

- **Out of the Heat:** Our next dinner for Out of the Heat held at **St. Thomas's, Huron St.**, is coming up on **Friday, 21 October**. If you can contribute sandwiches, fresh fruit, juice or be there in person, **please contact Brian Clarke** at [b.clarke@utoronto.ca](mailto:b.clarke@utoronto.ca) or Office:416-585-4547 or Home:416-534-5456.



## THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

PENTECOST XVII

9 October 2011

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SMM CALENDAR

10 - 16 October, 2011

10 Monday	10.00 am	Mass	Paulinus, Bp. and Miss., 64 (Thanksgiving Day)
11 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Feria
12 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	Feria
13 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Dedication of SMM, 1948
14 Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Edward the Confessor, K., 1066
15 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	John of the Cross, T., and Ref., 1582
16 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Said Mass Sung Mass Procession and Solemn Mass Solemn Evensong and Benediction	Solemnity of the Feast of the Dedication
Solemnity of the Dedication Readings Genesis 28: 10-17; I Peter 2: 1-5, 9-10; John 20: 19-21			

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.**

- We welcome back to SMM this morning **the Reverend Andrea Budgey**, Chaplain of Trinity College and an Honorary Assistant at St. Simon's on Bloor Street.
- My family and I are grateful for the prayers, care and concern of parishioners over the past couple of weeks. This is, indeed, a place full of love, care and the grace of God. Deo gratias! *David*
- **Our Faith -- Our Hope:** The Diocese of Toronto, of which we are part, is **in the midst of a major fundraising campaign to support parish and diocesan priorities**. We have launched our campaign here at SMM. Our campaign is being led by our steering committee (Heather McGregor (chair), Norah Bolton, Rob Castle, Elizabeth Cowling, Fr. William Cruse, Phyllis McCurdy, Allan Risk, David Widenmaier and Fr. David). Our parish goal is to raise \$328,000 over a five-year pledge period. **Good news! Our total pledged to date is \$101,250.00.**
- **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.

## EVENTS:

- **Solemnity of the Feast of Dedication, Sunday 16 October:** Said mass at 8.00 am, Sung mass at 9.30 am, Procession and Solemn Mass at 11.00am, Solemn Evensong and Benediction at 4.30 pm.
- **Sidespersons' Dinner and Meeting:** The sidespersons' meeting with Fr David and pot luck supper will be held on **Sunday, 16 October after Evensong**. Please feel free to bring a friend to the service and dinner afterward. Sign up sheet downstairs.
- **Organ Recital: Tuesday, 18 October at 8.00 pm, Simon Walker** will present an organ recital at SMM with works by Willan, J. S. Bach and Widor.
- **Notice of Special Vestry Meeting:** A Special Vestry meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 23rd following the 11.00 mass**. The purpose of this meeting is to **seek Vestry approval for the design and funding of the west gallery windows**. All members of the parish who are at least 16 years of age, have been a member for at least three months and have attended worship at least three times in the previous year, are eligible to vote at this meeting.

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

- **2011 SMM Envelopes:** Please check at the back of the church in the envelope boxes to ensure your name is not on any weekly or monthly envelopes still remaining. In the case of duplication or if you do not wish to have envelopes, please pull out the envelopes and give them to a sidesperson. We have people who have requested envelopes recently, and we are running short of numbers to assign.
- **Same-gender relationships:** Over the past several months, the Advisory Board has had a number of conversations on the topic of same-gender relationships. The impetus for these conversations was the release last fall by Archbishop Johnson of *Pastoral Guidelines for the Blessing of Same Gender Commitments*. The Advisory Board has identified a strong desire to create an opportunity for the SMM parish community to engage in a conversation on this question, with opportunities for listening, learning and sharing. This will take place over two Wednesday nights. On **Wednesday, 26 October from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**, Chris Ambidge and Archdeacon Paul Feheley will be our guests. Chris and Paul reflect differing points of view on this issue, and have for many years acted as resources for parishes and others wishing to engage in a respectful conversation. And then, on **Wednesday, 9 November from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**, facilitator Susan Graham Walker will lead us through a conversation using the indaba method of respectful listening. In preparation for the evening, we are being asked to **take a copy of the pamphlet *Emerging Common Ground*** (available

at the back of the church), **read it and prayerfully reflect on our own responses to its eight points.**

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH for CHILDREN:

- **Sunday School during the 9:30 mass has begun.** We will be following **the adventures of Moses** through story-telling, songs, drama, ceramics, and the creation of a frieze. We also hope to have a visit from Jewish friends to explain the Passover. **The sessions will continue to November 20**, with the exception of October 2 (Folk Mass) and October 9 (Thanksgiving). All children are welcome. Please let us know if you would like to join the program. (Contact e-mail: s.maclean@utoronto.ca)

## 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.
- **Bishop's Committee on Prayer: Saturday, 22 October** you are invited to a Quiet Day to reflect on *Praying in the Storm* at **St. John the Baptist, 719 Dundas Street East, Mississauga from 9.30 am to 2.00 pm**. Cost is \$10.00 Please bring a bible and your own lunch - drinks are provided. To register, contact **Monica John (905-897-7177) or email: myjohn50@hotmail.com**.
- **Lenten Retreat -- Save the date:** 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**. Long-range planners -- please take note!

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- ***Hands Across the Sands:*** SMM parishioners have contributed and pledged just under \$18,500 to the refugee project to sponsor an Iraqi family. There have also been pledges of goods and expertise to aid the settlement. **Thank you very much for this generous response!** We will now seek permission of the Diocese to sponsor a refugee family and we will work through the Diocese's agency, the Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA). The Diocese's policy of sponsoring refugees regardless of their religion means that the family we ultimately sponsor may or may not be Christian. (While many Iraqi refugees are Christian, there are also many who are not.) We hope to move quickly on the next steps. If you have any questions, please speak with one of the members of the committee: Fr. Paul MacLean, Wendy Telfer, Catherine Riddell, Sally-Beth MacLean or Richard Woolrich.
- **O'Neill Centre Nursing Home:** Our Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home continues **THIS Tuesday, 11 October at 2.30 pm**. Please consider joining this ministry of sacrament and presence. **For more information, speak with Fr David or Fr William.**