



Pastor: Father Roy Roberts  
 Deacon: Timothy Dunlop P.D.

**MASSES**

**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 11:00 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**

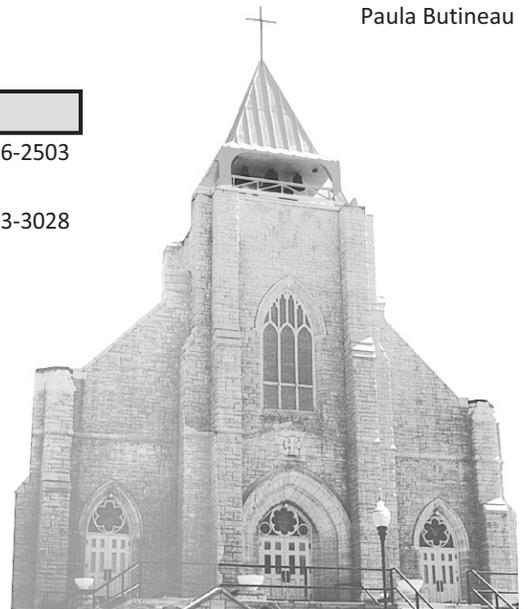
First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Cory & Rae-Anne Rousseau  
 Confirmation Paula Butineau

**OTHER SERVICES**

Catholic Family Services	705-726-2503
Hurononia 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, Mar.16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Private Intention

**Tuesday, Mar.17<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Patrick, Bishop**

9:00am Private Intentions

**Wednesday, Mar.18<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00am Private Intentions

**Thursday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Private Intentions

**Friday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 pm *Stations of the Cross*

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, Mar.21<sup>st</sup>**

5:00pm Mass for the people

**Sunday, Mar.22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am Mass for the People

11:00 am Mass for the People



**Pope's Prayer Intention for March**

*For disarmament and peace*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Wavelengths**

St. Patrick's Day was not an overly exciting day growing up. On the Holland Marsh, Europeans from almost every country worked the famous "marsh muck", farming all kinds of vegetables. My elementary class was incredibly multicultural long before that was ever a popular concept. I can't think of one occasion when nationality was mentioned, except maybe in grade four when a new student was introduced – Belinda, and we were told she only spoke Polish. In school, the only acknowledgment of St. Patrick's Day would have been an art class assignment of colouring a shamrock or leprechaun.

Now, with a family genealogy rife with the likes of Donnellys, Doyles, McNertney's, Scullys, McRaes, Learys, you can be sure that something was going to be done. My maternal grandfather was the instigator of the St. Paddy's festivities. He named his green budgie Paddy in honour of the saint. My grandfather was also an ardent, die-hard Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan, football especially, and my mom constantly reminded me about how thrilled he would be that I studied at the famed university.

All that being said, the primary reason for the later developing affection for the day, particularly for my mom, was that my grandfather received the anointing of the sick and Communion on St. Patrick's Day. No one knew it at the time, but that was the last time. Five days later, after the day his first grandchild was baptized, after casually remarking that he thought this would be the last such family gathering (everyone thought he had too much to drink), he passed away that night.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of his death. As luck would have it, I recently had to drive by the old house in Oak Ridges which evoked a flood of memories, and a frightening realization of how much the area has changed. I thought about my own nieces and nephews and what memories they have of my dad. The youngest has no lived experience as he was still a babe in arms at the time of dad's passing twenty-two years ago.

I guess it's just one of nature's anomalies, twenty-two years ago, and fifty years ago seem like yesterday even though three quarters of my life has been without my grandfather and one third of my life has been without my father, it seems like time hasn't moved, unlike this hockey season which seems to be just dragging on and on.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.



*Fr. Roy*

*Thank You!*

**St. Vincent de Paul Update**

Yvette Dusome has stepped down as President and Jo-Ann Borley is stepping down as Vice President. They have given so much of their time and talents to support our community. Our heartfelt thanks for your many years of dedicated service to the SVDP society. Both Yvette and Jo-Ann will remain as volunteers as we welcome incoming President Mary DiTomaso and Vice-President Patty Donaldson. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and donors—you make a world of difference!

**Stations of the Cross**

Please join us every Friday in Lent at 12:30pm for the Stations of the Cross.

**You can help men answer God’s call to priesthood by supporting ShareLife**

God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi’s heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine’s Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. His path has been one of both grace and challenge, yet he has walked forward without fear—because of you.

Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God’s call. The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Our parish goal this year is **\$25,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Sharing Our Gifts**

Parish Givings Report for Sunday

Offertory \$4,437.00

*\*Amount includes PAG & Donate Now*

**17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference  
Saturday March 21, 2026**

*Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga*

Keynote Speaker -- Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN - *What does it Mean to be a Woman?*

Sister John Mary SV - *Learning to Listen in a Distracted World*  
April Smith from North Pole Alaska - *Live Adventurously, Live Virtuously*

Dorothy Pilarski - *One Mother's Heart - One Mother's Fiat*  
Natalie Regnier - *Brick by Brick: Building a Strong Family*  
Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass

**REGISTER HERE** [dwf2026.eventbrite.ca](http://dwf2026.eventbrite.ca)

**Heroic 30 Challenge**

Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Heroic 30 Challenge is inviting men on a 31-day journey featuring a different daily motivational video from Catholic leaders. With a focus on prayer, the aim is to help bring God back into viewers’ daily routines. Topics will range from embracing fatherly protection and heroic protection to fortitude in adversity and prudence in decision-making. The challenge was inspired by Calgary Bishop William McGrattan’s encouragement to make March a month of renewal for men. Heroic Men is a platform featuring Catholic media – with the goal of spurring conversations and hosting dynamic small groups in parishes. To participate and sign-up for the daily reflections, please visit [heroicmen.org](http://heroicmen.org).

*See our online bulletin for more news!*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Norah Robitaille, Carol Baker, John Gaudet, Kelly Jenkins, Pat Leeson, David Charlebois, 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, 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

**Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends:** Gerry Juneau, Douglas James Rhodes

## Program Objective

Catholicism 101 offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The 6-week program provides a comprehensive understanding of the Catholic faith. Especially for grievors, the re-evaluation of faith and social support, can promote healing and strengthen psycho-spiritual well being. The program resources include course eBook, PowerPoint, and time will be allocated for group discussion.

## Program Goals

- Conceptualizing reason and faith
- Learning fundamentals of syllogistic logic
- Understanding various epistemic systems
- Developing cognitive skills for problem-solving
- Exploring the connection of boundaries and needs
- Asserting the roles of responsibility and accountability

## Program Access

The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened, prior to being considered for admittance into the program.

**Total cost:** no charge

We welcome people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds.

## Online Seminar: Catholicism 101

**April 8, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**

Register at: <https://cat101.eventbrite.ca>

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# Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (**C-218, The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

**What is Bill C-218?** Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

## WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

## BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

### What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

**To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party.** We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

**The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons.** It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

## TAKE ACTION AT [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

**Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.**



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