

St. Margaret Mary Parish

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1-5 pm.

July & August: 9 am - 12 noon, 1-4 pm.

Sunday Masses:

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Available Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or
by appointment.

Parish Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri: 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

Sat: Benediction 8:45 am.

Baptisms: are celebrated by appointment only. Participation in a Baptismal Preparation Session is required. Please contact the parish office (905-388-2200) well in advance.

Marriage: Parishioners who are planning to marry should contact the parish office at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

Visits to the Sick: If you or someone you know is in need of a visit in home or hospital please call the parish office.

New to the Parish: Please register by completing a registration form (available in the Narthex). We also ask that you notify the office of any change in address or telephone number.

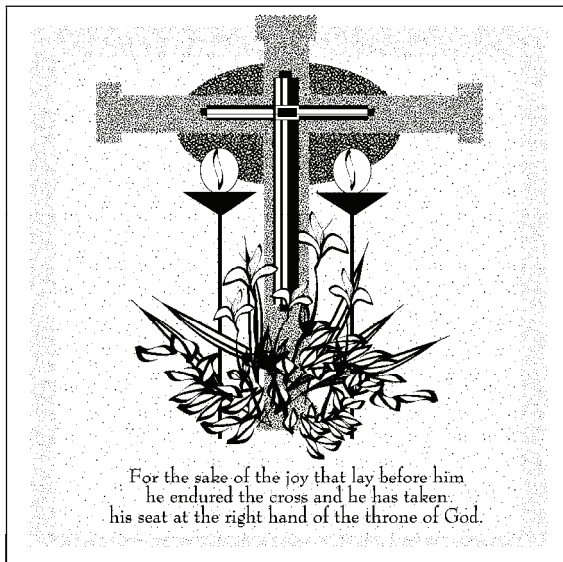
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

With the Lord there is mercy!



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REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
is:

Luke 13.22-30

OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 27th Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,660.00
Loose Cash	\$ 460.00
Building Fund	\$ 308.00
Mission Coop	\$ 30.00
Parish Outreach	\$ 55.00

We thank you for your continued, dedicated and regular financial support for St. Margaret Mary Parish.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Aug. 18	Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.
Tues. Aug. 19	Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.
Wed. Aug. 20	Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary
Thurs. Aug. 21	Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
Fri. Aug. 22	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat. Aug. 23	Rev. Dirk Dunfee, S.J.

MASS INTENTIONS



Mass at 7:00pm on Tuesday
9:00am on Wednesday - Friday

Tues., Aug. 19	Intentions of William †Gaetano Monaco †Lilia Omana †Quinto & Eva Trevisoni †Giacomo Corbacio
Wed., Aug. 20	†Leone, Ascenza & Gaetano Tortis
Thurs., Aug. 21	Intentions of Jeff
Fri., Aug. 22	†Deceased members of Traffrod ,Smith & Bergie Families
Sat., Aug. 23 5:00 pm	†Aizm Jonas †Aida Gemillan
Sun., Aug. 24 11:00am	†Narcisa Sacramento †Restituto Pineda †Francesca Stefania †Hello Nori
Tues., Aug. 26	†Jenny Bjegovich †Rocco Della Nebbia †Souls in purgatory
Wed., Aug. 27	†Pietro Conducci †Rocco Della Nebbia
Thurs., Aug. 28	†Souls in Purgatory
Fri., Aug. 29	†Flora Mabini
Sat. Aug. 30 5:00pm	†Ida Shaw
Sun., Aug. 31 9:00am	†Rosa, Jose, Victor Carvalho
Tues., Sept. 2	†Rocco Della Nebbia
Wed., Sept. 3	†Panfilos Dora Dentresc †Gino DiNardo †Lucia Gabriele
Thurs., Sept. 4	†Antonia Cacnio
Fri., Sept. 5	†Isabelita Adraneda
Sat. Sept.6 5:00pm	Intentions of St. Margaret Mary Parish and all parishioners
Sun., Sept. 7 9:00am	†Fernando Aatida

CHANGES TO SUNDAY MASS INTENTION

We would like to inform our parishioners that, effective immediately, we will no longer be accepting new Mass Intention requests for the Sunday Mass times at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. We will, however, continue to honor and fulfill all intentions that have already been submitted. Thank you for understanding and patience.



PRAYER NETWORK MINISTRY

Our parish is blessed to have a dedicated Prayer Network, a group of parishioners who commit to praying daily for special intentions. If you have a prayer request, you can submit it by writing it clearly on a note and placing it in the Prayer Request box located near the Adoration Chapel. Names are not necessary, but please ensure your intention is written legibly. Requests are collected every Sunday, so they will be ready to be prayed for in the coming week. We are grateful for the power of prayer and for the faithful members of our Prayer Network who support our parish community in this meaningful way.

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND JUBILEE OF HOPE

Calling all young adults! Join us for a special day pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario**, as we journey together in the spirit of the **Jubilee of Hope**. This is a chance to connect with others, deepen your faith, and walk in the footsteps of the Canadian martyrs.

📅 **Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2025

🕒 **Departure Time:** 8:00 am

📍 **Departure Location:** Chancery Office, Diocese of Hamilton (700 King Street West)

💰 **Cost:** \$40.00 per person

📦 **Includes:** Transportation, entry to the Shrine, time for prayer, reflection, fellowship, and celebration of Mass, BBQ Dinner ahead of departure.

All young adults (20s & 30s) are welcome. Space is limited, so register early!

To register or learn more, contact:

Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis
catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/events
Come and be renewed in hope!

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Join us as we explore the Practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com



HELP NEEDED FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We are excited to begin planning for our Annual Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on **November 14th and 15th**. All parishioners are invited to attend an important planning meeting on **Thursday, August 21st at 7:00 PM in the Hearth Room**.

As we've done for the past two years, the Bazaar will be a two-day event with participation from the schools, and we are counting on the continued support of our community. If you volunteered last year, we would love to have you back! And if you're new to the event, this is a great opportunity to get involved, meet new people, and help build our parish community.

More details will be shared soon, mark your calendars and come join the fun!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CRAFT TABLE DONATION

We are looking for donations of yarn, craft supplies, silk flowers, and Christmas tree bulbs for our Christmas Bazaar Craft Table. If you have any items to contribute, please drop them off in the donation box located in the Hearth Room. Your generous support is greatly appreciated, and we thank you in advance for helping make this year's Bazaar a success.

THREE KEY PROJECTS THIS FALL

As we look ahead to the fall, our parish will be undertaking three important projects to strengthen both our day-to-day operations and our long-term mission.

1. Financial Audit & Budget Planning

A full audit of the past two years will give us a clear and accurate picture of our parish's finances—how resources are managed, where adjustments may be needed, and how we can plan for the future. This will guide the preparation of a realistic budget for the next pastoral year.

2. Building & Maintenance Assessment

Our parish complex is a blessing, but it also requires careful upkeep. We will conduct a thorough examination of the buildings, including the structural, electrical, heating, and cooling systems. This will help us address urgent needs, plan for long-term repairs or upgrades, and manage costs responsibly.

3. Parish Pastoral Planning

As I shared in my June letter, we will also begin a synodal-like process to create a parish pastoral plan for the next 5–10 years. This will involve listening to God, to one another, and to our community's needs—discerning together how best to live out the Gospel here in the years ahead.

The results of the financial audit and building assessment will be presented at a Parish Town Hall Meeting in mid-to-late September (date to be confirmed). Following the meeting, we will re-establish the **Parish Finance Committee and Building & Maintenance Committee** with clear insight into our current situation and future goals.

In a time of financial uncertainty and changing demographics, good stewardship is essential. Thank you for your prayers, support, and participation as we work together to ensure that St. Margaret Mary Parish remains strong, vibrant, and mission-focused for generations to come.

(The full text of this letter is in the bulletin as an insert or on the information table in the narthex)

OFFICE HOURS

Starting this week, the Parish Office will be open from **Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church Bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2025 and support the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin, and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



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