



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

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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

Choirs Saturday 5:00 pm

Adele Heins

Sunday 9:00 am

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Sunday 11:30 am

Diana Swift

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Katie Goulbourne

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#### ST. MARGARET'S CEMETERY

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#### CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Patricia Stenton

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705-529-1403

Children's Liturgy

Katie Heffernan

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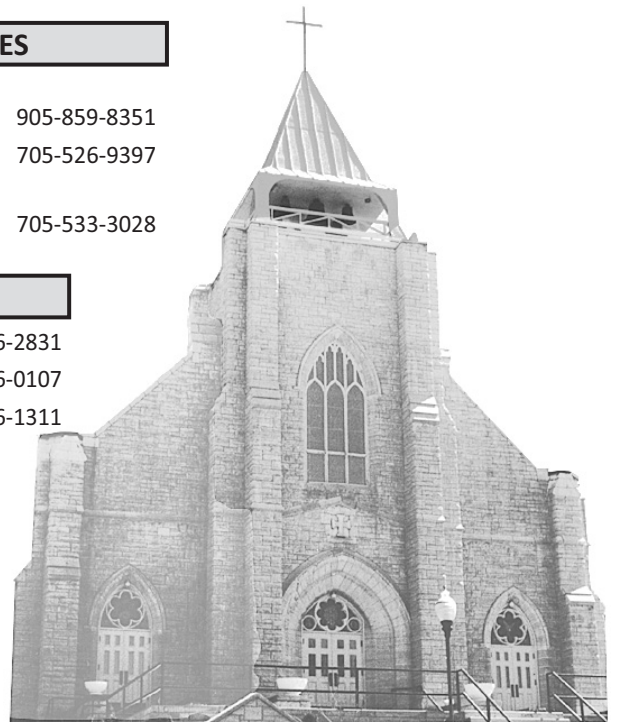
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**'Do You Love Me?'**

The Gospel story on this Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time shows the true meaning of forgiveness which is never-ending. In short, we are never to keep count when it comes to forgiveness. Seven is a perfect number; its multiples express the incalculable; seventy times seven pointing to forgiveness that cannot be limited to a certain number of times. It, however, must be noted that the parable of the unforgiving servant shows the pardon principle but does not entirely fit the present context which deals with multiple acts of forgiveness.

It is not surprising that our initial reaction to the first servant is anger for his insensitivity and arrogance. How can he not forgive another fellow servant who owed him less than what he owed his master? We are baffled at the refusal of the servant whose mammoth debt was forgiven to delay the repayment of a trifling sum owed to him.

On further reflection, we feel a certain compassion for the unforgiving servant for we realize that the man somehow represents all of us. We cannot deny our sinfulness as we have likewise acted and continue to behave impulsively and inconsistently with what we believe. Forgetfulness of our own sins leads us to lack of compassion. Yet to remember how our sins have gone unpunished by God should lead us to forgive others.

As we continue to be recipients of the loving mercy and forgiveness of God, this, in turn, is to inspire us to do the same with others. It seems easy to say, "Hate the sin but not the sinner." But, in reality, we have difficulty in separating the act from the one who committed the sin, pain, and hurt to us. There are emotional blocks that hinder us from forgiving and reaching out to others especially those who may have hurt us very deeply. Pride or lack of humility prevents us from being merciful and understanding to those who have wronged us.

Jesus represents the ultimate symbol of forgiveness. Who, among us, would not have been hurt with the triple denial of Peter with regard to his relationship and friendship with Jesus? But, we know how Jesus realized how weak and frustrated and sorry Peter was. He kept on believing his apostles and he keeps believing in us that we can be better. He keeps on

**Tuesday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

12:05pm +Raymond & Joan Gignac

Requested by Peter & Marie Lacroix

**Wednesday Sept.20<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest,and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions Martyrs**

10:00 am School Mass

12:05pm +Eugenio & Caterina

Requested by John & family

**Thursday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

12:05 pm Intention Peter & Marie Lacroix

60th Anniversary

Requested by Peter & Marie

**Friday Sept.22<sup>nd</sup>**

11am – Holy Hour

12:05 pm +Eileen Dell & Vern Dell

Requested by the family

**Saturday Sept.23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

10:00 am + Louise Lamers

Requested by Len Lamers

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Vigil Mass – Saturday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5 pm + Intentions for Colleen Cameron

Requested by Brenda Bylow

**Sunday – Sept . 24<sup>th</sup>**

9am Mass for the People

11:30 am +Ted, Audrey Percival

Requested by the Percival family

giving us chances. Jesus maintains a true sense of "try and try again."

Forgiveness does not mean being a doormat or not using discretion with the people you deal with.

Forgiveness means allowing others to make mistakes while we keep moving forward.

Grace and Peace,  
Father R C R A

### **Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd At St. Margaret's Church, Midland**

The Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd is an internationally recognized approach for the religious formation of children, which highlights essential aspects from Scripture as well as from Catholic Liturgy that nurture the child's capacity to enjoy and contemplate God's presence.

We hope to begin sessions the week of September 17th. The cost for the year is \$60 per child for the year, \$100 for 2 children, \$140 for 3+ children.

For more information, or for a visit to the Atrium and registration, please contact Patricia Stenton at 705 956-0632 or send your registration form to: [patricia.stenton@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.stenton@gmail.com)

#### **ATRIUM SCHEDULE**

Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:30 pm:  
Levels II and III for children ages 8 to 12

Thursdays 4:30 to 6:30 pm:  
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Morning sessions for children from homeschooling families are available upon request.

Toddler Atrium for children ages 18 months to age 3 and their caregiver is also available upon request. We welcome three children per group.



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

*For people living on the margins*

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### **Fall Cemetery Cleaning**

Thank you to all the parishioners who help keep our cemetery beautiful. It is time to prepare for fall and winter while the weather is still warm. Water will be available until October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023, and we will be closing the gate upon snowfall.

We kindly ask that all summer decorations be removed by October 15<sup>th</sup>, and consider placing a winter wreath that will withstand the winter winds and weather. Our Cemetery Coordinator, Rose Ladouceur is happy to assist you with monument and plot purchases through the winter before the 2024 rates come into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Thank you from St. Margaret's Cemetery.**

*Serving our community of faith with compassion*

### **Eucharist Ministers**

If you are an approved Eucharistic Minister and would like to resume your ministry, please contact Rosemary Sykes at 705-937-0076

### **Your Building Fund at Work!**

Your Building Fund donations are very meaningful. The church fire panel and the Parish Hall sprinkler system were upgraded to meet fire code. This necessary work cost approximately \$16,117.00 We ask that you please continue to give generously to replenish the Building Fund. Thank you!



**Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, Janice Lizottte, Barrett Smith, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek; Lloyd Leroux; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome; Marshal Laurin

**Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends:** Bernadette Cascanette

**Please contact the parish office with your prayer requests so we may add them to the prayer list and respond.**

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