



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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For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

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Parish Secretary	Juanita Wootton-Radko
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Sunday 9:00 am	Diana Swift
Sunday 11:00 am	Pauline Brabant
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**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN**

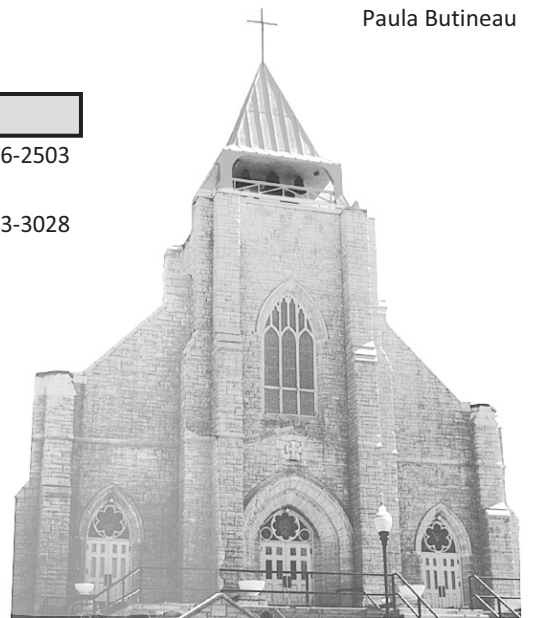
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 Confirmation Paula Butineau

**OTHER SERVICES**

Catholic Family Services	705-726-2503
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**SCHOOLS**

Monsignor Castex School	705-526-2831
Sacred Heart School	705-526-0107
St. Theresa's High School	705-526-1311





**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Special Intentions

**Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am + Maria DePinto  
Requested by Richard & Maria  
Kitchen

**Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Private Intention

**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am – Marriage Blessing  
5:00pm Mass for the people

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am Mass for the people  
11:00 am Mass for the people

**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.*

**Wavelengths**

The last weeks of school in June are always exciting times. Honestly, as a student, I felt that school ends at the beginning of June, but for some torturous reason, we had to occupy the seats for another couple of weeks. By this time, the promise of summer vacation kills any learning motivation. The days are spent daydreaming out the windows at the sunny playground, lazing in the chairs, sweltering in overheated classrooms which, depending on where the sun comes through the window, becomes a living lesson in the greenhouse effect. The only viable solution is to lay your head on the cool desktop, and perhaps even nodding off for a second or two.

It must be an exasperating time for teachers. In high school, those last few weeks held a little bit more sway over us, there was the fear and dread of the final exams, so the class became more intense with study and review of the year in anticipation of the exam. Back then, final exams had an exemption if you carried a certain average over the course of the year, so I never wrote a high school final. I was one of those students who loved school and learning new things—except maybe our metal and wood shop class. I remember my woodshop teacher asking if I was taking woodshop again the next year and I said no. His reply was both ominous and relieved. “Good”.

In grade nine, I had perfect attendance going into June, but then my grandmother died and my parents made me go to the funeral against my protestations that I could have perfect attendance. To this day, I have absolutely no recollection of anything surrounding the funeral. I guess I blocked it in anger. In grade thirteen, since I was not writing any final exams, I decided there was no point in going to class, so on the Friday before the week of review, I cleaned my locker, dragged all my text books home, because of course I wanted to keep my chemistry and calculus texts forever (we had to buy our own text books for grade 13).

After twenty years, I finally relinquished my texts (much to my mother’s delight). There was a great sense of finality to it. I was done and it was time to move on. I never stepped foot in my high school again, and it has subsequently been torn down and rebuilt elsewhere. Our societal indoctrination means that when June rolls around, there is an attitude of slowing down, of taking a “summer” pace. After all, the scorching heat is physically exhausting and resting in the shade and siestas are an enticing modus operandi in the summer.

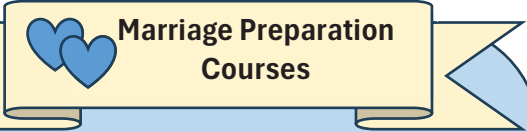
So, for those poor students trapped in those heat boxes, and for those poor teachers stuck in there with them, and for those poor parents gearing up for the impending onslaught of “I’m bored,” or “There is nothing to do,”—no worries, summer will soon be here.

*Jr. Roy*



**CWL News: Butter Tart Thanks**

Outgoing CWL President Lu Robitaille and the CWL Executive wish to thank everyone who donated their time, talents and resources to making the Butter Tart Luncheon a success.



Through the Marriage Preparation and Family Life Office of Catholic Family Services Toronto, St. Mary's Church in Barrie is offering in-person marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

**July 15 to August 19, 2026 - Wednesday evenings 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**October 3 to 31 (no class on Oct. 10) - Saturday mornings 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**November 5 to December 10 - Thursday evenings 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Cost is \$350.00 per couple.

To register, please visit [www.cfstoronto.com](http://www.cfstoronto.com)

**ShareLife Update: SUCCESS!!**

**Your gift to ShareLife encourages inclusion and belonging**

For John, life raising two Deaf sons has been filled with love—but also deep fears. He's watched them struggle in a world that often overlooks and isolates them. With your gift to ShareLife, families like his have found hope and belonging through life-changing support in a welcoming American Sign Language environment—something still out of reach for too many others.

Silent Voice Canada, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, facilitates connection and provides family-based resources that combat isolation, remove barriers, enhance skills, and encourage inclusion and belonging. Your generous heart helped shape the future for John and his sons—giving them courage, a sense of belonging, and the opportunity to embrace all that life has to offer. You can continue to uplift Deaf children and their parents, providing them with the confidence to see themselves as capable, strong, and full of potential.

Thus far we have raised **\$25,525.00** toward our goal of **\$25,000.00!!** Thank you for your generosity in helping us reaching our parish goal!

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

*See our online bulletin for more information!*

**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.

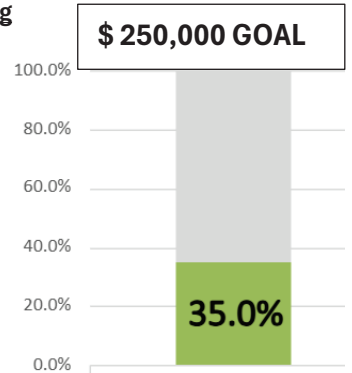
**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Donations of any amount, payable in cash, by cheque, credit card or debit card at the Parish Office.

Donation by credit and debit card can also be made at

**[stmargaretsmi.archtoronto.org](http://stmargaretsmi.archtoronto.org)**

**CAMPAIGN UPDATE:**

Thus far, we have raised **\$87,505.00**—87.5% of our third campaign milestone of \$100,000.00 and 35% of our total goal. We're moving on up!



**Papal Chair Returning to Martyr's Shrine**

After many years of gracing St. Margaret's Parish, the Papal Chair is returning to the Martyr's Shrine. First donated to St. Margaret's by Lia Potvin in 1949, the chair was used by Pope John Paul II when he visited Midland in September of 1984.

**Sharing Our Gifts**

Parish Givings Report for Sunday.

Offertory \$ 4,268.61

*\*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 Pattenau

**Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends:** Barbara Tait, Bridget York, Hans Albert Neumann, Tara Lynn Mochan

## Anishnaabeg Creation Story: Gzhwe Manidoo, the Creator

Last week, we looked at the Wendat Creation story, which focused on Sky Woman and how Turtle Island (North America) and humans came to be. The Wendat Creation story is an important cosmological anchor for the Wendat, grounding their spirituality, community, and their relationship to the land. Like the Wendat, the Anishinaabeg also have a Creation story. Creation stories are passed down orally, from generation to generation, and the knowledge of them is held by special knowledge keepers in communities. Creation stories can differ, offering unique versions, or can contain small incremental differences among the same First Nations Peoples. The Anishinaabeg for example, have at least four different creation stories, and although there may be slight differences, they are never dramatically different. The following Anishinaabeg Creation story was told by the late Anishinaabe Elder, professor, and storyteller, Gidigaa Migizi, or Doug Williams. When reading it, note the similarities to the Wendat Creation story shared last week but also to the parts that are different. You may also notice it shares a few things in common with what is written in the Bible and the Christian faith, including a great flood, the creation of the universe, and the existence of God, or for the Anishinaabeg, Gzhwe Minidoo, or Creator.

A very long time ago, all that existed was total darkness, and at that time Gzhwe Manidoo had a dream. In his dream, Gzhwe Manidoo saw our world as it exists today, including all the plants, animals and humans. The world was soon to be, and it was created instantly, and this was the way for a long time. During this time the world was harmonious, and everything and everyone lived in peace, but one day that all ended. All the animals and people would die or disappear. The sun and the world itself, including the great waters, the land and mountains, would remain, but that was all, and this made Gzhwe Manidoo sad and upset.

Gzhwe Manidoo called upon a great spirit called Sky Woman to fix the world, but by the time she arrived, the world was covered in water caused by a great flood. Some of the animals that could survive in water still lived. Fish, beavers, and even turtles. Some animals that could fly also lived. Sky Woman came to settle on the back of a turtle, and Turtle held

the knowledge of how to fix the world in his shell. As Sky Woman rested on Turtle's back, the Loon offered to dive to the bottom of the water and retrieve earth, in the hopes of creating land by placing the dirt on Turtle's back, but Loon was not able to dive deep enough. The next day, Otter offered to bring up soil from under the water, but he too was unable. Lastly, Muskrat dived down to the bottom and was gone for what seemed like days. Suddenly, he was seen floating on the water, having died for his efforts. As Sky Woman mourned Otter's death, she noticed that clasped in his tiny paw, was a bunch of dirt. Sky Woman took the dirt and spread it on Turtle's back, and Turtle grew and became the world we know today. Sky Woman then left to create humans and became our moon, Nokomis, and said that once she created humans she would give women the gift of giving birth.

As we've seen, the story of Sky Woman appears among many First Nations, that also includes the Haudenosaunee and the Cree. For the Cree, Sky Woman is sometimes referred to as Star Woman. The Creator is also an important part of the cosmological origins of many First Nations Peoples, and many still give thanks, prayers, and offerings to the Creator. Just as Genesis is not the entirety of the Bible, the story of Gzhwe Manidoo and Sky Woman is not the sum of First Nations creation stories, but only a small portion of many teachings that instruct us on how to live on the land, interact with nature, and guide our relationships with others, as well as our place within the vast universe we inhabit.

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### **Bibliography or Further Reading**

Williams, Doug. *Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg: This is our Territory*. ARP Books, 2019.



# MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**  
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