



Pastor: Father Roy Roberts
Deacons: Anthony Ruta P.D.
Timothy Dunlop P.D.

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

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 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	
Greeters & Ushers	Carol McBryan
Parish Custodian	Richard Kitchen
Parish Life Committee	Rosemary Sykes
Web Admin/Social Media Manager	Daniel Lucas

GROUPS

Catholic Women's League	Lu Robitaille	705-209-0854
Knights of Columbus	John Sweeney	705-529-9332
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
Huronian 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





Monday, Jan. 12th

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

9:00am + Brenda Bylow

Requested by Colleen Cameron

Tuesday, Jan. 13th

**Saint Hilary, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

9:00am Special Intention

for Debbie Cameron

Requested by Colleen Cameron

Wednesday, Jan. 14th

9:00am + William N. Bautista

Requested by Nabua & Bautista families

Thursday, Jan. 15th

9:00am + Charlie Nabua

Requested by Bernadette & family

**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, Jan. 17th

Saint Anthony Abbot

5:00 pm

Sunday, Jan. 18th

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:00 am + Helen Featherstone

Requested by Doug & Betty Swales

**Pope's Prayer Intention for
January
*For prayer with the Word of God***

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

First Communion Information Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7 PM

St. Margaret's Parish

Father Roy invites families with students in Grade Two to the First Communion Information Meeting where we will discuss and set forth the preparations and obligations leading to the celebration of the sacrament of First Communion.

Confirmation Information Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 7 PM St. Margaret's Parish

Father Roy invites families with students in Grades Seven and Eight to the Confirmation Information Meeting where we will discuss and set forth the preparations and obligations leading to the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation.

PLEASE NOTE: our primary communication is through the bulletin for sacramental updates.

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

To accommodate new prayer requests, names will stay on the Prayer List for eight (8) weeks. If you wish to have a name remain after that time, please contact the Parish office.

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Pat Leeson, David Charlebois, Bill Shurben, 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 Pattenau

Wavelengths

I am not sure of some of the local laws or directives. Now, at the church, we do not have the recycling service. That big blue capped recycling bins are now obsolete for us. I am not sure what the municipal expectation is for such a backwards, unenlightened decision, but our waste bins are much more crammed with stuff.

One of the more laughable arcane thoughts in my mind at 5:30 am while I was shovelling the walkways, was whether or not certain songs should be banned in Midland, (or any snowbelt town, for that matter.) Michael Bublé came through my headphones, singing, "Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow". Imagine the scene: yes, it was snowing, but not the delicate kind gently drifting to the ground. Nope, it was those big honking flakes driving sideways and covering the ground, no matter how quickly you scraped the sidewalk. In my mind, I was having a heated conversation with Mr. Bublé, telling him that he did not know what he is talking about!

As I was reaching to toss a shovelful of snow up and over an ever-growing mountain, I reminded him that despite his lyrics of "having no place to go", I had plenty to do, plenty of people to see, and many places to go! I told him enough was enough and we didn't need any more snow until next Christmas. Thankfully, the song switched, but then he began crooning about dreaming of a white Christmas. I scolded him that only people from the west coast, (he is a Vancouver boy) would dream such a preposterous sentiment. Obviously, he has never been in authentic snow and in all likelihood, he had never picked up a shovel in his life!

At that point, I had lost count of how many days in a row the walkways needed to be shovelled. It is a good practice to get it done early in the morning, before the snowplow comes to clean our parking lot, that way all the snow on the sidewalk can be pushed into the lot and those big blades can push it away. At that time, the only vehicles are the myriads of snowplow drivers going here and there, blue lights flashing, plows scraping, the backup beepers chirping. I often wonder if they all meet up at Tim Hortons for a morning breakfast and conversation about crazy stories of plowing. It seems like it would be an interesting community of kindred spirits. I certainly have a new appreciation for the plow guys.

Anyway, back to early morning piles. I purchased a new set of winter boots though to be honest; it is way easier to put my runners on. I also have bought a couple of pairs of gloves, looking for a pair that will keep my hands warm. Haven't found them yet. Now, I keep reminding myself that I have presided at funerals for gentlemen who have had sudden heart attacks doing what I am doing, but I figure as long as it's instant, I'm good. I always empty my bladder before I go out, just in case... But there is one peculiarity that I am finding, despite the aches and pains and stiffness, I feel that something is happening with my back – I think for the first time in my life, I am developing back muscles. If this keeps up, I may be ready for the beach after all, if summer ever arrives.

Happy (?) shovelling,

Fr. Roy



New Beginnings

Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum. Topic: *January Grief: new promises, new possibilities*

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session

January 28, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

Register at:

<https://nbdd0126.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session:

January 29, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

Register at:

<https://nbsdd0126.eventbrite.ca>

For more information please contact:

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(Qualifying)
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New and seasoned parish bereavement ministers and volunteers are invited to join us for an interactive, faith-based educational and spiritual learning opportunity.

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Bereavement Ministry Formation & Training

(Ministry of Consolation)

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April 1

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- An Overview of Grief and Mourning
- The Beginnings of Bereavement Ministry and Funeral Liturgies
- Bereavement Ministry after the Funeral
- Healing & Meditation / Self-Care / Closing Ritual

Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment.

There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

Register by February 23, 2026:
<https://bit.ly/BMT-Register2026>

For more information, contact:
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