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- **Canon Maylanne Maybee**, a deacon of this diocese and formerly of this parish, now **Principal of the Centre for Christian Studies**, based in Winnipeg, will be in Toronto on **Tuesday Nov. 29**. You are invited to a reception to meet her and hear about her first months at the Center, and also hear about the Centre's work as an institution which provides training for diaconal ministry. It is at **7:30 PM** at **Eglinton St. Georges United Church, 33 Lytton Blvd.**



## THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

### ADVENT

27 November 2011

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SMM CALENDAR</b>			
<b>28 November – 4 December, 2011</b>			
28 Monday	6.00 pm	Mass	Feria
29 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Feria
30 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	<b>S. Andrew, Apostle</b>
1 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Feria
2 Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Feria
3 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	<b>Francis Xavier, Miss. 1552</b>
4 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Said Mass Sung Mass Solemn Mass	<b>Advent II</b>
<b>Advent II</b> <b>Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15; Mark 1: 1-8</b>			

Confessions are heard by appointment.

Submissions for Sunday Announcements should be sent to the church office by email ([office@stmarymagdalene.ca](mailto:office@stmarymagdalene.ca)). The deadline for submissions is Wednesday morning.

Welcome to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

We invite you to stay following the 9.30 and 11.00 masses for refreshments in **Hiscocks Hall**, which is located in the basement. It can be reached by the door next to the baptismal font. There is a wheelchair accessible lift and washroom in the office area on the main floor, which can be reached by the door in the north-east corner. **Please speak to a sidesperson for assistance.**

- **A word from Father David about *Our Faith -- Our Hope*:** Thanks to our steering committee, and in particularly to the leadership of its chair, **Heather McGregor**, our participation in the diocesan fundraising campaign is going very well. Our parish goal is to raise \$328,000 over a five-year pledge period, and **to date our total pledged is \$301,000. Forty percent of the funds we raise will stay in the parish to support our own priorities.** One of these priorities is to **support ministry for children and youth.** This continues to be an important area of growth for us. **We've had a positive increase in the number of children attending the 9.30 mass!** We also have young people who attend the 11.00 mass, although we are not able to offer programs for them at this time. **Communication is also a priority.** We have liturgical and musical treasures here, including the wondrous tradition of our 11.00 mass, and we need to do as much as we can to communicate these treasures to others. **Thank you for your continued support of our campaign.** *David+*
- **SMM Parish List & Communications:** You are invited to add your name to our Parish List, which is the database of all of those who consider themselves members of the parish. **Please send your names, address, phone number and email address to [office@stmarymagdalene.ca](mailto:office@stmarymagdalene.ca), or fill in one of the pew envelopes and put it on the collection plate.** If you are already on the Parish List but would like to be added to the **SMM Email list**, in order to receive periodic news updates, **please email David Widenmaier at [singbass@hotmail.com](mailto:singbass@hotmail.com).**

- **Prayers of the People.** Specific requests for prayers to be incorporated into the Prayers of the People at mass can be offered by writing them in the **black book on the stand at the back of the church.** The list is renewed at the beginning of every month.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Thursday, 8 December.** Said masses at 7.15 am & 10.00 am (in Italian). Procession & Solemn Mass at 6 pm, followed by **pot-luck supper.** Our guest preacher will be **Fr. Rob Mitchell**, Superior of the Our Lady of Hope ward of the Society of Mary and Associate Priest at St. Thomas's, Huron Street.
- ***In Dulci Jubilo:* Friday Dec. 9th 8pm York Baroque Ensemble** (Our own **Matthew Whitfield** and **Josh Colucci** are members of this ensemble) presents *In Dulci Jubilo*, a pre-Christmas concert at SMM. Come as you are: pay what you can.
- ***The Children's Messiah:* Saturday, 10 December from 4 pm - 5.00 pm.** Pax Christi Chorale, under the direction of **Stephanie Martin**, with Pax Christi orchestra, and soloists along with our own **Gallery Choir**, presents *The Children's' Messiah* at SMM. Designed especially for youngsters, this is a condensed version of *Messiah* in all its glory in a casual, child-friendly setting and **will be narrated by Father David.** Admission is free for children and youth and pay-what-you-can at the door for adults.
- **Solemn Evensong, Benediction & Advent Carols. Sunday, 11 December at 4.30.** A wonderful liturgy to invite a friend, colleague or neighbour to join us.
- **Masses of Christmas: Christmas Eve** – Solemn Mass and Procession at 11.00 pm. **Christmas Day** – Said Mass at 8.00 am and Folk Mass at 10.00 am.
- **Chant Club** has started its fall season and would like to invite anyone interested in learning about chant to join in. Sessions are generally **every second Sunday and run from 1.15 pm to 3.15 pm.** (We start at that time to allow members from other parishes to make their way to SMM). Our approach is very informal and supportive. **You need no previous singing experience -- all you need is the desire to sing chant.** This season we are learning the **Marian Anthems** and the music for **Candlemas**, where members of the Chant Club will be able to join with the Ritual Choir to sing that service. **Everyone is welcome.**

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH for CHILDREN:

- **Sunday School during the 9:30 mass:** We are in the midst of planning a children's program for the remaining Sundays in Advent, and a Folk Mass at 10 am, Christmas Day.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH for ADULTS:

- **Wednesday Bible Study:** The Wednesday morning Bible study continues. We **meet from 11.00 pm to noon**, following the 10.00 mass. We are studying St. John's gospel.
- **Advent Study -- Wednesdays nights during Advent:** We will be using a new resource produced within the Diocese of Toronto -- ***Advent: From Chaos to Love.*** This resource creates the opportunity for participants to examine both their individual and community lives in light of the extravagant incarnation of God into our world. The study incorporates video material, printed resources and roundtable conversations. **Wednesdays November 30th, December 7th, 14th & 21st, from 7.30 to 9.00.** For more information, visit the website at [www.chaostolove.com](http://www.chaostolove.com) or speak with Fr. David.
- **Lenten Retreat:** We have booked a **return visit to St. John's Convent for the SMM Lenten retreat.** The dates for **Friday, 2 March until Sunday, 4 March, 2012.** Our leader will be **Sister Constance Joanna**, and the topic will be **how our image of God affects the way we pray – and vice versa.** Our ten spaces have now been spoken for, but if you wish to be on a waiting list, please speak with Fr David.

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- ***Hands Across the Sands:*** Next Tuesday we will consider refugee profiles for our sponsorship. **Please pray for discernment.** We expect the family will arrive early in the new year. We encourage our donors to **redeem any unpaid pledges** as soon as is feasible. Offers of **temporary and permanent accommodation, and everything needed to set up a household,** are coming in. We would also be grateful to those who can **transport these items or store them** until our family arrives.
- **O'Neill Centre Nursing Home:** Our Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home continues **Tuesday, 13 December at 2.30 pm.** Please consider joining this ministry of sacrament and presence. **For more information, speak with Fr David or Fr William.**

## WIDER COMMUNITY

- **Advent Quiet Day:** Next Saturday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 2 pm,** the brothers at Holy Cross Priory invite you to join them for an *Advent Quiet Day* **at the Priory.** Starting with coffee & doughnuts at 9 a.m. the day **includes meditations, quiet time, and the Holy Eucharist.** All you need is a bag lunch—we will provide the beverages. he