



Pastor:
 Father Roselle Cyrille R. Azares
 Deacons: Anthony Ruta P.D.
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MASSES

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon
 Saturday 10:00 am
 Doors will open 15 minutes before mass begins

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am
 11:30 am
 7:30pm

Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am
 Doors will open 15 minutes before Holy Hour begins

Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm
 Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &
 11 - 11:25 am

Baptism:

Call to make arrangements

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am - 11:30 am & 2:30 - 4:30 pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

Please call 705-526-6313 ext 1 and we will be happy to assist you with your other needs.

PARISH LIFE

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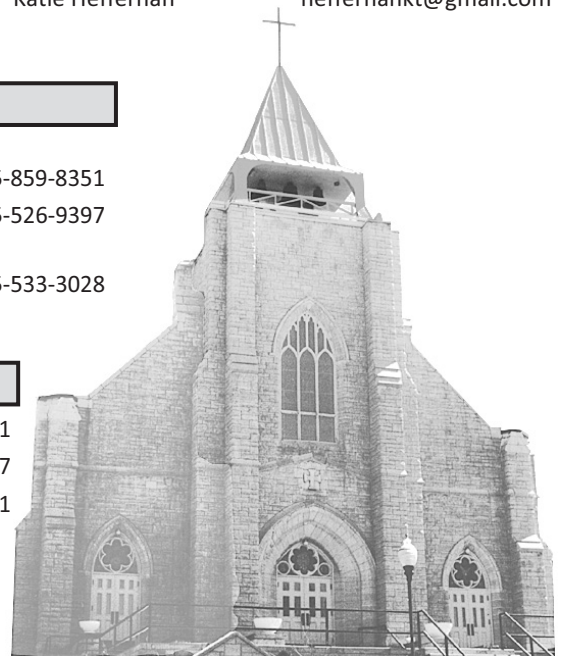
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St. Theresa's High School	705-526-1311



Public Masses and Mass Intentions
at St. Margaret's

Due to the government lockdown the celebration of public Masses at St. Margaret's are temporarily suspended.

Fr. Roselle will continue celebrating a private Mass daily for the intentions you see listed here, for all our parishioners and community, and for an end to this pandemic crisis.

We encourage parishioners to view online/livestream/televised Masses. Cardinal Collins will continue to celebrate a livestreamed Mass each day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30am. A full list of Masses is available at www.archtoronto.org

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who have asked for prayers:
Shelley Smith; Anne Marie Radko; Nadine Adams;
Nellie Kwapis; Verna Goneau; Michael Grise;
Abigail Brown; Peter Pattenaude; Nicole Marchildon;
Jan Galaski

Please pray for recently deceased:
Janet McCartan; Jack Charlebois; Joe Galaski;
Anne Marie Calhoun;



The Pope's

January Prayer Intention

Evangelization: Human fraternity ~ May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Mass Intentions
First Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday January 12

St. Margurite

Bourgeoys

+ Deacon Michael Conlin
Requested by Rita Cote

Wednesday January 13

+ Joanne Frawley
Requested by Lynda, Betty & Rosemary

Thursday January 14

Intentions of Marg Stone
Requested by Theresa Young & Toddy Blaicher

Friday January 15

+ Edmund Blieske
Requested by Shirley, Jeff & Ingrid

Saturday January 16

+ Deacon Michael Conlin
Requested by Deacon Tim & Marie Dunlop

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass - Saturday January 16

+ Linda Quesnelle
Requested by her sisters & brother

Sunday January 17

+ Frank Lajner
Requested by Maryann, John & families

+ Joe Diduch
Requested by Bob & Corinne Green

missa pro populo

Parish Office Hours

modified hours are in effect
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
9:30 am – 11:30 am



Reflection on the
Feast of the Lord's
Baptism

When I was a seminarian in the Philippines, I heard of some priests' apprehension as to what name the parents would give infants. Gone were the days when the names are based on names of saints. Parents back then and now are very creative in giving names to their children, even to the point of being silly and ridiculous.

This phenomenon is a clear indication of how superficial and shallow is the understanding of parents as to the value and meaning of the sacrament of baptism. For many Catholics, Baptism is just a socio-cultural affair, and, at best, just an ordinary religious ceremony. That is why, for most parents, they give more attention to the details of the baptism party than the celebration of the sacrament itself.

As we celebrate the Feast of our Lord's Baptism, we are reminded of the eternal value of baptism and the supreme dignity it gave us. As Jesus emerges from the waters of the Jordan, the voice of heavenly Father is heard, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am pleased.

These must be the same words uttered by the heavenly Father at our baptism. It is said that St. Louis, king of France, after witnessing the baptism of one of his subjects, said: 'A few moments ago you were only my son, but now you are a child of God.'

On this feast of the Lord's Baptism, let us reflect on some points that may hopefully help us have a better and deeper appreciation of our own baptism. First, Jesus decides to be baptized by his precursor, John. In doing so, he goes down the waters of the Jordan river. This action, seemingly insignificant, is actually sending a profoundly joyful message: Jesus goes down the river to show that he has come precisely to be one with sinful humanity. Sinless though he is, he stood in line, making himself on equal footing with sinners, taking the form of a slave (Philemon 2:7).



In that way, he can bring sinners back to the Father's loving embrace. In the words of the Letter to the Hebrews: *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin* (4: 15). In Jesus then, we are never alone. He is Emmanuel, God is with us, even in moments of our deepest crises and greatest failures.

Second, as Jesus comes up out of the waters of the Jordan, he sees 'the heavens bring torn open'. The heavens, closed due to the disobedience of the first Adam, are now open through the unconditional obedience of the New Adam, Jesus. This was confirmed at his death on the cross when the veil of the Temple was torn from top to bottom, signifying the tearing down of the barrier between God and us.

This is good news for us: through Jesus, the heavenly door is open for us. And since we have become children of God at Baptism, we are also co-heirs of the heavenly kingdom. *And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heir with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him* (Romans 8: 17).

Third, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descends upon him, and the voice of the Heavenly Father is heard: *You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.* Jesus was, is, and never will be alone. At the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, the Father and the Holy Spirit were with him, just as He was also with the Father in the act of creation: for *all things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be* (John 1: 3).

This reminds us of the presence and action of the three Divine Persons in our own Baptism. As the water is poured, the Holy Spirit descends on the one being baptised, effecting a fundamental transformation of the person, imprinting an indelible mark on the soul, making the human person a child of the Father.

In Baptism, we have become living tabernacles of God, vessels of clay, so to say. This gives us infinitely profound power, dignity, and eternal riches, for God takes up his dwelling in us. And so, with St. Paul, we rejoice and proclaim with full confidence, *if God is for us, who can be against us* (Romans 8: 31).

We are all mortal beings. Everything about us is transitory: our physical body, our career, education and possessions. But there is one thing that will endure forever: our baptismal dignity. The apostle St. John insists on this: *see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are!* (1 John 3:1). This is something that we must be eternally grateful for. Yet it also imposes upon us a great responsibility: we have to live and act as God's children.

There is a famous anecdote about Alexander the Great. One night during a campaign, he couldn't sleep and left his tent to walk around the campgrounds. He saw a soldier asleep on guard duty – a serious offence punishable by death. The soldier woke up as Alexander the Great approached him. Recognizing who was standing in front of him, the young man was terrified.

Alexander the Great asked the soldier: 'do you know what the penalty is for falling asleep on guard duty?' 'Yes sir', responded in a shaking voice. 'Soldier, what is your name?' demanded Alexander the Great. 'Alexander, sir'. Alexander the Great repeated the question, 'what is your name?' 'My name is Alexander, sir' the soldier repeated. A third time more loudly Alexander the Great asked, 'what is your name?' A third time the soldier meekly replied, 'Alexander, sir.' Alexander the Great then looked at the young soldier straight in the eye, and said very firmly, 'son, either you change your name or change your conduct.'

The Lord is now telling: either change your name or change your conduct. The classic philosophical dictum says, ***Agere sequitur esse*** – action follows being. We are Christians, and we are children of God. Our actions and behavior are expected to be in conformity with this infinitely glorious status. We are to live up to that name and dignity.

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