

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.

FAITH COMMUNITY

Parish Secret	h Secretary		
Choirs	Saturday	5:00 pm	
	Sunday	9:00 am	
	Sunday	11:30 am	
Finance Cou	ncil		
Floral Decora	ations		
Greeters & L	Jshers		
Rectory Hou	sekeeper		
Parish Custo	dian		
Parish Life Co	ommittee		
Web Admin/	Social Med	ia Manager	

Juanita Wootton-Radko Adele Heins Adele Heins Diana Swift Pauline Brabant Katie Goulbourne & Ruth Dusome Carol McBryan Katie Goulbourne Richard Kitchen Rosemary Sykes & Katie Goulbourne Daniel Lucas

GROUPS

Catholic Women's League Knights of Columbus St. Vincent de Paul

Lu Robitaille Fred Chamberlain

Food Bank, donations, all inquiries

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

Children's Liturgy

Patricia Stenton Conrad Stenton Katie Heffernan 705-956-0632 705-529-1403 heffernankt@gmail.com

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

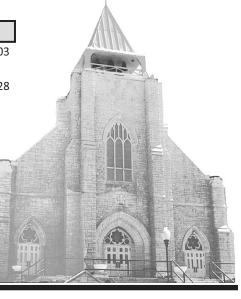
First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Confirmation

OTHER SERVICES

Catholic Family Services	705-726-2503
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



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Tuesday, Mar. 11th

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12:05pm + Beulah Wright Requested by Peter & Marie Lacroix

Wednesday, Mar. 12th

12:05pm + Anthony Galea Requested by Joe & Elizabeth Attard

<u>Thursday, Mar.13th</u>

12 :05pm + Claude Moreau Requested by Dennis & Pauline Brabant

<u>Friday, Mar. 14th</u> *11:00 am Holy Hour*

12:05pm + Simone Flaim Requested by John & family 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar.15th

10:00 am +Anita Lamoureux Requested by Marg Bourgeois

The Second Sunday In Lent

Saturday, Mar.15th

5:00 pm + Gerard Lyons Requested by Lana Lyons

Sunday, Mar. 16th

9:00 am + Rade Macut & Parents Requested by Kata Macut

11:30 am + Mass for the People

Pope's Prayer Intention for March For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

The Way

The gospel story of this First Sunday of Lent (Luke 4: 1-13) shows us Jesus forty days after he had been baptized by his cousin John. At his baptism, the Spirit came down upon Jesus and the Father's voice was heard proclaiming that Jesus was to fulfill the mission of the beloved Son of the Father. That mission, according to the prophecy of Isaiah, was a mission to bring good news of liberty to the suffering poor. For Jesus, as He Himself understood that mission, it meant so much more: feeding the hungry, healing the sick, curing the blind and the lame, even giving new life to the dying. For all of that, He was baptized. For all of that, He was 'anointed' by the Spirit. That was the mission of the Father's Son, the 'Son of God'. But the 'way' by which Jesus was to accomplish that mission, according to Isaiah's prophecy was to be a way of suffering and self-sacrifice. It was not to be the way of pompous glorification. Actually, Jesus knew that He was being commissioned to a mission of love, and of that perfection of love by which one is willing to love to the extent of even giving one's life for the sake of love. Jesus was to proclaim that there is no greater love than that by which one is willing to die for those who are loved.

Was Jesus ready for that mission? For forty days, He had been fasting in the wilderness to help prepare himself. Will he be strong spiritually as a human being? Ah, that has to be tested. So now, He will have his determination challenged. The challenge comes in the form of the temptations that this Sunday's gospel recounts.

How subtle the tempter is. The devil does not suggest to Jesus that He is not the Son of God. No, "If you are the Son of God," the serpent whispers, "Let me show you my way. I will show you how to feed the hungry! I will give you all the power and glory you will need to show how powerful you are! I will even give you all the kingdoms of the world. I will do all of this for you *if only you will bow down in homage before me*. In other words, don't follow the way of self-sacrifice for which your heavenly Father has given you. No! Follow my way! It is more glorious and with no suffering! The clever devil even used quotations from Scriptures to try to convince Jesus. But Jesus showed that He was indeed prepared to face the clever temptations of the devil. He was indeed well prepared. His fasting in the wilderness for forty days did not weaken him. He was rather strengthened for His life's mission. Each year, the Church suggests that we take forty days to help prepare ourselves for whatever way the Lord wants us to live our lives. As we begin the Season of Lent, we can see it as a season to help prepare ourselves so that our lives today can be lives that show we, like Jesus, reject self-glorification for the sake of love that is self-giving. This is the meaning of self-denial. Yes, Lent is actually a season to prepare us and strengthen us to be more loving!

Grace and Peace, Father R C R A

<u>Sharing Our Gifts</u>

Parish Givings Report for Sunday

Offertory \$3,344.86 Building Fund \$1,487.68 Needed \$6680.00 *Amount includes PAG & Donate Now

SCAM ALERT : Fraudulent Emails

In recent days, a number of e-mails have been circulating claiming to be from Cardinal Leo.

These are fraudulent and should be deleted immediately. His Eminence does not have a Twitter (X), Facebook or Instagram account. Any correspondence using these tools is not legitimate. Official communication is always sent from an archtoronto.org e-mail address.

March			
9 – Daylight Saving Time - Clocks Ahead 1 hour!			
10 – CWL Meeting			
14 – Stations of the Cross			
15 – Adult Faith Formation: "The Homeland of Jesus"			
19 – KOC Meeting			
21 – Stations of the Cross			
22 – Adult Faith Formation: "The Passion Narrative"			
23 – <u>Special Collection</u> : Easter Flowers			
28-29 Jubilee Adoration: 24 Hours for the LORD			
28 – Lenten Day of Confession			
28 – Stations of the Cross			
30 – <u>Special Collection:</u> ShareLife Sunday 1			

Lenten Faith Formation Series

With Fr. Wayne Bolton, S.J.

<u>The Homeland of Jesus</u>

Saturday March 15th

A video overview of the Holy Land as a whole. These images and discussions will aid in the visualization of the passion narrative according to Saint Luke's which we will consider on March 22nd.

The Passion Narrative According To St Luke Saturday March 22nd

This is the gospel we will hear on Palm Sunday we will note a few Luken features not found in the passion narratives according to Matthew mark or John.

Sessions will start following the 10:00 AM Mass. There will be a light lunch following each presentation.

An Evening of Jubilation and Praise St. Michael's Choir School Concert

As part of our 2025 Year of Jubilee Year celebrations, St. Margaret's will have the honour of hosting the St. Michael's Choir School for a concert on Friday, May 30th, 2025.

Early Bird tickets are now on sale for \$40 each. Regular tickets \$50 starting April 1st. Get yours today!

St. Mary's St. Patrick's Day Luncheon has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Hosa Mendoza, Lauraine Marshall, Gary Edwards, Glady Robitaille, Michael Galaski, Barb Ledoucer, John Charlebois, Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Michael Pontze, Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire, Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek, Mary Fletcher, Sherry Archer, Abigail Brown, Romelda Morson, Nicole Marchildon, Stephen Roach, Lilah Bates, Shelley Smith, Peter Pattenaude, Betty Laurin, John Gunther

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Barb Brennen, Ann Blomberg, Frank Whitkens, Barrett Smith, Anita Lamoureux, Albert Dorion

