



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  
Burials, Plots, Niches, Monuments, Cleanings and all other services

**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**

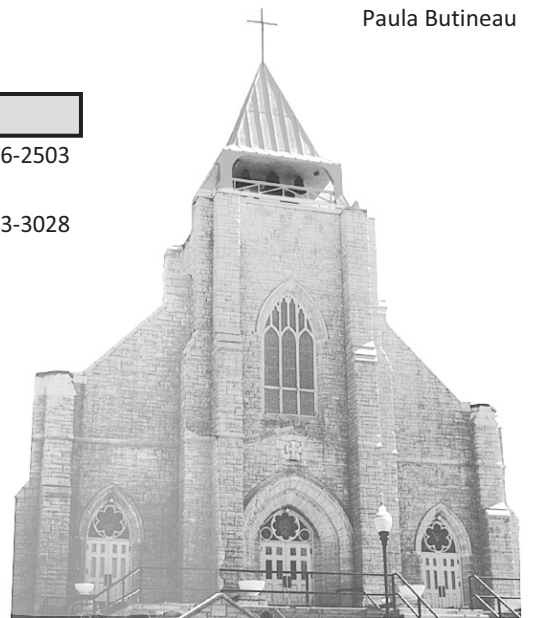
First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Cory & Rae-Anne Rousseau  
Confirmation Paula Butineau

**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. 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00am +Veronica Lavigne  
 Requested by Bill Lavigne

**Tuesday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 9:00am Private Intentions

**Wednesday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 9:00 am +Adam Stevens

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Mass of the Last Supper**

**Thursday, Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 pm

*Special Collection for SVDP Food Bank*

**Good Friday**

**Friday, Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

*Special Collection for Needs of the Church  
 in the Holy Land*

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Saturday, Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am *Blessing of Easter Food*

8:00pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday, Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am & 11:00 am

**Pope's Prayer Intention for**

**April**

***For priests in crisis***

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Wavelengths**

It is a very exciting week coming up. Yes, it is Holy Week, and with the plethora of unique liturgical rites and rituals that this season offers us, as a student of liturgy of course it is exciting. That is not what I am referring to. Likely by the time you are reading this, I will have met my new grandniece in person for the first time, and my niece who has become not just a niece, but a mother as well. Despite her maturing as a formidable young woman and mother, I still picture her at her dance competitions (which I found incredibly boring because you had to sit through all these strangers doing their thing while waiting for the real reason, the performance of my kith and kin) or the young soccer player more interested in the dandelions on the pitch than the actual soccer game going on in her midst. I think the whole season was defined not by the number of goals she scored, but by the number of bouquets she made.

I still remember the day my niece came into this world. It was an exercise in disbelief. I come from a family of only boys, as did my dad. My brother's first child was naturally expected to be a boy. (He was.) This second-born was anticipated to follow the protocols, so when my sister-in-law delivered the next child, it was April 1. My brother had the impossible task of announcing the first girl in several generations. Each and every person he informed responded with the same reply – "April Fools! So, what is his name?"

Well after lots of coaxing and repetition, we were finally convinced that we now had a baby girl in our family. It led to a lot of confusion and questions. Do you buy her Toronto Maple Leafs jumpers, or baby hockey sticks? It was a dark period in gift shopping. I promised her that I would not visit in person until around three months old because the baby's immune system is strengthened by that time, and with my exposure to so many people, and excursions into hospitals, I am never sure of what I am transporting in or out, there was no need to visit my grandniece yet.

Let's face it, babies are really interesting until they are toilet trained and out of diapers – well that's my theory. So, this Saturday, after lots of date rescheduling, I am being paid a visit and seeing in person, for the first time, my great niece- and yes it makes me feel old, though not as old as my brother who is now a grandfather. I can still be called uncle (though all my nieces and nephews only refer to me by my first name, by my choice, against my mother's desires, but my brother will always be referred to as granddad which just sounds old. Anyway, the next generation of Roberts' is here, and if this tiny little one is as formidable (in the awesome way) as my niece, fair warning world.

*Fr. Roy*



## C.W.L. News

Our next meeting is on Monday, Apr. 13th at 1:00pm.  
Hope to see you there!!



## Northern Spring Tea

*Ignite Your Passion – Empower His Mission*

Sat. April 14, 2026

St. Margaret's Parish

REGISTRATION: 11:30 AM

MASS: 12:00 PM

LIGHT LUNCH: 1:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: Fr. Roy Roberts

*Please wear your CWL scarves as a fashion statement.  
Surprise for the best idea!*

We are collecting non-perishable food offerings to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. RSVP to Lu Robitaille [lurobitaille@gmail.com](mailto:lurobitaille@gmail.com).

## Easter Basket Blessing

Sat. April 4, 2026 at 11:00 am

The tradition of blessing the food prepared for Easter comes from many European communities. It is the symbolic ending of our Lenten fast.

## Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday, March 22, 2026

Offertory \$3,595.15

SHARELIFE \$4,090.00

*\*Amount includes PAG & Donate Now*

## ShareLife Update

**With your support of ShareLife, despair turns into hope**

When Eulogio learned his wife was pregnant—not just with one baby, but with twins—his joy multiplied. He dreamed of raising David and Emmanuel with the same love and care he had given his firstborn, determined to provide them with a warm home and a future full of possibility.

But then, a devastating accident cost Eulogio his job, leaving his family without a reliable way to put food on the table or keep warm in the bitter cold. The weight of hunger and uncertainty grew heavier each day. Because of your kindness, ShareLife and Canadian Food for Children were able to step in, ensuring this family had food to sustain them. But there are more families in need. With your gift to ShareLife, you can enable more fathers like Eulogio to hold their children close and carry the strength to face tomorrow.

Thus far we have raised **\$5,577.00** toward our goal of **\$25,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### St. Margaret's Cemetery Reminder:

The Cemetery Office is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, for all your advance End-Of-Life planning needs. To book your appointment with Lyndsey Laurin the Cemetery Operations Manager, Call: 705-526-6313 Ext. 4

Email: [stmargaretsmicemetery@archtoronto.org](mailto:stmargaretsmicemetery@archtoronto.org)

*See our online bulletin for more news!*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Norah Robitaille, Carol Baker, John Gaudet, Gord Burtch, 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:** Allen Moreau, Fred Nicheman



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of Toronto

# 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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## 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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1155 Yonge St., Suite 200  
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