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Monday, June 1st

Saint Justin, Martyr

9:00am +Freddie Bautista

Requested by the Salinas family

Tuesday, June 2nd

9:00am + Allen Moreau

Requested by Sharron Bradshaw & family

Wednesday, June 3rd

**Saint Charles Lwanga and
Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 am Carl Beal

Requested by S.V.D.P. Volunteers

Thursday, June 4th

9:00 am Private Intention

Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Saturday, June 6th

9:30am Workshop

5:00pm Mass for the people

Sunday, June 7th

9:00am Mass for the people

11:00 am Mass for the people

Wavelengths

Every year Church rules oblige each priest to have at least one weeklong retreat. In our archdiocese there have been various venues over the years, but as the number of priests grows, fewer venues can handle a week’s worth of clergy, let alone tolerate them. That is why for the last quarter century at least, we have made our annual pilgrimage to Muskoka.

Usually, a director leads us through a week-long series of “conferences” and the programming ends with a final presentation by the Cardinal. A seminary-mate and I were commenting on how, previously, we could recognize the older priests by their graying or balding heads. This year it was clear that now we fall into that category! (Personally, if I knew 10% of the priests, that may be too high an estimate.)

One thing that doesn’t change is the high stakes game of “table roulette.” No, not gambling, but hovering around the entrance looking for a table with a familiar face that you can beeline towards, always cautious that one of the bishops may swoop in and take a seat. That is when you need to be flexible, ready to change paths on the fly and relocate to a more suitable table. You could end up at a table with all Montreal Canadiens fans, or worse, a table where they know nothing about hockey! (Sorry, that’s redundant.)

Tables are funny places at these retreats. We are supposed to be fraternal and engaging (neither being my strong suit), yet no one calls anyone by any name except “Father”. It drives me nuts. So, when you sit at a table, you are expected to greet and acknowledge each priest. You begin on your right, say “Father” with a nod, and you receive the same in return. That means I have greeted seven fathers and received the same in return. No idea of anyone’s first name, but you squint at the name tag to see what parish they are in. Generally, that is the most amusing thing that happens throughout the day. Coincidentally, I did have the retreat master sitting next to me and I was sitting in fear that he would ask me about the previous afternoon’s conference. Truth be told, I slept through it, upstairs in my room after two extra strength Tylenol. I slept through dinner too if that was any consolation.

I do have my “spidey” senses up keeping watch for various bishops. I’m hoping that they follow the law of the jungle: if you leave them alone, they will leave you alone. This year they have extended the length from Sunday evening until Friday – almost a week, and maybe it’s my age, I am enjoying the quiet and restfulness.

I have picked up a book to start reading which is proving less enlightening and more of a cure for insomnia. One thing the retreat master has recommended, being more diligent about taking my day off. I should ask him if that includes this week, even though I may miss the Cardinal’s address. Hmm. Here is a quandary.

Fr. Roy



**Pope’s Prayer Intention for
June**

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



Ministry Workshop

Sat. June 6 at 9:30 am Parish Hall

Calling All Ministries:

This is a workshop for all ministers in service of the Sunday Community-- Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Choir members, and anyone else who may be considering ministering in our community.

We will explore the vision of the Church: how the Church sees its celebration of the liturgy. We will focus on responsibilities associated with aspiring to this vision.

Please contact the office at 705-526-6313 x1 or email stmargaretsmi@archtoronto.org to register.

CWL News: Retreat at Martyr's Shrine

Sat. June 6, 9:30-3:00

Everyone invited to "Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission" in this special event at the shrine during their 100th Anniversary Year. Parking (\$12 per person) waived for CWL but you will need to identify as CWL – pin, scarf.

Butter Tart Festival

The CWL is hosting its annual Butter Tart Festival luncheon and bake sale on Sat. June 13th from 11 am to 2 pm. All proceeds go back into the community. Our success depends on our parishioners spreading the word! If you are able to help with baking, or small cash contributions, please contact CWL President Lu Robitaille at 705-209-0854.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Online webinar on Zoom All are welcome to join this free webinar hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Participants will learn about:

- How to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, and Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own Catholic legacy
- Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals

To register:

1. Scan the QR code:
2. Or visit qrco.de/WebJun6
3. You may also register by email by contacting Development@ArchToronto.org. Please write "Webinar June 6" in the subject line and include your name in the body of the message.



ShareLife Update

This Sunday, May 31 is the third ShareLife Sunday collection of the year. Thus far we have raised **\$24,652.00** toward our goal of **\$25,000.00**. We are so close to reaching our goal!

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

St. Margaret's Elevator Campaign

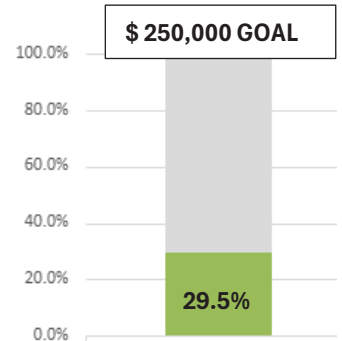
We are raising money for a commercial elevator that can accommodate at least five people, including one wheelchair user would provide greater accessibility between the church and lower level.

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

CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Thus far, we have raised \$ **73,705.36** –98% of our second campaign milestone of \$75,000. Milestone 3: \$100,000.00 We're moving on up!



A generous anonymous donor has pledged to match gifts up to \$20,000.00! **That means all eligible gifts you make will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000.00. Every gift makes a difference!**

Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday.

Offertory \$ 4,131.15


**Amount includes PAG & Donate Now*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Norah Robitaille, Carol Baker, 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, 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: Tony Janssen, Tiena Juneau

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