

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	
Choirs	Saturday	5:00 pm	Adele Heins		
	Sunday	9:00 am	Adele Heins		
	Sunday	11:30 am	Diana Swift		
Finance Council			Pauline Brabant		
Floral Decor	ations		Katie Goulbourne	Katie Goulbourne & Ruth Dusome	
Greeters & l	Jshers		Carol McBryan	Carol McBryan	
Rectory Hou	sekeeper		Katie Goulbourne	Katie Goulbourne	
Parish Custo	dian		Richard Kitchen	Richard Kitchen	
GROUPS					
Catholic Women's	League	Lu Robit	taille	705-209-0854	
Knights of Columbu	JS	Fred Ch	amberlain	705-529-2632	
St. Vincent de Paul		Food Ba	ink, donations, all inquiries	705-526-7585	
ST. MARGARET'S CEMETERY					
Rose Ladouceur email: stmargaretsmicemetery@archtoronto.org 705-526-6313 ext. 4					
Burials, Plots, Niches, Monuments, Cleanings and all other services					
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 **Catholic Family Services** 705-526-9397 Huronia 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



Tuesday Oct. 31st

12:05pm +Janice Lizotte Requested by Roger and Beatrice

Wednesday Nov. 1st ALL SAINTS DAY 12:05pm

Thursday Nov. 2nd ALL SOULS DAY 12:05 pm For All the Faithful Departed 7:00 pm Mass for the Names Written in the Book of Remembrance

<u>Friday Nov. 3rd</u> St. Martin de Porres, Religious 11am – Holy Hour 12:05 pm + Stefanac Petar Janjo Requested by Kata Macut

<u>Saturday Nov 4th</u> St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop 10:00 am Special Intentions for Barbara Bruce <u>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

<u>Vigil Mass – Saturday Nov. 4th</u> 5 pm + Alfreda Lenio Requested by the Lenio family

<u>Sunday –Nov. 5th</u> 9am +Stefono Gulizia Requested by the family

11:30 am Mass for the People

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the Pope
We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Encounter the Lord

From the first reading (Exodus 22: 34-40) and the Gospel reading (Matthew 22: 34-40), we can contemplate three scenes: In a first scene, as in the reading, Jesus was asked, "Which is the most important commandment in the Law?" As expected, Jesus said, "To love God," and he added, "Another one very similar to it, to love the neighbor."

A surprising answer because for the Jews, the neighbor was the fellow Jew or the resident alien; for Jesus the neighbor was every fellow human being, Samaritan, Gentile and enemy included.

In a second scene we have Jesus at the last supper telling his disciples, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you" (John 15: 12) Jesus tells this to his disciples after he had washed their feet: "If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also must wash one another's feet. I have just given you an example that as I have done, you also must do." (John 13: 14 -15)

Love of neighbor is shown by service. Love of neighbor is shown by loving neighbor in the same way that Jesus showed his love for us, even to the death of the cross.

In a third scene we can picture Jesus with us. Jesus has given us his commandment to love one another as I have loved you." How ought we to live his commandment today, here and now?

Clearly there is no single answer for all. God speaks to us in varied ways; each one of us lives our unique lives in our unique circumstances. Saul who persecuted the early Christians before he was thrown down from his horse, lost his sight and was restored his sight by Ananias, became God's "chosen instrument to bring my name to the pagan nations and their kings, and the people of Israel as well" (Acts 9: 15)

What does God want of me? Have I encountered God in a personal meaningful way? If I have not, it will be extremely difficult for me to love him more than I love myself and to love others for love of him.

The 26-year old Jesuit scholastic Richie Fernando encountered Christ and fell in love with him in a personal way to heed his call for the Jesuit mission in Cambodia some years ago. He met Christ and loved him in the young Cambodians he worked for and with. He literally followed Christ's command to love others by sacrificing his own life to protect others, including the trouble-maker, from a grenade blast. We pray to experience God, as Paul the Apostle did, as Richie Fernando did. Then we can truly love him "with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind and also love our neighbor as ourselves."

Grace and Peace,

Father R C R A

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 at 705-526-6313 ext. 1.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

St. Vincent de Paul provides Christmas support to those in need. If you are aware of any individual who could use Christmas assistance, there are applications at the church exits. The completed application can be returned to a St. Vincent volunteer on **Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm until November 22nd** in the basement Parish Hall. Please use the Church Lane entrance.

If you have any questions, please call 705-526-7585 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

<u>ALL Souls Day Mass</u>

The Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm. To have your deceased loved ones remembered during this Mass, please write their name(s) on an All Souls Day Envelope or a piece of paper and place them in the basket by the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mother.

The Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will remain in the sanctuary throughout the entire month of November. The faithful departed whose names are inscribed will be remembered in the General Intercessions at the Sunday Masses in November. Names inscribed in previous years need not be entered again.



<u>Christmas Flowers and</u> <u>Church Décor</u>

Remember your deceased loved ones and friends by donating towards the Christmas floral

décor. Send the name you wish remembered along with your donation to have them included in the Mass intentions on Christmas Day. Suggested donation amounts are: \$10, \$15, \$20 which represents the small, medium and large poinsettias.

Envelopes are at either entrance in the Church or bring it to the Parish Office during Office hours.

Deadline to order a Poinsettia is November 20th, 2023.

<u>Christmas Bazaars</u>

<u>St. Mary's Church Christmas Bazaar</u> Saturday, November 18th 10 am - 2 pm

266 Albert St., Victoria Harbour.

Come enjoy luncheon, crafts, raffles, penny sale, and Bake sale.

<u>St. Margaret's C.W.L. Christmas</u> Bazaar and Luncheon

Saturday, November 25, 2023

11 am – 2 pm Luncheon ※ Crafts ※ Silent Auction ※ Bake Sale



Please remember the following people in your prayers: Karen Keays, Vincentia Bee, Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, 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: Janice Lizotte, & Mary MacLeod

