

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT



### Monday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00am + Eugenio & Caterina Moscon

Requested by John & family

### Tuesday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00am + Rev. Michael Rooney

Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

### Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas Eve Mass

**5:00pm      8:00pm**

### Thursday, Dec. 25th

#### Christmas Day

**11:00 am**

### The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

### Saturday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm Special Intentions for

Bob & Terri Bourgeois

### Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:00 am

### 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.

***May the Lord come in;  
He is king of glory.***

### Wavelengths

Through the years, my mom had some interesting Christmas gifts. The great advantage with her is that she would provide lots of hints. Well, hints might be understating it. There was no subtlety or beating around the bush – she just told us what she wanted, or rather, she told us what we would be getting her! No matter, it made shopping incredibly easy.

When I was first ordained, that first Christmas, Mom explained that she wanted a Nintendo game console. It didn't matter that she had never played computer games, or that she was not in the least tech savvy. It took her a while to master Super Mario, and I still remember the day, months after Christmas, when she called all excited that she had rescued Princess Peach. I thought it was the onset of dementia because I had no idea who Princess Peach was, and when I found out, it wasn't like it was ever going to become a topic of conversation with my priest friends.

Her next adventure was the Legend of Zelda. (I'm not sure that it is a good thing that all my video game knowledge comes from my mother.) It seemed that she was becoming a bit obsessed with it all. She got her best friend who lived in Newfoundland hooked on it and each week they would call one another to check on the progress and share notes.

Anyway, over the following weeks and likely months it seemed like she was developing a boyfriend. I must confess that it was rather disconcerting, but my dad seemed perfectly okay with it. It wasn't until the day I was visiting that Mom got all excited that her boyfriend was coming to the door. I had no idea what to expect, but Mom hurried to the door to greet him. She took a piece of paper with her because she had written down questions. When she opened the door, I was shocked to see a pre-teen boy delivering the daily paper, but more importantly, he was prepared to answer Mom's questions, like where a particular sword was hidden, or how to slay an ogre or how to find potions to give her more power and stars for more life. Her little buddy seemed to be an expert in the Legend of Zelda and enjoyed sharing his gaming expertise with this old lady. I wasn't sure if I should breathe a sigh of relief, or what!

After a while, after she had freed Princess Peach (and however Zelda ends) it took a bit of a hiatus, that is, until grandkids got old enough. Some of my favorite memories is remembering these young tots, nestled into the chair with Mom as she helped direct them through the adventures or raced Super Mario carts with them. I think she was incredibly content with that activity too, and they were still young enough to think they had the coolest grandma, because she was a video game expert, or at least with Super Mario and Zelda. With what would be my mother's first great grandchild due in weeks, it is good to reflect on those special times and makes the heart all aglow.

Happy Christmas shopping.

*Fr. Roy*



## Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup>, Noon and re-opens again at 9:30 am on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## ShareLife Funds for St. Vincent de Paul

ShareLife, based on the recommendation of the St. Vincent de Paul Greater Toronto Central Council, will allocate \$20,000 toward the food/meal program at St. Margaret's parish. Please note that these funds are provided by ShareLife, Catholic Charities, and a generous parishioner in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

As we enter the final weeks of the campaign, we would encourage parishioners to contribute to the ShareLife campaign. All contributions made before December 31 will be matched up to \$500,000.

The support of your parish community has helped to make this grant possible. We are grateful for all that you are doing to provide food and meals to those in need, helping to live the Gospel by providing for those in need.

*Please continue to support our food bank during the holiday season.*

## 2025 Donations and Tax Receipts

All donations must be received by the Parish Office by **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, to be included on your 2025 receipt. Donations received starting December 31<sup>st</sup> will be included on the 2026 tax receipts. Tax receipts will be mailed out in February 2026.

## 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 for \$10 each.

## Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday, December 14, 2025

Offertory \$4,193.46

*\*Amount includes PAG & Donate Now*



***From St. Margaret's Clergy and Staff***

*Fr. Roy, Deacon Tony, Deacon Tim,  
Juanita, Richard, Lyndsey, Sharron,  
Alvin and Dryden  
Wishing you  
A Holy and Blessed Christmas*

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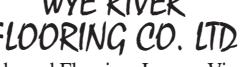
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

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