-creation. We can relax, go on vacations with family and friends, which are all good and beautiful. However, if we're not using the summer as an opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, we are not making the most of our time.

Moreover, as we utilize the summer to grow in our own relationship with Christ, as true stewards we should look outward to our neighbour. One beautiful practice we can adopt is to volunteer as a family with various

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ministries or organizations. There are also many Catholic summer camps for children that we can take part in, whether as a participant or adult volunteer. Let us use this beautiful time of summer to grow in our stewardship.

Summary

While summer is a beautiful time for rest and vacation, it should never be a vacation away from God. If we're not using the summer as an opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, we are not making the most of our time. Along with our time of leisure, we should try to use our time to volunteer with various summer programs including Catholic summer camps across the diocese.

From: **STEWARDSHIP**

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NOW IS THE TIME BY PAT MARRIN

"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

2 Cor 6:1-11; Matt 5:38-42



Among the many sayings of the legendary New York Yankee's catcher, Yogi Berra, was his answer to the question: "What time is it?" His response: "You mean right now?" The time is always right now. The present moment is all there is. Past is past and future is not yet. Seize the moment. To hesitate is to let opportunity pass.

St. Paul was quoting Isaiah 49:8 to the disciples in Corinth at a time of doubt and hesitation. "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." God is in the moment, and if we ask for help, God will provide it. Paul recounts all the adversities he has faced: "Afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils and fasts." He kept going forward, and the grace of the moment was always provided.

Matthew was also addressing his community facing persecution when he composed his Gospel. Jesus' teachings about nonviolent resistance were a radical departure from the Law of the Talon but offered a new and creative response. In an oppressive imbalance of

power like the Roman occupation, turning the other cheek shamed the powerful aggressor. Any soldier could force a passerby to carry his pack one mile, but voluntarily going an extra mile tipped the burden of conscience onto the soldier. Surrendering both cloak and tunic at court exposed the greed of the winning litigant. Each example offered a fresh strategy for disarming the aggressor and highlighting the evil of the injustice.

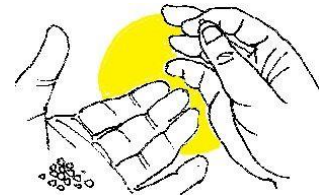
The effectiveness of these strategies has always been debatable in a violent world, but Jesus set the standard for refusing to act in kind when abused by power. He put the victims of oppression on higher moral ground. In the words of Tertullian, the heroic suffering of martyrs in Jesus' name was a force like no other in the growth of the church during the persecutions.

If all we have is now, then why not fill the moment with the most gracious response we can muster? Wager bravely on the side of virtue, trusting that God will back your witness to the foolishness of the Gospel. Be generous to a fault, vulnerable to the needs of others, open to every opportunity to go the extra mile. You will live in the grace of the moment and every day will be the day of salvation.

HEAR THE PARABLE BY PAT MARRIN

"As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do" (Ezekiel 17:24).

Ezek 17:22-24; Ps 92; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34



Long car trips with our seat-secure son in the late 1980s were always accompanied by the songs of Raffi, a popular Canadian songwriter. "Baby Beluga" and "Oats and Beans and Barley Grow" come to mind, but the favorite was "Everything Grows and Grows." It celebrated the unstoppable energy of nature to keep the world going and growing. A little boy singing along soon outgrew his car seat to take the wheel. Everything grows.

The parables and miracles of Jesus capture this energy. A tiny mustard seed escapes a spice garden, taking over roadsides and fields. It attracts and shelters chattering birds that invade the surrounding fields. It is life bordering on chaos. There is a parody hidden in the

image. The official expectation was that God would make the kingdom of Israel like a mighty cedar towering over the forest of nations. Jesus proclaims his kingdom as a pesky shrub that spreads everywhere and welcomes everyone.

The parable also shows how much potential can be packed into small beginnings. How many miracles have unfolded from a simple act of kindness that inspired a network of recipients paying it forward? Take the first step and find an unexpected treasure waiting on step two or three. Trust the inherent goodness of life and the good will of others, who, like you, have been waiting for someone to inspire them to do more.

A farmer tills the soil, scatters seed, then sleeps while the harvest springs up by itself. The generous soil waits for a hopeful sower. The lilies of the field come arrayed like royalty, preach their gospel of beauty, then take a bow and disappear. The tiny sparrows fill the skies with birdsong and precision aerial ballet, never worrying whether God will provide for them. A woman adds a bit of leaven to flour, and it produces enough bread to feed the entire village. Jesus fed the five thousand hungry people in the wilderness, and there were 12 wicker baskets of leftovers for breakfast. He tells his night-weary disciples to cast their nets on the other side of the boat, and they catch enough fish to break the nets and swamp the boats.

One of the most memorable lines in Scripture is, "I have come that you might have life, life to the full" (John 10:9). Jesus reveals an extravagant God whose mercy is limitless and free. There is always enough. The abundance of nature is the first Bible we receive. It teaches the wisdom of extravagance. Give and you will receive. Sow and you will reap. Give yourself to love and love will multiply your life one hundredfold.

Pope Francis' Laudato Si is not an argument. It is an invitation to praise Creation, then turn gratitude into the determination that future generations will not be deprived of this same gift. It is the one parable this generation needs right now to enter the kingdom of God.

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

A WARNING FOR ALL SKIERS AND "OTHERS"!

A woman skiing in Colorado in 12 degrees below zero weather, complained to her husband that she was in need of a restroom. He told her that he was sure there was a washroom at the top of the lift. He was wrong and the urgency did not go away. Her husband suggested that since she was wearing an all white outfit, she should go off into the woods and no one would notice as the white outfit would provide adequate camouflage.

So she headed for the tree line, began disrobing and proceeded to do her thing. If you're ever parked on the side of a slope, then you know there is a right way and wrong way to set your skies so you don't move. And she had positioned the wrong way. Without warning the lady found herself skiing backwards, entirely out of control, racing through the trees, somehow missing all of them and onto another slope.

Her reverse side was still bare, her ski pants around her knees and she was picking speed all the while. She continued backwards totally out of control, creating an unusual vista for the other skiers. She finally collided violently with a pylon.

The bad news was that she broke her arm and was unable to pull up her ski

pants. At long last, her husband arrived and put an end to her nudie show and transported her to a hospital. While she was in the emergency room, a man with a broken leg was put in the bed next to hers.

"So, how did you break your leg?" she asked, making small talk. "It was the darndest thing you ever saw" he replied "I was riding up the ski lift and I couldn't believe my eyes. There was this crazy woman skiing backwards out of control with her bare backside hanging out and her ski pants were down around her knees. I leaned over to get a better look and fell out of the ski lift. Then he asked..." "So how did you break your arm?"

