



Pastor:

Father Roselle Cyrille R. Azares

Deacons: Anthony Ruta P.D.

Timothy Dunlop P.D.

#### MASSES

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

#### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon  
Saturday 10:00 am

#### Sunday Masses:

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

#### Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am

#### Confessions:

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

#### Baptism:

Call to make arrangements

#### MARRIAGE

Twelve months notice and Marriage Course usually required

# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Tues-Fri. 9:30 am -4:00pm

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	Juanita Wootton-Radko
Custodian	Jim Lamers
Choirs	Adele Heins
Saturday 5:00 pm	Adele Heins
Sunday 9:00 am	Adele Heins
Sunday 11:30 am	Pauline Brabant
Finance Council	Katie Goulbourne & Ruth Dusome
Floral Decorations	Shelley LeBoeuf
Greeters & Ushers	Katie Goulbourne
Rectory Housekeeper	

#### GROUPS

Catholic Women's League	Sandra Morson	705-527-6375
Knights of Columbus	Fred Chamberlain	705-529-2632
Marian Prayer Group	Lillian Latanville	705-526-3892
St. Vincent de Paul	Food Bank, donations, all inquiries	705-526-7585

#### ST. MARGARET'S CEMETERY

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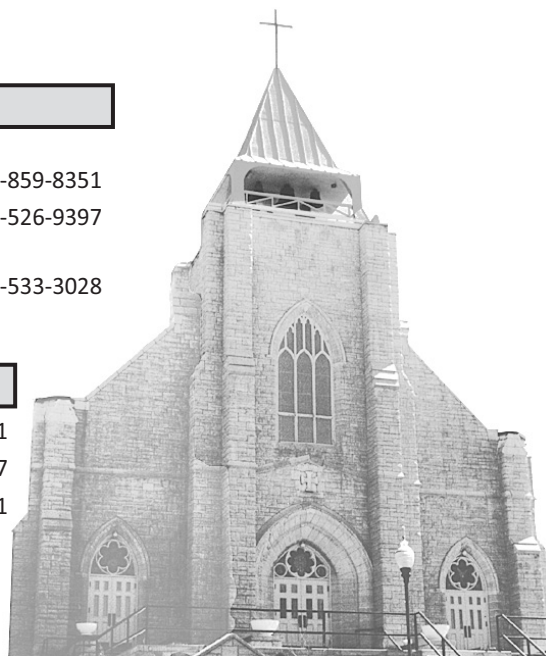
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Patricia Stenton	705-956-0632
	Conrad Stenton	705-529-1403
Children's Liturgy	Katie Heffernan	heffernankt@gmail.com

#### 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
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## **God's Mercy Gushes Forth**

As early as now, we already know of the Lord's thirst: 'Give me a drink' (John 4: 7) even before we hear him plead for water on Good Friday, "I thirst!" (John 19: 28). Exhausted, the Lord asks water from someone considered an outcast and unworthy: a Samaritan woman. Jesus engaged her in a conversation even though he fully knew well that doing so was going against tradition and high courtesies. Jesus' thirst was more than a parched throat. He longed to commune with his people.

The Preface for today's Mass offers a glimpse of our Savior's real thirst. Asking the Samaritan woman for water to drink, he had already created the gift of faith within her. So ardently did he thirst for her faith that he kindled in her the fire of divine love. In the same way that the Father quenched the thirst of the people who complained against Moses and who even doubted Him due to extreme thirst in the wilderness: "Is the Lord in our midst or not?"

Despite the quarrelsome and rebellious spirit of Israel, the Lord God let water gush (not a trickle) out of a rock. In the gospel passage, the Samaritan woman was offered the living waters despite her sinfulness and distance from God. Recognizing her own thirst for God, and His thirst for her soul, the Lord knew very well the 'desert' of her heart that only the waters of Life could revive, making her see the goodness of the Lord and thirst for Him.



### **Tuesday March 14**

12:05 +Simone Flaim  
Requested by John and family

### **Wednesday March 15**

12:05pm +Cathy Fitzgerald Kerr  
Requested by John and family

### **Thursday March 16**

12:05 Intentions of Brenda Bylow  
Requested by Colleen Cameron

### **Friday March 17**

**St. Patrick, Bishop**  
11am – Holy Hour  
12:05 Intentions for Alex Cameron  
Requested by Colleen Cameron  
7:00 Stations of the Cross

### **Saturday March 18**

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
10 am +Elmer Lavigne  
Requested by Bill Lavigne

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

### **Vigil Mass – Saturday March 18**

5 pm Mass for the people

### **Sunday – March 19**

9am + Terrence O'Connor  
Requested by Jim & Yvonne  
11:30 am +William Small  
Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire



## **The Pope's Prayer Intention for March**

*For Victims of Abuse*

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

The Lord's promise to her was not momentary satisfaction from thirst, but eternal salvation: 'whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life' (John 4: 13). The woman, having experienced the quenching waters of His mercy to her sinful thirst, finally decided to drink of this water: 'Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw' (John 4: 15), that is accept him, repent, worship Him in spirit and in truth and proclaim Him to others.

The Lord offers us hope to be alive again when we die in sin, the promise of our baptism. We die in sin by waters of death but only to rise as new creatures through water and the spirit for the 'love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us' (Romans 5: 5). This echoes the promise of God through Ezekiel: 'I will pour clean waters upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit (25: 26) – his promise to Israel, to the Samaritan woman and even to us today.

In the Collect (Opening Prayer) of this Sunday's mass, we pray and ask the Lord: '... look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted by your mercy.'

Grace and peace,

Father R C R A

## **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at St. Mary's**

Everyone is invited to a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Sat. March 11, 2023 from 10AM to 2PM at 266 Albert St. Victoria Harbour. Crafts, penny and bake sale. Lunch will be served from 11AM until 2PM. Takeout available. Come and enjoy!

### **Safety First!**

As warmer weather approaches, parishioners are cautioned to be aware of falling snow or ice from the steel roof.

## **Queen of Apostles -Lenten Retreat**



Come for a day of reflection and renewal facilitated by our centre team. Everyone welcome to attend.

Saturday March 18, 2023

TIME: 9:00AM -3:00PM

Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch

Where: Queen Of Apostles

Renewal Centre,

1617 Blythe Road Mississauga

Contact: Jean 905-278-5229 or email  
[office@goa.ca](mailto:office@goa.ca)

## **CWL News**

Our next meeting will be on **Monday March 13, at 1:00 pm**. All ladies interested in joining and/or learning about our activities are welcome to attend.

## **Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637



### **Please remember the following people in your**

**prayers:** Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenau; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome; Marshal Laurin

**Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends:** Norma Jivcoff; Verna Marchand; Deacon Bill Carson; Mary Graham; Mary McCarthy;

### **Bible Quiz**

1. Who had a "coat of many colours"?
2. How many times did the Israelites march around the walls of Jericho?
3. How many animals did Moses take on the ark?

**Answers**  
1. Joseph  
2. Seven times.  
3. Zero. Noah was on the ark!



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