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 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

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

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PARISH LIFE

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	Sunday 9:00am Adele Heins
	Sunday 11:00am Diana Swift
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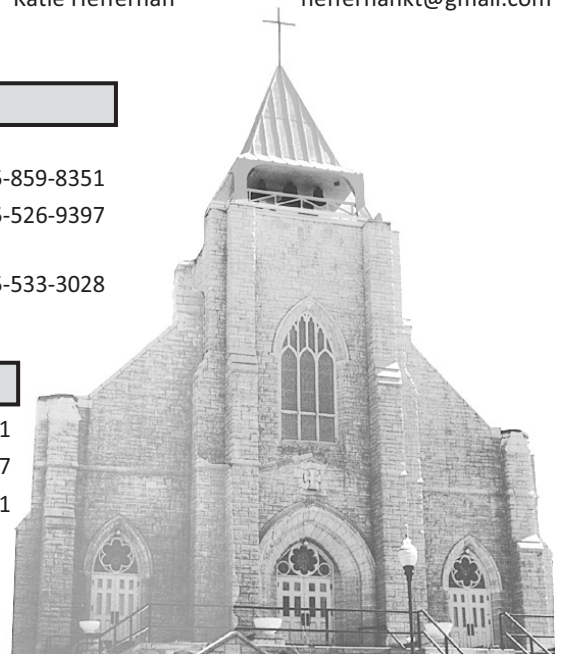
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Public Masses and Mass Intentions
at St. Margaret's

Due to the government lockdown the celebration of public Masses at St. Margaret's is 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



Reflection for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading * Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *Psalm 95
* Corinthians 7:17, 32-35 * Mark 1:21-28

Today when someone is applying for a job, their resume takes a great deal of preparation. There is as much emphases put on the covering letter as in the details on why the one applying for the position would be the perfect candidate.

Often we miss reading or interpreting the document that describes exactly the duties for which a person is responsible if they are to carry out their job. Sometimes this description tells them what they are not to do, as well as what they are to do. So if you happen to be in the cleaning business people will want to know things like: Do you do windows? Will you wash floors or clean the oven? Do you take out the garbage or clean the dust from under the beds? We want to know what we are going to get for our money.

Usually the more important or complicated the job, then the more important and complicated the job description. If you are the chief executive officer of the second largest company in the world, your job description may run several pages and spell out in great detail what you are to do in your position.

To put it into a faith concept, we have two job descriptions one as our career and the other as a faith commitment. For this our description is very short-perhaps the shortest job description that was ever written. For example, we find it in the Baptismal ceremony because it is there, that we are officially given our identity as Christians. The first question asked: What name do you give this child? Answer – usually a Christian name for who is being baptized. The 2nd question is: What do you ask of God's Church for? One word answer: 'Baptism' There we are told in just a few words who we are, and how we are to be. The minister of the Sacrament proclaims that we are anointed as priest, prophet and king. Just three little words without much explanation. But these three words are to guide us for the rest of our lives. Today we are given the image of Jesus as prophet.

What is and is not a prophet!

First, what is a prophet not. He or she is not someone who regularly takes out a crystal ball to look into the future. This is the popular understanding of prophet, but not the Biblical one. A prophet is not a conformist. He or she doesn't really care what others think about them. They do not look to be honoured or favoured by people. Their only concern is what God thinks about them. They are not tolerant of things people do, simply because everyone seems to be doing it.



Tuesday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

+ Josephine DiPisa
Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

Wednesday February 3

+ Joseph Waltenbury
Requested by Marilyn & Richard Brown

Thursday February 4

Intentions of Marg Stone
Requested by Theresa Young

Friday February 5 St. Agatha

+ Anne Marie Calhoun
Requested by the St. Margaret's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday February 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions

+ Margaret Bowley
Requested by Joanne & John Borley

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass - Saturday February 6

+ Henry Cecilia & John
Requested by Theresa Laurin- Hunwicks

Sunday February 7

+ Mr. and Mrs. Robert & Gail LeClair
Requested by the family

missa pro populo

What is a prophet? In other words, who are we called to be as prophets? The prophet stands up for what he or she thinks is the will of God. What the world thinks doesn't really matter. What is popular or accepted doesn't really matter. As a prophet we believe that we are sent by God. Now that sounds very presumptuous doesn't it? Imagine that you and I are sent by God. But that is exactly how it is. Through our Baptism we have been anointed and sent. It doesn't matter that we feel inadequate, or that we don't see how we can do the job that God has sent us to do. God has promised to be with us as we try to be messengers of God's will. This is what Moses was doing; he was following his job description and as long as his followers listened and did as requested, the reward was eternity with God.

Another important tool for the prophet is highlighted in today's psalm when we hear that refrain: Harden not your hearts. A hardened heart is one that is closed to seeing anything new. That is the exact opposite of what being a prophet is, since a prophet has to be intensely aware of what is going on in the world. We will not be able to be prophets if we are ignorant of what is happening in our society and in the world at large. This openness enables us to see new places and situations where the Gospel needs to be applied.

As we hear St. Mark's Gospel today about how Jesus being in Capernaum, on the Sabbath entered the synagogue which is a place of teaching versus a Temple which is a place for worship and sacrifice. There are events in our lives that no resume or job description can prepare us for, the unexpected, so we have to rely on other resources; namely our faith and the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives that example to us as we heard how the crowds in the synagogue saw something different in this young rabbi from Nazareth who is just starting his teachings. I am sure the scribes were thinking, oh just let him go he will be in a trap or better still be rejected from the synagogue. But to their dismay, Jesus words bear the weight of truth. This sometimes resonates in us when we hear the truth, and for the crowds in today's Gospel they knew Our Lord's teachings' ring true.

It speaks to something in our hearts, be it a conversion or simply a confirmation of the upright life we are trying to lead. Yes, we need the truth, and Our Lord is the truth in Person. Society today focuses a lot on opinion. I think we are all 'opinioned out' on everything related to Covid from regulations to vaccinations it is now simply 'Covid Fatigue', let alone events going on around the world. The reality is often opinion do not go very deep.

Today many people don't want to speak out at all for fear of being labeled as judgment, but also, at times, out of a mistaken idea that two apparently irreconcilable beliefs can be true; everyone's got their "truth," and nobody should question it. This attitude loses sight of the fact that there is a truth to everything, and we're all seeking to understand it and embrace it in our lives.

The Gospel brought to us by Our Lord brings that truth to us. It helps us cut through opinions that may veil untruths.

We have heard this Gospel many times and each time there can be a different interpretation. It reminds me that we have to listen to Our Lord with renewed attention today through his Word, confident that it is the truth, and not be shy about helping others learn the truth as well.

So, Jesus' presence and words made him trustworthy to the people, setting them free to believe and be changed.

That, my friends, is real power, and we all have that power to make a difference for having lived.

In closing, now we can go back to our Faith Resume'. Our mission must be to do the will of the one who sends us (Jesus), and complete his mission, to show much God loves us, and calls us to make a difference by our service to others. To be that prophet that we are all called to be, simply speak the truth to power with power to become merciful and an instrument of real change in what many might say a world that's gone mad. If we do this with authority, then Christ's fame will again be spread throughout the world. The choice is ours. Let us choose wisely.

Deacon Tim



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

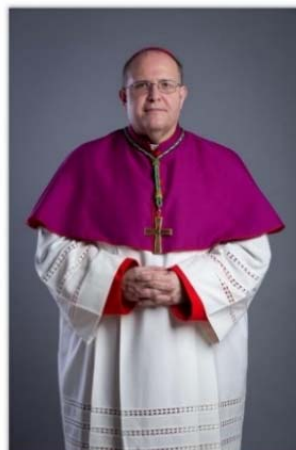
Please pray for our recently deceased relatives & friends:

Robert Varley; Marion Ball; Fr. David Connolly OFM;
Mrs. María Guadalupe Pelayo Olvera



**The Pope's Prayer Intention
For February: *Violence Against
Women***

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



We offer our prayers
and best wishes to
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on the occasion of his
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this new chapter of ministry!*

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