

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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*Feast of the Holy Family*



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**Sunday Vigil Mass - Saturday  
December 26**

Note: No 10am mass today  
5 pm + Steven Perrault  
Requested by Val & Don  
Perrault

**Sunday December 27**

Note: No 7:30 pm mass today  
9 am + Doreen Contois  
Requested by Kerry, Adele & family  
11:30 am missa pro populo

**Monday to Wednesday - December 28 to 30**

No Masses from December 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*



**Vigil Mass  
Thursday December 31**

Note: No 12:05 noon mass today  
5 pm

**Friday January 1**

12:05 noon

*Epiphany of the Lord*



**Sunday Vigil Mass - Saturday January 2**

Note: No 10 am mass today  
5 pm

**Sunday January 3**

Note: No 7:30 pm mass today  
9 am 11:30 am



*Giving Birth*

It is easy for us to imagine that Mary's life was always 'Christmassy'. But just try to consider God asks her, at the Annunciation, to bear a child without being married. Considering the implications, at that time, an unmarried pregnant girl risked a tragic life. Unless the child's father agreed to marry her, she would probably remain unmarried for life. If her own father rejected her, she could be forced into begging or prostitution in order to eat and live.

Add to this Mary's only explanation, that she is conceiving by the power of the Holy Spirit; she risked being considered crazy as well. But all these considering, her response was still 'Fiat! Yes; God's will be done'. From her we learn about total trust in God.

'To give birth to the Son of God', difficult as it sounds, is also our calling today. As Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He also desires to be born in every heart and be made present in our own time. We give birth to Jesus by doing God's will, by saying yes, even when God demands what seems humanly impossible, like being a 'virgin mother'.

When we say, 'let it be done with me according to your Word', as Mary did, we allow the goodness, love, mercy and the generosity of God be felt. We make Jesus present. Emmanuel – God is with us! Let us remember this truth, especially during this time when it doesn't feel 'Christmassy'.

Lastly, in the Blessed Mother, we also see the reward for those who trust in God. Like Mary, anyone who strives to trust and remain faithful to God will be 'filled with grace' and enjoy the company of Jesus not only in the life to come but also in this life... then it will be Christmas all days.

In Him who is with us always,  
Father Roselle



**From St. Margaret's Clergy and Staff:**

Fr. Roselle, Deacon Bill, Deacon Tony, Deacon Tim,  
Sandy, Jim, Katie, Stephanie, Theresa

Wishing you.....



**Prayer Requests**

**Please pray for those who have asked for prayers:**

Shelley Smith; Anne Marie Radko; Anne Marie Calhoun;  
Nadine Adams; Nellie Kwapis; Verna Goneau;  
Maryann Wilfling; Joe & Jan Galaski; Michael Grise;  
Abigial Brown; Theresa Lapointe

**Please pray for recently deceased:**

Joe Diduch; William Ledoucer;



**The Pope's**

**December Prayer Intention**

**For a life of prayer:**

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus  
Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**Sacramental Preparation  
2020-21 Confirmation  
Registration**



We have started the process of accepting registrations for Confirmation for the Spring.

We are preparing and praying that God willing we will have a double-cohort of youth being confirmed. Our young people who were unable to be confirmed on Pentecost last year because of the pandemic lockdown and those students who are eligible this year.

Maybe you have a child or grandchild or if you know of a family member, friend or neighbour who has a child that might be considering receiving the sacrament of confirmation this year? If you do please encourage them to contact the parish office or check out the parish registration package on our website [stmargaretsmi.archtoronto.org](http://stmargaretsmi.archtoronto.org) On the website the registration package can be found by following the link under the tab "MINISTRIES" - "CATECHETICAL" - "FIRST CONFIRMATION" or contact the parish Tuesday-Friday 9:30-11:30am 705-526-6313 ext 1 Registration deadline has passed but there is still time to register before the preparation classes begin.

Please call the parish office 705-526-6313 ext 1 or email [stmargarets@rogers.com](mailto:stmargarets@rogers.com)

**2021 Offertory Envelopes**

Are available for pick-up at the office during the week  
Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 11:30

**2020 – 2021 Sunday Missals**

Available at the office during the week \$6 each

**Tax Receipt Reminder**

2020 is quickly coming to a close.

All donations to the parish to be included in your 2020 tax receipt must be received by the weekend of December 26/27. 2020 tax receipts will be mailed out the last week of January 2021.

A heartfelt thank you for your support and contributions of time, talent and treasure to St. Margaret's Parish Community. We are a vibrant faith filled family of Christ.

**Parish Office Hours- Christmas**

December 24 – January 4

Closed

Modified hours resume January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Mondays – Closed

Tuesday thru Friday

9:30 – 11:30 am

**REMEMBER**

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