



Pastor:
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 Deacons: Anthony Ruta P.D.
 Timothy Dunlop P.D.
 William Carson P.D.

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:

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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

Parish Secretary	Sandy D'Alessandro
Custodian	Jim Lamers
Choirs	Saturday 5:00pm Adele Heins
	Sunday 9:00am Adele Heins
	Sunday 11:00am Diana Swift
Finance Council	Pauline Brabant
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GROUPS

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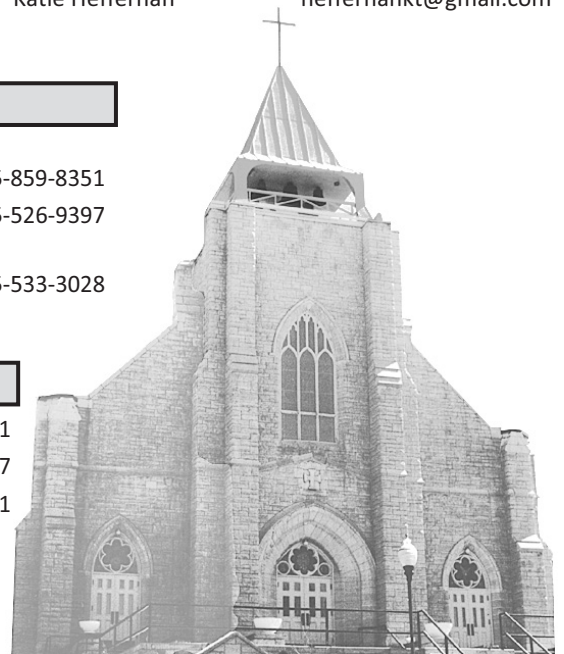
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OTHER SERVICES

Natural Family Planning		
Humanae Vitae Centre (Linda)	905-859-8351	
Catholic Family Services	705-526-9397	
Huronian Right-to-Life		
(Michael Vanden Heuvel)	705-533-3028	

SCHOOLS

Monsignor Castex School	705-526-2831
Sacred Heart School	705-526-0107
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:

Shelley Smith; Anne Marie Radko; Nadine Adams; Nellie Kwapis; Jan Galaski; Peter Pattenaude; Sherry-Jane Jeffery; Nicole Marchildon; Ewa Krystosik

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives & friends:
Joe Galaski; Anne Marie Calhoun; Mary Louise DeBow



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.

Episcopal Ordination of Fr. Ivan **Camilleri**

On 28 November 2020, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Father Ivan Camilleri Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Bishop-elect Camilleri is currently serving as our Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs, Vicar General, and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-designate Camilleri will take place on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Monday, January 25, 2021 at 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto. You are invited to mark this date and time in your calendar and join the livestream the ordination at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live
Congratulations Bishop-elect Camilleri.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - **2021**

Every year, the Canadian Church joins with our Christian brothers and sisters to pray for the restoration of the united church, as was willed by Jesus Christ.

The theme for this year is:

"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit"

(cf. John 15:5-9)

Making a spiritual connection through prayer with our brothers and sisters in Christ is an excellent way for us to advance the restoration of the united Christian church.

We invite all parishioners to join in a virtual service on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 4 p.m. This service is being livestreamed from The Salvation Army's Agincourt Community Church and can be accessed on Facebook using the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch>

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, along with the Sisters of Life will pray for Christian unity with representatives from many denominations. David Wells, General Superintendent of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, will be the homilist.



Tuesday January 19

+ Eugenio & Caterina Moscon
Requested by John & family

Wednesday January 20

+ Deacon Michael Conlin
Requested by the D'Alessandro family

Thursday January 21 St. Agnes

+ Dan Martin
Requested by Margaret Power

Friday January 22

+ John Borley Jr.
Requested by JoAnn & John Borley

Saturday January 23

+ Joe Diduch
Requested by Carol Diduch

Third Sunday in *Ordinary Time*

Vigil Mass - Saturday January 23

+ Gerry Girardeau
Requested by Bill & Marg Courts

Sunday January 24

+ Joe Diduch
Requested by Peter & Marie Lacroix
+ William Ledoucer
Requested by Marie, Susan, Rita and Nancy

missa pro populo



Reflection: Second Sunday in Ordinary

Time

John 1: 35-42

A man was looking for the perfect wife. He wanted to find someone who was beautiful, kind, loving and very religious. He found such a woman. But it did not work out. He said she was so religious that she could not easily relate to the particular things in life.

So, he looked for someone else. He found one who was beautiful, kind, loving, organized and practical in material affairs. He thought she was the perfect wife. But again, it did not work out. She was so practical that she really did not need a man in her life. So, the man continued searching.

Then he found another woman. She was beautiful, kind, loving, intelligent, practical in material affairs, as well as very religious. At last, he thought, here is the perfect wife – a perfect balance of the practical and spiritual. But again, it did not work out, because she was also looking for the perfect husband!

John the Baptist tells his two disciples about Jesus, *Behold, the Lamb of God*. At once, they begin following Jesus. And when Jesus sees them, he asks them, *what are you looking for?* At first, it may look like a simple question. But it is actually profound. It invites a person to look deeply into one's self and evaluate the direction and the meaning of one's life. Obviously, the two disciples do not get the full implication of the question because they reply with another question: *Rabbi, where are you staying?*

The rabbi during the time of Jesus was an itinerant preacher. He moved from place to place, teaching about the Scriptures and many important lessons from concrete realities in life. His disciples follow him wherever he goes and they imbibe his teachings and way of life in the process.

Hence, to ask where a rabbi lives is rather secondary and even immaterial. What really matters is being with him wherever he goes. That is why, instead of answering their question, Jesus replies with an invitation: *Come and you shall see*. It is an invitation, not to a place of abode, but to a relationship, to be part of his life. So,

they went and saw where he was staying and they stayed with him that day.

That one day of experience inspires them so much that it radically transforms them, from being followers to evangelizers. One of them, Andrew, looks for his brother Simon and eagerly breaks the good news to him: *We have found the Messiah*.

Every day, the Lord invites us, *come, follow me*. Like the two disciples, many of us would readily follow him. But he would invariably pose the same question: *What are you looking for?* The philosopher Aristotle once wrote, *those who wish to succeed must ask the right preliminary questions*. I believe this is one of the important preliminary questions we need to ask ourselves before seriously deciding to follow Jesus.

People follow Jesus for various reasons, depending on one's idea about Him. As Thomas Merton once said, *our idea of God tells us more about ourselves than about Him*. This has been adequately shown in the Gospels. Many see Him as a great healer. And so, they follow Him in order to be healed of their various ailments. Others acknowledge Him as the one who teaches with authority. And so, they follow Him because they like to listen to his teachings. And some, like the religious leaders, consider Him as an enemy and threat to their authority and status. So, they follow Him to catch Him in his speech and have something to accuse him of.

This Sunday, therefore, Jesus asks us, *what are you looking for?* In other words, He wants us to know why we are following him. This is a crucial question that has to be answered honestly in order to purify our motivations and intensify our commitment to follow Him. St. Peter accurately responds: *Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God* (John 6: 68-69).

On this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us be clear of our motivations. We follow Jesus because we profess our firm belief in him as our Lord and Savior. We desire to adore Him. We humbly acknowledge that without Him, we are nothing and we can do nothing. In Him alone can we find fullness, joy and salvation. Fully knowing this, we are strengthened and encouraged to face whatever challenges and trials life may give us.

Those who have a 'why' to live, can bear with almost any 'how' (Viktor Frankl). It is only Jesus that makes our life meaningful and fruitful, even in the midst of suffering.

Fr. Roselle



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Matthew 11:28

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