



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

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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
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GROUPS

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Knights of Columbus	John Sweeney	705-529-9332
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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

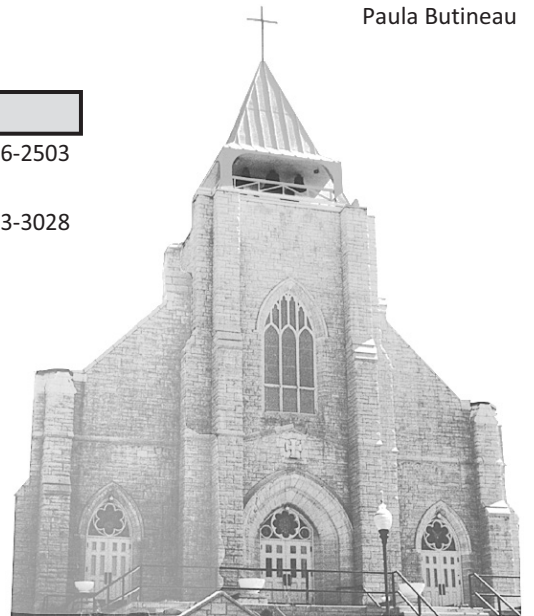
First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Cory & Rae-Anne Rousseau
Confirmation Paula Butineau

OTHER SERVICES

Catholic Family Services	705-726-2503
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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





Monday, June 29th

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

9:00 am Special Intention of John Moreau

Requested by Joe & Shirley Denis

Tuesday, June 30th

The First Martyrs of the

Holy Roman Church

9:00 am + Dawn Frankenberger

Requested by Ruth Dusome

Wednesday, July 1st

CANADA DAY!

9:00 am + Lillian Latanville

Requested by Tony & Janice Borysek

Thursday, July 2nd

9:00 am Private Intentions

14th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Saturday, July 4th

5:00pm Mass for the people

Sunday, July 5th

9:00am Mass for the people

11:00 am Mass for the people

Pope's Prayer Intention for
July

For respect for human life
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Wavelengths

In the last week of school, the days are hot and the classrooms become blast furnaces. Very little work is going to happen, so teachers have to occupy the kids in any (and every) way possible. Whenever the last lesson of Spelling, History or French took place, then the textbooks could be neatly stored on the shelves for September. We had "Clean out your desk" day and scrubbed a year's worth of doodles and pen marks off the surface to restore desks to their pristine cleanliness – somewhat.

My favorite memories were resting our heads on the coolness of the desks as the teacher read short stories or a chapter of an on-going saga. I still hold "Cue for Treason" as being one of my all-time favorites. By the time the actual final day rolled around, most of the classrooms were set for the summer reprieve with the bookshelves stacked with the texts, the blackboards blank and shiny, and the cloakrooms emptied of all lost and found items. We were ready to say goodbye to our desks as we were moving on.

The last day of school was very casual. There was a sense of excitement and melancholy. We would not see most of our classmates again until the new school year. At the grade eight departure, many of us would likely not see each other for the rest of our lives. We did not realize it at the time, but we were about to set sail on a new horizon—the future.

The big year-end finale came as the whole school gathered in the gym to watch a movie, (usually a Walt Disney flick), followed by a special ice cream treat. When we made it back to the classroom for one last time, there was usually a couple of items that had magically appeared – either a religious card of a saint or medal, and the annual free admission ticket to the Canadian National Exhibition.

Back then, the CNE was quite a hike from Holland Landing. I know my family only ever used those free admissions once or twice. It was always an adventure to look forward to, but the CNE always marked the end of the summer break.

We did not have the same number of options for summer activities as kids do now. Summer holidays were mostly for hanging around and being bored, and I think we mastered that. So, a blessing as we begin the great reprieve: may your days be filled with enough fun to keep you active, enough boredom to make you creative, and enough rest to make you ready for the new beginning of September.

Happy Summer.

Fr. Roy



Parish Picnic Volunteers Needed

Now that summer is here, it's time to plan our Parish Picnic, and we need *you* to help make it a joyful and welcoming event for everyone! This special day brings our community together for fun, fellowship, and faith, and it takes many hands to make it a success.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet fellow parishioners, serve our community, and be part of something meaningful.

If you are available to help, please contact Rosemary Sykes at 705-937-0076 or contact the Parish Office this week.

Thank you for your generosity and spirit of service—we look forward to celebrating together on August 16th!

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.

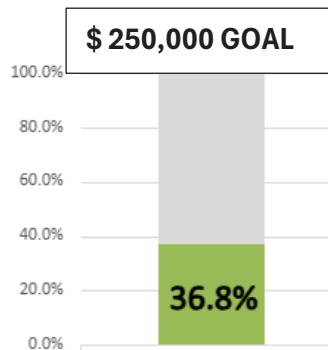
HOW YOU CAN HELP: Donations of any amount, payable in cash, by cheque, credit card or debit card at the Parish Office. Donation by credit and debit card can also be made at

stmargaretsmi.archtoronto.org

CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Another generous anonymous donor has pledged to match gifts up to \$10,000.00! **That means all eligible gifts you make will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000.00. Every gift makes a difference!**

Thus far, we have raised **\$92,104.56**—92% of our third campaign milestone of \$100,000.00 and almost 37% of our total goal. We're moving on up!



Please remember to make cheques out to "St. Margaret's Parish".

Summer Bulletin Schedule

The print version of the parish bulletin is going on summer break! Our summer bulletins will be available on Sunday, July 12th and Sunday, August 9th. You can also find out about upcoming events by subscribing to our email bulletins or visiting St. Margaret's Facebook page.

Reminder:

Children's Liturgy is on summer break and will return in September. Happy summer!

Year End Message to Our Catholic Educators and Students

As this school year comes to a close, we extend our sincere gratitude to all our Catholic educators for their faithful service and dedication. Your commitment, patience, and witness to the Gospel have made a lasting impact on the lives of those entrusted to your care. We are deeply thankful for all that you do each day.

We also offer warm congratulations to our students for their hard work, perseverance, and growth over the past year. Your efforts, achievements, and willingness to learn are a blessing to our school community. May you take pride in all you have accomplished and continue to grow in faith and wisdom. May God bless you with rest and renewal during the summer months and reward you for the many ways you have shared His light within our school community. Thank you all for making this year a meaningful and grace-filled journey!

Congratulations to the graduating students of Monsignor Castex School, Sacred Heart School, and St. Theresa's High School. May God bless you in your future endeavours!

See our online bulletin for more news!

Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday, June 21, 2026

Offertory \$3,711.31

**Amount includes PAG & Donate NOW*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

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

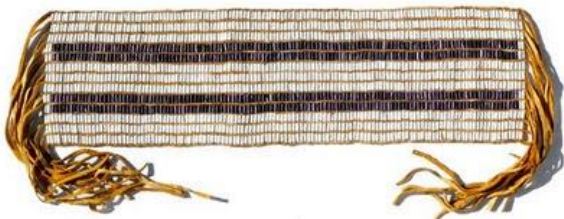
Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends:

Fr. Joseph Minguel Rodrigues, Barbara Tait, David MacKay

We Are All Treaty People: The Significance of Treaties in the History of Canada

Treaties have played a significant role in the creation of Canada as a country, and the phrase “As long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows,” is often used to convey the relationships fostered through treaties between Indigenous Peoples and Canada. But what does this phrase actually mean, what is the history of treaties of treaties in Canada and in particular, what is the importance of treaties to Indigenous culture and history?

First, what is a treaty? In its simplest terms, a treaty is an agreement between two or more countries or nations. Prior to European contact, many Indigenous nations entered into treaties with one another, often to negotiate peace and friendship. Treaties were used to end conflict, to organize the sharing of resources, or to achieve greater political or social integration between nations. When Europeans arrived in North America, treaties were made to organize political, economic, and social relations with Indigenous Peoples. The Two-Row Wampum is an example of a treaty that was negotiated between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Dutch in 1613. The belt with its two rows of purple wampum (clam shells painstakingly made into beads) signified that they would coexist in peace, with each line on the belt representing a nation. Neither line crossed the path of the other, to represent that even though they shared the land and resources, they would not interfere with one another.



In 1763, Great Britain’s King George III signed the Royal Proclamation of 1763, which stated that only the British Crown could negotiate with Indigenous Peoples through treaty to extinguish Aboriginal Title to land, and thus began our more modern interpretation of treaties as land surrenders. But unfortunately, the British, then the Canadian governments did not always act in good faith with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Peoples. Often, what

was negotiated orally with Indigenous Peoples is not what was written down, and the Canadian government, historically, has not lived up to its treaty promises. Today, many Indigenous Peoples are challenging the varying levels of Canadian government in court regarding Aboriginal Title to lands across what is now Canada, and asking that the government live up to what was negotiated!

Treaties continue to hold cultural significance for Indigenous Peoples to this day, and they're not only between people; they can also hold relational significance between plant and animal nations. In 2014, on the Blackfeet reservation in Montana, eight Indigenous nations from Canada and the United States signed the Buffalo Treaty, a promise to renew, respect, revitalize, and recenter the long-standing relationship that some Indigenous Peoples have had with the buffalo since time immemorial. Since 2014, at least 24 Indigenous nations have signed on to the Buffalo Treaty, understanding the importance of their historical and cultural relationship with the buffalo.


Revisiting the phrase “as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows,” what does it mean when it comes to treaties? The phrase reminds us that human interactions are intertwined with nature as well as ourselves. It also conveys that we have rights, responsibilities, and obligations that often outlast one generation, and that treaties are always signed with future generations in mind. Lastly, treaties are about reciprocity and that all groups should benefit from them, something that has not always happened in Canada’s history. Treaties are not static, and historical injustices can be righted by working together, in relationship, recognizing that we are all treaty people.

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Bibliography or Further Reading

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