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Monday, Apr. 27th

9:00am Private Intentions

Tuesday, Apr. 28th

**Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr,
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**

9:00am Private Intentions

Wednesday, Apr. 29th

**Saint Catherine of Sienna,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 am Private Intention

Thursday, Apr. 30th

Saint Pius V, Pope

9:00 am + Eugeno & Caterina Moscon
Requested by John Moscon and family

**The Fifth Sunday
Of Easter**

Saturday, May 2nd

5:00pm Mass for the people

Sunday, May 3rd

9:00am Mass for the people

11:00 am Mass for the people

Wavelengths

I had a cousin who was born just a few months before me. He was the third grandson and I was the fourth. Early on, we were neighbours, we went to school together and played sports together. His mother, my aunt was the first to be diagnosed with colon cancer. Her medical advice was that her siblings, including my mom, get colonoscopies. I think my mom reminded her that in the old days, bearers of back news were killed, but my mom followed through and good thing she did. Mom had to submit to a bowel resection because she had cancerous polyps. With two cases, the doctor suggested that the next generation should be tested. When my turn came, they removed three polyps and I haven't had any since. My mom would remind me at opportune times, that she always knew I was a perfect a....., well you know. My brother was diagnosed with stage three cancer, and he also needed a resection and chemotherapy. He has surpassed the five-year mark. My cousin, though, never went to get tested and no one really knows why, but as misfortune would have it, when they discovered his cancer, it was too late. His last weeks were spent in this new concept called 'hospice'. This was back in 2010. This was around the time that the Government started taking it seriously with financial support. The hospice was just a renovated house that would accommodate privacy, family members, and a peaceful backyard. And there were incredible staff and volunteers that personified the concept of hospitality, from which the facility takes its name. He died there shortly after his 50th birthday, surrounded by family and wonderful, caring helpers, and the whole journey was hard, yet marked by a great sense of dignity. He was the first and so far, the only cousin or grandchild to die, tough wood. Since then, the hospice movement has grown in leaps and bounds. Recently I have become quite acquainted with the Hospice here. I think I had 5 or 6 visits in the last week. The hospices nowadays have been built and designed with respect and comfort in mind. Every room has large windows that usually look out on some natural setting. Each window has a bird feeder or two out the window. My last visit had visitors at the window, two huge turkeys. When you see them up close, they are huge, and ugly. Maybe that is why my mom switched from turkey to Chinese food for Mothers' Day. I have done many hospital visits over the years, and I am struck at the vast difference between the settings. The hospital by its nature has a different vibe, very clinical and hectic. The hospice has a different scope and is very much limited which allows for a much more relaxed approach. This too, is the nature of hospice. There is a welcome to my home sign. People do go there as a final residence. Hospitals are always hoping to heal and move you back home. I have come to appreciate the hospices and what they offer, the special people who can handle the emotional and personal demands of people dying and their families accompanying that inevitable end. But I think the best part has to be, that the kitchen is always stocked with great food and desserts, and priests eat free. I think angels tread there.

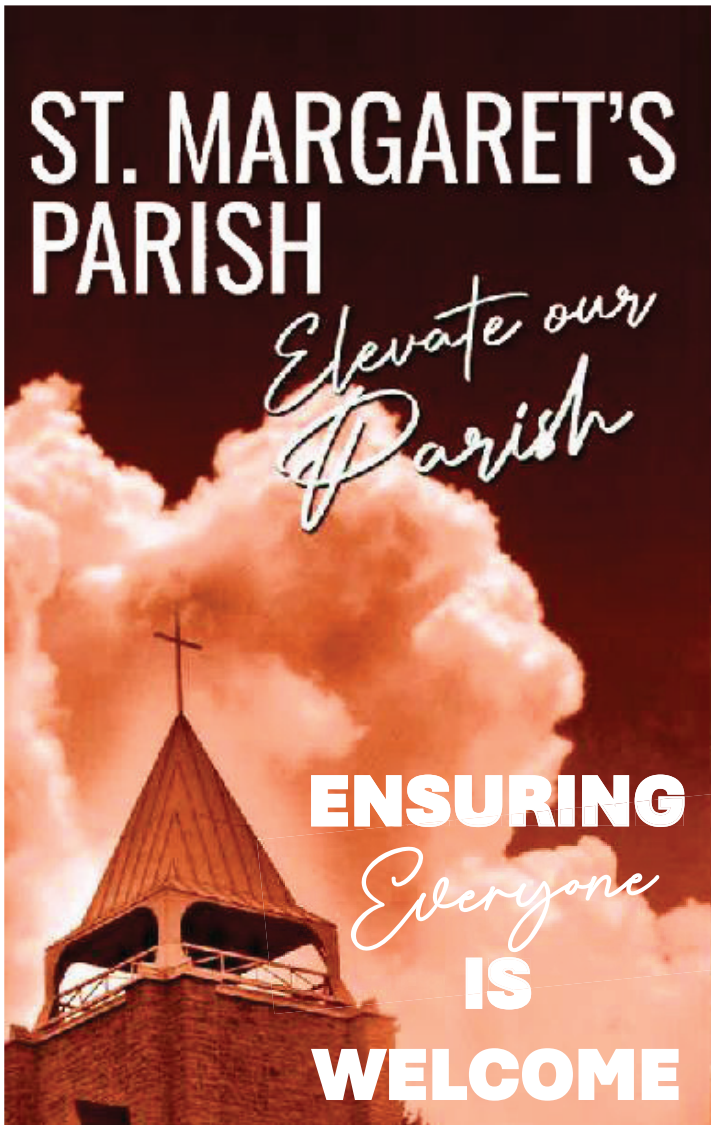


Fr. Roy

**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.



St. Margaret's Elevator Campaign

The stairs to our Parish Hall are difficult for people with mobility challenges. A commercial elevator that can accommodate at least five people, including one wheelchair user would provide greater accessibility between the church and lower level. **HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Donations of any amount, payable in cash, by cheque, credit card or debit card at the Parish Office. Donation by credit and debit card can also be made at stmargaretsmi.archtoronto.org

Please see our brochure for more information.

Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday, April 19, 2026

Offertory \$4,616.36

**Amount includes PAG & Donate Now*

ShareLife Update

ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world.

With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services—like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges—for years to come.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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: Bernie Swaile, Velma Perrault, Elizabeth Dinan



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