

# 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 Nov 28th

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12:05pm +Ross & Elaine Lavigne Requested by Anita Lamoureux

### <u>Wednesday Nov. 29th</u>

12:05pm + Capt. William Lavigne Requested by Bill Lavigne

## Thursday Nov. 30th

#### Saint Andrew, Apostle

12:05 pm +Christina Diduch Requested by Friends & Residents Of King Place

### Friday Dec. 1st

10 am – Holy Hour 12:05 pm + Wilfred Guthrie Sr. Requested by Velma & Don Perrault

#### Saturday Dec. 2nd

10:00 am +Bob Lamoureux Requested by Anita & family

## **First Sunday of Advent**

#### <u> Vigil Mass – Saturday Dec. 2nd</u>

5 pm +John Bourgeois Requested by Marg

#### <u>Sunday –Dec. 3rd</u>

- 9am + Stefanac & Peter Janjo Requested by Kata Macut
- 11:30 am +Ron & Rita Robitaille Requested by the Family

# The Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

## **Being-with-God**

Reflecting on the First Reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel and on the Gospel from St. Matthew, I was intrigued with the repetition of "I" and "you".

If we look several verses before our reading in Ezekiel this Sunday, we see that the Lord criticizes the shepherds of Jerusalem: "You clothe yourselves with wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed... but with force and harshness you have ruled them (Ezekiel 34: 3-4)." The repeated word is "you."

And in our present reading (Ezekiel 34: 11-12), "because you, shepherds of Jerusalem, did not do your duty, therefore I, the LORD, (*and <u>I</u> is mentioned repeatedly*) will be the shepherd for my flock!" We see that God himself, not human shepherds, will be the shepherd. The human shepherds are left out!

In the Gospel from St. Matthew, we similarly find the repetition of "I" and "you" "I" refers to Jesus; "you" refers to the audience of Jesus: "For I was hungry, and you gave Me food, I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink, etc. And at the end, Jesus says, "whenever you did this to these little ones who are my brothers and sisters, you did it to Me."

The "I" referring to Jesus is mystically and sacramentally identified with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, and prisoner, and for as long as "you" - anyone who feeds the hungry, gives drink to the thirsty, visits the sick, -- "you", anyone, does it to Jesus, in reality to God himself.

And so, unlike in Ezekiel, where human shepherds are put aside, in Matthew, both God and humans are reconnected, made one, as in **atonement**, that is, "<u>atone-ment</u>." Be at one with God and with others on this Solemnity of Christ the King, be with Him and others always and forever.

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.

## 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 both entrances in the Church or available at the Parish Office during Office hours.

## Share Life Donation Match

From now until December 31, all gifts to ShareLife will be matched up to \$500,000. Our office has been receiving calls from parishioners asking if we will have a matching campaign this year, and we are grateful for the generosity of the anonymous donor who is making this possible.

Sanctuary Lamp: November 26 - December 2nd The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of John Bourgeois



## Advent Candles Available

Advent Candle sets are available for purchase at the parish office for

\$16/set. Bring the light of the season into your home Limited supply – don't delay !

*Do you have a submission for the bulletin? Make sure to send it to the Parish Office by 3 PM on Friday afternoon to get it into next week's bulletin!* 

## Advent Retreat at Queen Of Apostles <u>Renewal Centre</u>

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites both women and men to an advent retreat on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 9:30 AM – 2:20 PM. Come join the centre team facilitator as we enter the season of Advent!

Registration: 8:30 A.M. Cost: \$45.00 *(Includes coffee / tea with muffins and a hot lunch.)* We will close the retreat day with Mass.



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, John Gunther, and Marilyn Dalton

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and Friends Leslie Moreau, Bill Brennan and Robert Dalton

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by **the light** of God made man. Pope Francis

