



Pastor:

Father Roselle Cyrille R. Azares

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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

Finance Council

Pauline Brabant

Floral Decorations

Katie Goulbourne & Ruth Dusome

Greeters & Ushers

Shelley LeBoeuf

Rectory Housekeeper

Katie Goulbourne

Parish Custodian

Richard Kitchen

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Food Bank, donations, all inquiries

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#### ST. MARGARET'S CEMETERY

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#### CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

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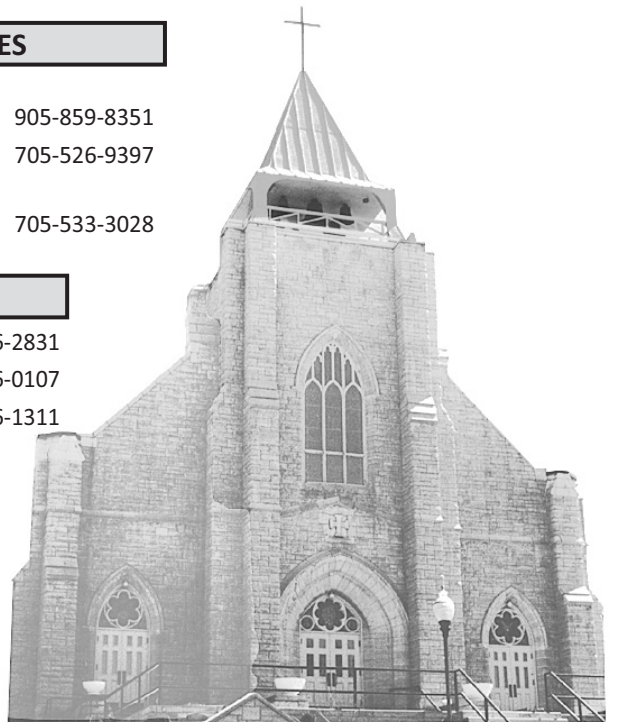
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#### SCHOOLS

Monsignor Castex School 705-526-2831

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





**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**Tuesday Oct. 3rd**

12:05pm +Paddy Nooney  
Requested by Bernadette & family

**Wednesday Oct. 4th**

**Saint Francis of Assisi**  
12:05pm +Pat Martin  
Requested by Roger & Kathleen Gignac

**Thursday Oct 5th**

**Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin**  
12:05 pm +Georgia Leblanc  
Requested by Roger & Kathleen Gignac

**Friday Oct. 6th<sup>h</sup>**

**Saint Bruno, Priest , Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**  
11am – Holy Hour  
12:05 pm +Rheal, Julie & Reg  
Requested by the Family

**Saturday Oct. 7th**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**  
10:00 am Special Intentions for the Healing  
Of Paul Maquir  
Requested by Charles & Dolores Maquire

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Vigil Mass – Saturday Oct, 7th**

5 pm + Gerard Lyons  
Requested by Adele & family

**Sunday – Oct.8th**

9am + Corinne Green  
Requested by Miriam & Gilles Belanger  
11:30 am Mass for the People

**Prayer Requests**

**Please remember the following people in your prayers** Karen Keays, Vincentia Bee, 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:** Mary MacLeod, Peter Kiernan, John Dusome

**Aim For a Happy Ending**

Our parable on this Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 21: 28-32) teaches us that God wants everyone to enter into His Kingdom. The father made it clear to his sons that he wanted them to be in his vineyard, no other place. The father in the parable represents the loving God. He thinks of no other option for every human being whom He created but to be in his Eternal Kingdom.

God is not an angry despot who would send everyone he dislikes to condemnation. Rather, our God is a loving and merciful God who wants every person to be saved and spared from condemnation. Hell is not God's option for sinners. Hell, rather, is the sinner's option for themselves. The father summoned his sons to go, but he never forced them to obey. This tells us that every person is responsible for the decision and response an individual makes to God's invitation.

God extends his invitation to all. The father approached both his sons and told them to go to his vineyard. This parable corrects the error of God's selective election-- God calls to salvation the good and the bad. He calls to salvation the religious and the pagans, the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus did not say that you will enter God's kingdom even if you live a life of sin. Jesus is saying instead that God is extending His invitation to everyone to enter his kingdom regardless of their moral and religious condition, provided of course that they repent. There is nothing that could make God reject anyone who would come to him.

In our parable, Jesus indicated the principle that when a person accepts God's invitation to belong to his Kingdom, the person would live one's life as God wants. The first son in the parable initially refused to obey his father. But when he came to his senses, he repented and went. The word 'repent' means to change, to turn. The first son changed and turned from his self-chosen life of rebellion and selfishness. He saw the good in his father's plan and followed it.

The second son said, "I go, sir," but he failed; he never did go to work for his father. He worked and lived as he wished, disregarding his father entirely.

In life, it is not how we start that matters, but how we finish. Paul started as Saul of Tarsus persecuting Christians, but he ended up being a great man of God.

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Judas started out as a faithful follower of Jesus, but he ended up a traitor and killed himself. Entering the kingdom of God means living the way God wants us to live, not the way we want. Scripture tells us that God saves us because of his mercy. As we enter His kingdom and become his people, we are no longer to live our life as we wish, but as God wills it.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. R C R A

### **School Masses at St. Margaret's**

If you would like to help sponsor the bussing costs associated with bringing the school community to Mass, please contact Juanita at the Parish Office 705-526-6313 or [stmargaretsmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stmargaretsmi@archtoronto.org)

*Together we are building a strong family-church-school community!*

### **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.

The sessions take place in the "Atrium", directed by certified catechists who volunteer their time in service to the families of St. Margaret's Parish.

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

*Altar servers are especially welcome*

Thursdays 4:30 to 6:30 pm:

Levels I and II for children ages 4 to 7

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.

### **Your Family of Faith Fund at Work!**

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to install new windows in the office and rectory. Now we need to put new blinds up. The cost of this new project is approximately \$6,500.

### **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*

### **St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive**

Please give generously to our Thanksgiving food drive. Thank you!!

### **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

Thank you for your generosity.

### **R.C.I.A. ADULT CATECHISM**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), restored following the Second Vatican Council, is the normative way for adults to prepare for baptism. The program will begin later this fall. This course is also intended for other baptized Christians who are considering entering into full communion with the Catholic Church or those who were baptized Catholic but never confirmed. For more information, please call the office 705-526-6313 ext. 1

*Please join us for*

### **St. Margaret's Oktoberfest Celebration**

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**  
**Following the 5pm Mass**

Inviting all parishioners to a Family-Friendly dinner party in the Parish Hall.

*More details to follow!*

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