



Pastor:

Father Roselle Cyrille R. Azares

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Timothy Dunlop P.D.

MASSES

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.

FAITH COMMUNITY

Parish Secretary	Juanita Wootton-Radko
Choirs	Adele Heins
Saturday 5:00 pm	Adele Heins
Sunday 9:00 am	Diana Swift
Sunday 11:30 am	Pauline Brabant
Finance Council	Katie Goulbourne & Ruth Dusome
Floral Decorations	Carol McBryan
Greeters & Ushers	Katie Goulbourne
Rectory Housekeeper	Richard Kitchen
Parish Custodian	Rosemary Sykes & Katie Goulbourne
Parish Life Committee	Daniel Lucas
Web Admin/Social Media Manager	

GROUPS

Catholic Women's League	Lu Robitaille	705-209-0854
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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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

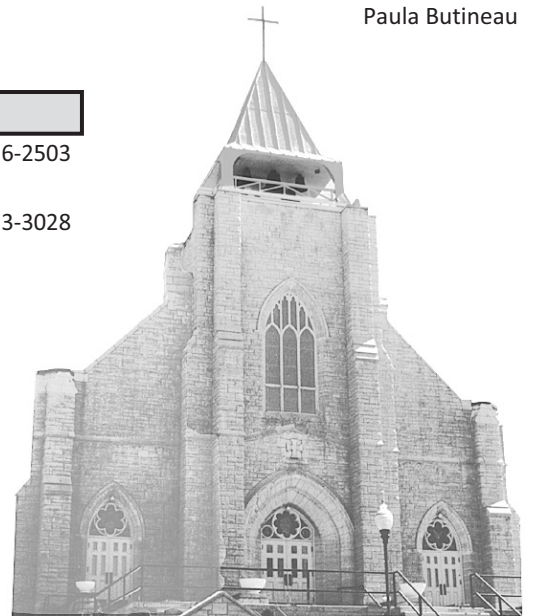
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Being Anointed

It seems odd that the sinless Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. In what sense is the baptism of Jesus a model to help us understand our own baptism? Why did Jesus submit himself to be baptized by his cousin John? And what is to be understood of the descent of the dove and the voice from heaven? These questions make up a fascinating package of mystery for us to consider. First, it is obvious that the baptism of Jesus was not a baptism to cleanse his soul from any sin. It is true that the baptism of John was a baptism of repentance. But in the case of Jesus, it was not that Jesus had to repent of anything. Rather, Jesus submitting to John's baptism was Jesus' way of showing that He was in solidarity with all men and women who live in this world where sin and evil affect all of us. It was one way by which Jesus could show that indeed He is our Emmanuel – 'God with us'.

And it was the heavenly Father who sent Jesus into our world in order to save us. Indeed, the voice from heaven was the voice of the Father declaring that this Jesus now being baptized is truly His beloved Son. The Father's words echo that prophecy made by Isaiah that God's Son is to be a servant Son. The baptism experience of Jesus is therefore a declaration by the Father of the mission for which Jesus is sent into our world. The baptism of Jesus is a commissioning of Jesus for his mission of service in a suffering world.

In today's gospel reading, John tells the people that the Messiah will inaugurate a baptism far superior to that of John, a baptism in the Holy Spirit. And that very Spirit comes upon Jesus now as an anointing for his mission.

The baptism of Jesus is different from ours since there is nothing sinful in Jesus. But we are baptized to be one with Him and that we too are commissioned and anointed by the Holy Spirit. At our baptism, the Holy Spirit anoints us to share in the mission of Jesus that was given to him by the Father.

Tuesday, Jan. 14th

2:05pm + Louise Leclair

Requested by Margaret Stone

Wednesday, Jan. 15th

9:45am School Mass

12:05pm + Anne-Marie Calhoun

Requested by Yvonne & Jim Bowen

Thursday, Jan. 16th

12:05pm + Wayne Gauthier

Requested by Suzette Dalton

Friday, Jan. 17th

Saint Anthony, Abbot

11:00 am Holy Hour

12:05pm + Esther McCallum

Requested by Bruce & Marie McCallum

Saturday, Jan. 18th

10:00 am + Eugenio & Caterina Moscon

Requested by John & family

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Jan. 18th

5:00 pm + Esther McCallum

Requested by Adele & Kerry Heins

Sunday, Jan. 19th

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:30 am + Esther McCallum

Requested by Suzette Dalton

Pope's Prayer Intention for January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

We are tasked to do our share in proclaiming the love and mercy of Jesus when He sent his disciples prior to His ascension with this message: 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of age.'

Grace and peace,

Father R C R A

thank you

A special thank you to **all** our volunteers:

Choir Directors and Choir Members; Ushers and Greeters; Lectors; Eucharistic Ministers; Altar Servers; Sunday Morning Coffee Servers; Floral Committee and Parish Life Committee. We couldn't do it without you. St. Margaret's is such a welcoming and vibrant worship community this Christmas and always because of your hard work.

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan

The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) is a convenient way to support St. Margaret's Parish on a regular basis. If you would like to sign up for the PAG, please contact the office at 705-526-6313 x1 or email stmargaretsmi@archtoronto.org

Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday
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Exploring Community Ministries

Have you ever thought of helping St. Margaret's Church in its efforts into being a community of care? We come alive in Christ's invitation to follow Him. The parish is offering an opportunity to explore how we can journey together and prepare ourselves in offering the tools to be a community of care. Come and journey with us and discover how God is choosing us to be His community of faith for today.

Exploring Community Ministries

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Mass at 10:00

Followed by presentation and exchange with Fr.

Justin Desroches

Light lunch and refreshments provided.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Sherry-Jane Jeffery

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