

Pastor: Father Roy Roberts
Deacons: Anthony Ruta P.D.
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MASSES

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am

& 11:30 am

Confession:

Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 pm

Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office for a registration form, or visit our website for more information.

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 Saturday 5:00 pm Adele Heins Sunday 9:00 am Adele Heins Sunday 11:30 am Diana Swift

Finance Council Pauline Brabant

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Patricia Stenton 705-956-0632

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Confirmation

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OTHER SERVICES

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SCHOOLS

Monsignor Castex School 705-526-2831
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Monday, Sept. 22nd 9:00am Private Intention

Tuesday, Sept.23rd

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

9:00am Special Intention or the Gauthier/ Dalton families

Requested by Suzette

Wednesday, Sept. 24th

9:00am Private Intention

Thursday, Sept. 25th

9:00am Private Intention

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Sept. 27th
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

5:00 pm + Danilo Bautista

Requested by The Mortemayor family

Sunday, Sept. 28th

9:00 am + Sherry Jane Jeffery Requested by the 9:00am Choir

11:30 am Mass for the People



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Claude Moreau.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Wavelengths

The start of the new school year always signaled a change of family chores. Suddenly, lunchboxes needed to be emptied, cleaned and then prepared for the next day. More care needed to be taken with the new "good clothes" for school, and of course, the dreaded homework which had to be completed before heading outside for the hijinks of a street filled with kids.

There was the big empty field at the back of my cousins' house which served as a baseball pitch, a soccer field, a Red Rover venue and a myriad of other bases. The huge pine tree was home for hide and seek, and it was the perch of choice for just sitting and dangling, and talking the hours away- that is, until the streetlights popped on. That was always the cue to head in and prepare for bedtime.

Some years, playing rep softball, we would be in the provincial playoffs and travelling across Ontario, whether Grimbsy, or Napanee or St. Mary's. It could be cold days playing ball, and these post-season games could clog up our Fall schedule.

Our yearly tradition was to take a trip to the farm to help my grandaunts prepare things for the coming winter. The primary task was to walk through the reforestation and clean up the pathways. Over the course of the summer, branches had fallen, shrubs needed trimming, and trails needed to be raked. It was a fun chore, since the insects and bugs were gone, the oppressive heat of summer, and the always ornery Canada geese with goslings had headed south.

Everything got piled on the edge of the field that was freckled with the remains of the harvested wheat. My aunts were ready with bags of marshmallows as the piles of sticks and leaves and anything else we collected were set ablaze. Unless, of course, if it were a windy fall day—then, the fire would never have been lit, though I think the marshmallows would have been consumed regardless.

The farm was always such an exciting place to be, especially since we were not involved in any of the heavy work of filling the hayloft or tending to the testy old pigs. My favorite part was when we did get to burn the wood. There was just something so rustic and connected to nature when the skies were fall-grey, and the temperature brisk, and the cheeks rosy that made you glad to be alive. The crackle of the flames and the popping of the logs, the smoke and ashes swirling skyward, and the rich smell of the fire was all the reward we needed for an afternoon or two of work.

Truth be told, that was all we would get—well, that and

the marshmallows. So, when the temperatures drop, and the fireplaces fire up, and the smell of the smoke wafts through the air, it takes me back to those simple, organic days of fire and earth, and it always evokes a craving for marshmallows.

Happy Fall. - 7r. Roy



Sacramental Registration

The sacraments are visible signs of our faith, strengthening our personal faith while also building up the Body of Christ. Families with children in at least Grade Two preparing for their First Communion or children in at least Grade Seven preparing for their Confirmation are invited to pick up a registration package from Fr. Roy after any Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass in September.

Please note: registration packages are <u>only available in-</u> person. **Registration deadline is September 28, 2025.**

CWL Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser

Pre-order your fresh fruit pies after Mass on Saturday, October 4 or Sunday, October 5. Cost is \$5 per 6" pie and \$15 per 9" pie. Fully cooked pies will be ready for pickup after Mass on October 11 & 12. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please contact Lu Robitaille: 705-209-0854

<u>Martyr's Shrine News – Healing Mass</u>

At 7:30 PM on Saturday, September 27th, there will be a special Mass for healing celebrated at Martyr's Shrine. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM with Praise and Worship music. Holy Mass is to be followed by individual healing prayers. Come and encounter the physical, emotional and spiritual healing Presence of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to seeing you.

Note: there will also be time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday, September 7, 2025

Offertory \$3,679.00 Building Fund \$1,388.25

*Amount includes PAG & Donate Now

Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, October 4, 2025 In 2015 Pope Francis declared September as the official month to celebrate the Season of Creation, ending on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. His feast day has



traditionally been an occasion of blessing our pets as gifts from God. On Saturday October 4th, from 1 PM until 1:30, feel free to bring your Pets for a blessing at the front of the Church.

No appointment needed.



St. Margaret's Parish Life Committee invites you to enjoy an evening of good food, good music and great company in the Parish Hall. Guests are encouraged to bring a favourite dish for sharing. A free-will offering is appreciated to offset the cost of entertainment.

Call Sharron at the Parish Office: 705-526-6313 ext. 1 or Rosemary: 705-937-0076 To Reserve a Spot!

Fall Cemetery Closing:

Thank you to the parishioners who helped to keep our cemetery beautiful this year. It is time to prepare for fall and winter while the weather is still warm. Water is off as we determine the best course of action to repair it. We will be closing the gates around November. Kindly remove all your summer decorations. Our Cemetery Operations Manager Ms. Lyndsey Laurin would be happy to assist you with plot and monument purchases throughout the winter, before the 2026 rates come into effect January 1st Thank you from St. Margaret's Cemetery. Proudly serving our community with faith and compassion.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Bruce Latanville, Donna Conlin, Leanne Sanderson, Maria Curvas, Antonio Guerra, Alba King, Rachel, Jenna Charlebois, David Boyce, Jenny Brock, Garry Edwards, Jose Mendoza, Lauraine Marshall, Barb Ledoucer, Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Michael Pontze, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire, Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek, Mary Fletcher, Sherry Archer, Abigail Brown, Romelda Morson, Nicole Marchildon, Lilah Bates, Shelley Smith, Peter Pattenaude, Betty Laurin

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Miriam Belanger & Stephen Roach



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