



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:

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#### MARRIAGE

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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

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Juanita Wootton-Radko

Choirs Saturday 5:00 pm

Adele Heins

Sunday 9:00 am

Adele Heins

Sunday 11:30 am

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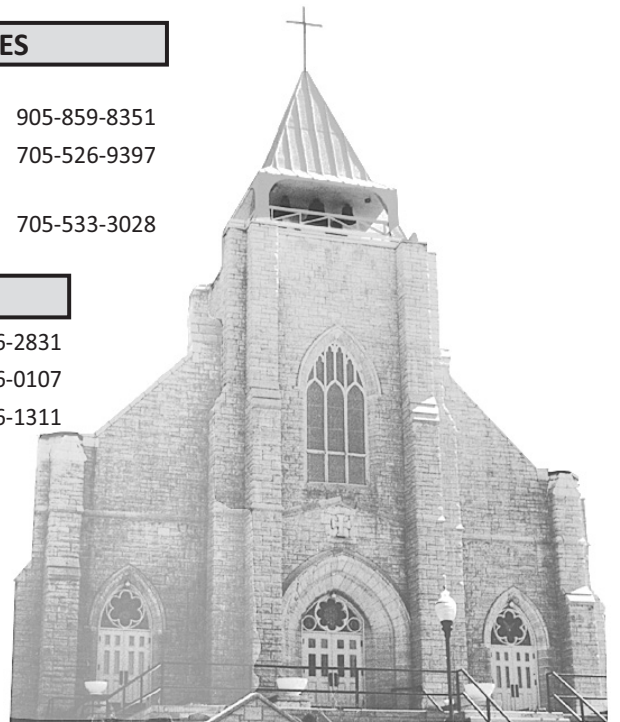
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Monsignor Castex School 705-526-2831

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## Mass Intentions for the week

### **Tuesday Jan.16th**

12:05pm +Estefania Cruz

Requested by Angela Bacerdo

### **Wednesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Anthony, Abbot**

12:05pm +Franciszek Pasula

Requested by the Pasula Family

### **Thursday Jan 18th**

12:05 pm + Eugenio & Caterina

Requested by the Moscon Family

### **Friday Jan 19th**

11 am – Holy Hour

12:05 pm +Douglas John Diver

Requested by the Diver Family

### **Saturday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

10:00 am + Levi Bacerdo

Requested by Angela Bacerdo

## **The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Saturday Jan 20th**

5 pm Mass for the People

### **Sunday Jan 21st**

9am + Steven Perrault

Requested by Don & Velma Perrault

11:30 am Special Intentions for Doug & Betty Swales

Requested by Christy & Perry

## **The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2024**

### *For the gift of diversity in the Church*

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic church.

## **Come and See**

Among my cherished memories in high school and university seminary were the times when classmates would invite us to their homes – to celebrate a birthday or Feast Day of the Patron Saint of a home village, or simply to enjoy the fruits in season in their backyard. In doing so, we not only filled our bellies but also came to know more about our host-fellow seminarians and their families. In turn, I would invite some of my classmates and friends to our home, especially during the feast day of my town's Patron Saint – St. Vincent de Ferrer.

Jesus' invitation to the first disciples – *Come and see* – has become formulaic for vocations promotion. It is Jesus' response to the curiosity of Andrew and his companion, asking him, "*Rabbi, where are you staying?*" What happens that afternoon, what Jesus shows them, what Jesus offers them – we don't know. We are told that *they remained with him that day*. In other translations, the word used is *stayed*.

The Greek verb *meno (to stay)* is a very Johannine verb that means more than simply *staying* or being physically in place. It means spending time and sharing life with another person. As a result, each one is enriched and knows the other person better. This reminds us of John 15 where Jesus likens himself to the *vine* and his disciples to the *branches* that must *remain* in the vine to survive and to flourish.

One of the apparent maladies of our time is the weakening of commitment among friends, among spouses, of people towards their community, of believers towards their God. Many find it difficult to stay, to remain and to be committed. Everyone seems to be shifting around or drifting apart dramatically. As a result, the 'roots' of relationships do not deepen; they become superficial and weak.

There was a time in my seminary days – before the age of cellphone and internet – when seminarians would find time to gather in the recreational rooms, basketball courts or communal patios and simply 'waste time' with one another. Towards the end of my seminary years, we sometimes tended to rush back to our rooms after meals to 'waste time' with our

computers and cellphones. There were fewer times for personal conversations, for sharing of life – things that were (and still are) essential to our human formation.

Jesus shows us in the gospel this Sunday (John 1: 35-42) that part of being truly human is spending time with family members and friends. Let us continue to treasure family members, strengthen our bonds, and be surprised and delighted by each other's growth.

Here too, in our parish, let us remain involved in our various ministries, take part in our different activities and be in touch with, or actually visit fellow parishioners, especially the sick and the homebound. May we not lose sight of this valuable human experience so as to be rooted in one another and in God.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. R C R A

### **Register for Confirmation 2024**

Attention families with Confirmation candidates: the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place **May 18, 2024**.

Confirmation marks the decision to live a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. We are challenged to deepen our understanding of the Gospel message and to measure the issues of our world against that message. Registration forms are available online and at the Parish Office. All registration forms are due by Thurs., **January 25, 2024**.

Confirmation Enrollment Mass: Jan. 27 5 PM  
Jan. 28 11:30 AM

### **You're Invited to Volunteer for...**

The 11:30am Sunday Mass Choir with Organist Diana Swift for the 2024 Liturgical Year! Practices are Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30pm, beginning mid-January 2024. Please consider being part of an important ministry at St. Margaret's.

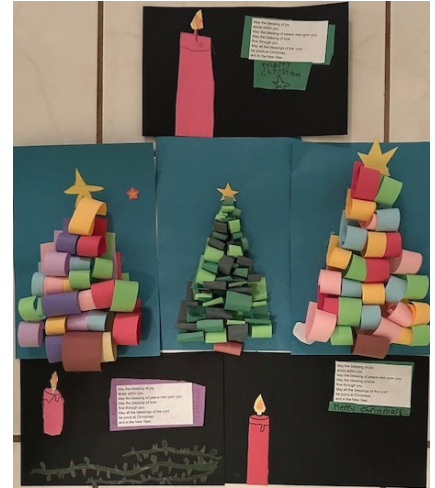
Please call: Diana 705-795-0055  
or call Pauline Ruta 705-527-1128

### **2023 Tax Receipts**

Thank you for your donations in 2023. Tax receipts will be mailed out mid-February 2024.

### **Thanks to Monsignor Castex Students!**

Deacon Tim Dunlop and the Catholic spiritual team at Georgian Bay Hospital wish to thank the students of Grades 2,3 and 4 at Monsignor Castex for their wonderful effort to spread the joy of Christmas to patients at the hospital over the Christmas season.



Under the direction of their principal, Mrs. Jennifer Robertson, and teachers, Madame Erin Kusek and Mrs. Melena Hope, they designed and created Christmas cards which were delivered to patients unable to leave hospital at Christmas time. Their simple message and beautiful artwork brought smiles of appreciation to all who received them, a true Christmas gift.

### **Important Dates for Your Calendars!**

Jan. 17	Mass at Sacred Heart School
Jan. 19	Mass at Monsignor Castex School
Jan. 25	Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at St. Theresa's High School
Feb. 8	First Reconciliation
Feb. 14	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>

### **Prayer Requests**

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Michael Pontze, Frank Whitkins, 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 Pattenau; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome; Marshal Laurin, John Gunther, and Marilyn Dalton

**Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends:** Gail Bakker, Roy Tang, Ryan Hebner, David Garreau, and Joseph Bouvier

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