



Pastor: Father Roy Roberts
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MASSSES

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
& 11:00 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	Adele Heins
Saturday 5:00 pm	Adele Heins
Sunday 9:00 am	Diana Swift
Sunday 11:30 am	Pauline Brabant
Finance Council	
Floral Decorations	
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St. Vincent de Paul	Food Bank, donations, all inquiries	705-526-7585

ST. MARGARET'S CEMETERY

Lyndsey Laurin email: stmargaretsmicemetery@archtoronto.org 705-526-6313 ext. 4
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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

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation	Cory & Rae-Anne Rousseau
Confirmation	Paula Butineau

OTHER SERVICES

Catholic Family Services	705-726-2503
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(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





Monday, Dec. 1st

9:00am + Antonio Fiorio

Requested by Rita & family

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

9:00am + Claude Moreau

Requested by Lorraine Moreau

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00am + Stephen Bradshaw

Requested by Sharron & family

Thursday, Dec. 4th

**Saint John Damascene,
Priest & Doctor of the Church**

9:00am Special Intention for

Fr. John Michael Lee, C.P.

Requested by Gord & Cathy McKay

The 2nd Sunday Of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 6th

5:00 pm + Shirley M. Fournier

Requested by the Fournier family

Sunday, Dec. 7th

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:00 am + Esther McCallum

Requested by The McCallum family

Pope's Prayer Intention for December
For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Wavelengths

The first Sunday of Advent was a big deal at university. It marked the beginning of the upcoming exams and the long-awaited trip home for the Christmas holidays. It also marked the exodus of the students who were in Teachers' College, as they didn't have exams. But before they left, our residence was in full Christmas party mode. We always had a Christmas Mass on the Saturday, followed by a Christmas banquet.

The weeks prior to this residence Christmas was filled with all kinds of preparations. First, each of the twelve floors painted the halls with scenes of Christmas, some exceptional, and others, well, there was nothing memorable about them except their "immemorableness".

There was a contest with various college big shots walking through and selecting a winner. One year, the bishop of the Sault diocese was a guest judge. The banquet was (somewhat) student driven. Each day leading up to it had some huge task. One day, potatoes for 200 servings of mashed potatoes were cooked and refrigerated. Another day, the salads were prepared, another the vegetables, another the buns were buttered, but the best day was the day that all the turkeys were cooked.

The students were helpers, but the bulk of the work was joyfully done by Frere Viau. It was a Christmas semi-formal, and everyone got dressed up. The evening began with a Christmas Mass, with Christmas songs and readings. The Grand Salon where our masses and dances were held was decorated with student art, and a huge 12-foot Christmas tree freshly cut from one of the local tree farms.

Despite the impending doom of exams, and a crazy rush to cram for the exams, finish term papers, and catch up on some skipped classes, there was a special spirit in the air. The people we had lived with, fought for washing machine times with, and prepared meals in the big communal kitchen had become like family. This was a day spent only in coming together in thankfulness for the gift of each other.

Now, I don't remember the songs that were sung, or what the decorations were. I can't even remember who would have sat at the table for the feast, but I do remember with a great sense of nostalgia the feelings of togetherness, the sentiments of affection, the joy of being present in an event that exceeded the sum of the parts. It was a true encounter with Emmanuel, *God-with-us*.

That is a great memory and entrance into the upcoming season of Advent-Christmas. It is where we were privileged to have a little glimpse of the kingdom of God in our midst. The lamb laid down with the lion in that peaceable hall because Christ was truly present in our midst.

Happy Advent.

Father Roy





2025-2026 Sunday Missals

The new Novalis missals are available for purchase at the Parish Office and at the side entrance of the church for \$6.00 each. The 2025-26 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics is also available from the office for \$10 each.

Address for Tax Receipts

Has your mailing address changed in 2025? Please notify the Parish Office if your mailing address, email address, or phone number has changed in the past year. We require current mailing addresses so you will receive your charitable donation tax receipt in the new year! Contact the office at stmargaretsmi@archtoronto.org or call 705-526-6313 x1.

Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025

Offertory \$5,512.03

**Amount includes PAG & Donate Now*



St. Vincent De Paul - Reverse Advent Calendar 2025

Instead of opening a door and treating yourself to a candy each day during Advent we are asking that this year, each day during the Advent Season, you donate an item to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank for distribution to those in our community who need your gift of food and prayer. Please use the list of suggested items as a guide (found in our online insert) to let you know the items we need most. Please fill your gift bag and return to the Church on the last weekend of Advent December 20/21. Thank you for your continued generosity. May God Bless you for your kindness.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Bill Shurben, Ken King, Johnathan McCord, Lee-Anne Sanderson, Bruce Latanville, Donna Conlin, 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, 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: Tish Moreau, Robert Borley



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

We are asking that this year, **each day during the Advent Season**, you donate an item to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. These donations of food or grocery gift cards will be distributed to those in our community who need it most.



Please use the list of *suggested* items below as a guide to let you know the items we need most, and what we ask you pray for.

Gift bags will be handed out the first weekend of Advent, after Sat. and Sun. Mass.

Please fill your gift bag and return it to the front of the **church altar** the last weekend of Advent, Dec. 20th - 21st.

1

Cereal



Prayer For:
Homeless in our community & beyond

2

Canned Peas



Prayer For:
All who are unemployed or underemployed

3

Peanut Butter



4

Stuffing Mix



5

Canned Mixed Vegetables



6

Macaroni and Cheese



7

Canned Fruit



8

Canned Tomatoes



Prayer For:
All those living in war torn countries

9

Canned Tuna



Prayer For:
Peace in the world

10

Dessert Mix



11

Applesauce



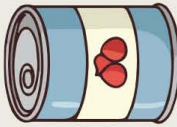
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Canned Potatoes



13

Cranberry Sauce



14

Canned Beans



15

Box of Crackers



Prayer For:
Those suffering from addiction

16

Rice



Prayer For:
Those who are sick

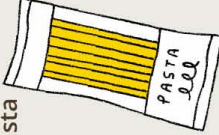
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Oatmeal



18

Pasta



19

Spaghetti Sauce



20

Chicken Noodle Soup



21

Tomato Soup



22

Canned Corn



23

Cheese Whiz



Prayer For:
Those who have no one else to pray for them

24

Granola Bars



Prayer For:
St. Margaret's Parishioners



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

ADVENT WORKSHOP

SAT. DEC 6TH, 2025
8:30AM BREAKFAST
WORKSHOP FROM 9AM-12PM

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SPIRITUALITY

Please join us for our Advent Workshop where
we explore the spirituality of of the Advent/Christmas
Season.

We will begin with breakfast at 8:30am in the Parish
Hall, then discuss from 9:00am until around 12:00pm.





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