

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 Dec.12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:05pm for the Intentions of Theresa Young Requested by Mila Benedicto

<u>Wednesday Dec.13th</u> Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

12:05pm +Gerard Lyons Requested by Lana Lyons

Thursday Dec. 14th

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:05 pm +Brenda McCusker Requested by Dolores Maguire

Friday Dec.15th

11 am – Holy Hour12:05 pm + Ken ProulxRequested by Sue, Dean, KeithAnd families

Saturday Dec.16th

10:00 am +Lucille Riguerra Requested by The Stewart Family

Fourth Sunday of Advent

<u> Vigil Mass – Saturday Dec16th</u>

5 pm + Margaret (Lavigne) Melnichak Requested by Bill Lavigne

Sunday –Dec . 17th

9am +Margaret Lavigne Requested by Bill Lavigne 11:30 am Mass for the People



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.

<u>Let Him In</u>

The exercise of asceticism feels more appropriate to Lent than to Advent, but the messenger of Christ's coming is his relative John, a desert-dweller girded in rough camel's hair. He wore a crude leather belt, lived far from the city, and satisfied his stomach with locusts. And most importantly, he baptized with a baptism of repentance.

John was the ascetic par excellence, and it was he who prepared the way of the Lord. We can learn from his spartan lifestyle. Simplicity and sacrifice lead to the necessary repentance of Advent. If we're able to become a little more humble like John the Baptist, who said, "I am not worthy," we will be most ready for the coming of the Christ-child.

What was John's sustenance in the wilderness? "He fed on locusts and wild honey." We have associated the locusts with self-denial and ascetic practice, and we can also draw a comparison between the wild honey and the Eucharist. If self-denial means taking something out of our lives, then it creates space for something else to be added, space for God. He would be delighted, for example, if we created more time for eucharistic adoration this Advent. Further, we are to strive to receive the Precious Body of our Lord more worthily and respectfully.

This is the purest bread of life which gives us the strength to wander in the desert of this world without growing weary. Far from growing weary, in fact, we "cry out" words of the Gospel and "prepare the way of the Lord" by our good example. Let's feed on the wild honey of the Eucharist. Grace and Peace,

Father R C R A

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of *Ken Proulx.*

SCAM Alert!

Please be cautious: two phishing emails pretending to be from Cardinal Thomas C. Collins and Fr. Roselle Azares have come from a Gmail account. If you receive these emails, please delete!! Thank you.



<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 to

remember along with your donation to have them included in the Mass intentions on Christmas Day. Suggested donation amounts are: \$10, \$15, \$20.

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

Singers Wanted!

Singers are invited to practice for Christmas Mass with Adele on Wednesday evenings 7-8 PM or with Diana on Tuesday afternoons 1:30 -2:30 PM. Come praise the Lord!

CWL NEWS

Our annual CWL Christmas Party is Tue. Dec. 12, 2023, following the noon Mass. Donations for the Out Of The Cold program are welcomed. For more information, please call Lu at 705-209-0854.

2024 Calendars

Looking for your 2024 calendar? The Parish Life Committee will be selling our very own 2024 St. Margaret's liturgical calendars featuring the stainedglass windows of St. Margarets. Makes a great Christmas gift! Available after Mass and at the Parish office during office hours.

Advent Day of Confessions

St. Anne's Parish, Penetanguishene. Thurs., Dec. 21st 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

2023 Donations and Tax Receipts

All donations must be received by the Parish Office by Dec. 27, 2023 to be included on your 2023 receipt. Tax receipts will be mailed out late January 2024.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve - Sunday December 245 pm8 pm11 pm

Christmas Day – Monday December 25 10 am

Feast of the Holy Family– Sunday December 31st 9 am 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Monday January 1st Note: this is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics

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Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass -- Saturday January 6th Note: no 10am mass today 5 pm

Sunday January 7th

9 am 11:30 am

Save the Date: Feast of the Holy Family

Please join us December 31st as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. There will be a reception following the 11:30 am Mass.



Please remember the following people in your

prayers, 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:** Bill Brennen, Robert Dalton, Bob Lesperance , Karen Keays and Eric Holden

