

# St. Margaret Mary Parish

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**Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony, Pastor**

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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.

## Schools:

St. Margaret Mary	905-383-8122
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St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186

# TWENTY -SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

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

**Luke 14.25-33**

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD August 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,629.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,234.00
Building Fund	\$ 80.00
Parish Outreach	\$ 435.00

## August 10<sup>th</sup> Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 6,080.00
Loose Cash	\$ 716.00
Parish Outreach	\$ 363.00

## August 17<sup>th</sup> Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,702.00
Loose Cash	\$ 510.00
Parish Outreach	\$ 95.00

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

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Aug. 25	Rev. Robert Wong, S.J.
Tues. Aug. 26	Rev. Philip Shano, S.J.
Wed. Aug. 27	Ursuline Sisters, O.S.U.
Thurs. Aug. 28	Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Ch.
Fri. Aug. 29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Sat. Aug. 30	Very Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu

## 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.

**Blessing for a new academic year.....** Please join us next weekend for a special blessing at each Sunday Mass for the new school year. Students, teachers, administrators, support staff in grade school, high school and college and university are invited after the homily to come forward to ask for God's blessing and protection on their academic journey.

**Sundae Sunday.....** join us after Mass next weekend for some ice-cream and toppings to celebrate the holiday weekend and the beginning of a new school year.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Sept. 9	†Tony Stanfl, Jr. †Trinidad Rosal †Rocco Della Nebbia †Helen Acadia †Anton Nguyen
Wed., Sept. 10	†Vittoria & Enrico Mancinelli
Thurs., Sept. 11	Intentions of David & Michael †Mary Novak
Fri., Sept. 12	†Antonia Cacio †Neil Campbell
Sat., Sept. 13 @ 5:00 pm	†Pilipino Villabroza †Flora Mabini †Eleanor Wahler
Sun., Sept. 14 9:00am	†Romeo Goulet
Tues., Sept. 16	†Jayne Barr †Martin Tonaj
Wed., Sept. 17	†Marianna Guidi †Roberto Maiques †David Maiques
Thurs., Sept. 18	†Rocco Della Nebbia †Jose Ben Hur & Jean Benito †Pasquale Frenza
Fri., Sept. 19	†Lilia Omana †Bernard Robicahud †Kurt Weber
Sat. Sept. 20 5:00pm	†Marek Oleszczuk †Eduardo Allanigue †Donato Tortis †Teresita Naval Doria
Sun., Sept. 21 11:00 am	†Lourdes Burley
Tues., Sept. 23	†Angela D'Agruma †Giuseppe & Bridiga Suffoletta †Alfonso De Luca †Albert Fernandes
Wed., Sept. 24	†Dom Fernandez †Giacomo Corbacio †Lukas Gudinkas
Thurs., Sept. 25	Intentions of M. Sturtevant †Lilia Omana †Rocco Della Nebbia
Fri., Sept. 26	†Pacita Tumbokon †Vittorino Santucci †Angela Sebastiani
Sat. Sept. 27 5:00pm	†Annette Spatazzo †Alexander Osting †Joao, John & Maria Arruda †Antonio & Luisa Marle
Sun., Sept. 7 11:00 am	†Pietro Fesrelli

## 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 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

**A word from Pope Leo.....**“Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power or pleasure. - Homily for the Mass Pro Ecclesia, May 9, 2025

## **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](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com)

[www.hamiltondiocese.com/events](http://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.hamiltondiocesearns.com](http://www.hamiltondiocesearns.com)

### **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.

**A prayer for the new school year.....** Dear Lord, as I step into this new school year, I confess my fears of the unknown. Please help me to overcome these fears with faith in Your promises. Remind me that You are with me, even in the uncertain and unfamiliar moments. Strengthen my trust in You, knowing that You have a good plan for my life. May Your presence give me the courage to embrace new experiences with confidence.

### **Update on the recent damage at St. Margaret Mary.....**

On Monday we met to review the damage to the air conditioning unit to and begin the process of determining a path forward. The insurance company have initiated a review of the situation, and we expect a report in the next ten to twelve days that the Building and Maintenance Committee and I will review.

Unfortunately, the damage is extensive and means that we will not have a working system for many months. We are very grateful to our neighbor who alerted the police which meant that some evidence was left behind.

**From the desk of the pastor.....** Education is one of the great gifts we are given in life. It opens our minds, shapes our imaginations, and helps us understand the world around us. But beyond all of that, education is also meant to be a path toward wisdom, toward truth, and ultimately toward God. When we think of school in this light, we see it not simply as a place where we learn facts or prepare for a future career, but as a setting where we grow into the fullness of who God calls us to be.

Fr. Henri Nouwen once wrote, "The spiritual life does not remove us from the world but leads us deeper into it." These words help us see education in a new way. True learning doesn't separate us from faith but draws us into it more deeply. In our studies, in our relationships with teachers and classmates, in the effort we give to learning new skills, we are being invited to discover God's presence. Faith and learning are not two separate paths, but a single journey that helps us grow into maturity as children of God.

In school, we are challenged to use our minds, but also to shape our hearts. When we read literature, study history, explore the mysteries of science, or solve a math problem, we are not just learning for the sake of passing a test. We are being trained to see the world with clearer eyes, to appreciate the depth of creation, and to recognize truth when we encounter it. Education encourages us to ask questions, to seek meaning, and to look beyond the surface. This is very close to the work of faith itself. Faith is not about memorizing answers, but about seeking, questioning, listening, and discovering how God reveals himself in the ordinary events of life.

School also teaches us discipline and perseverance. There are times when homework feels overwhelming, when lessons seem confusing, or when grades do not reflect the effort we have put in. Yet even in these struggles, there is an opportunity to grow in faith. Patience, humility, and the willingness to keep trying are the very virtues that strengthen our relationship with God. Just as prayer requires persistence, so too does learning. Every time we push through difficulty, we are reminded that growth takes time, and that God is with us in the process.

Another gift of education is community. Schools bring us together with others who are also on the journey of learning. In classmates, we learn friendship and cooperation. In teachers, we see the example of dedication and generosity. In the wider school community, we learn that each of us has something to contribute, and that together we can build something greater than ourselves. Faith, too, is always lived in community. Just as the Church is a family of believers who support one another, so school can be a family of learners where each person's growth is encouraged.

Education, then, is not separate from our walk with God. It is one of the ways he shapes us. Every lesson, every challenge, every success and setback is an invitation to grow not only in knowledge, but also in wisdom and faith. So let us take courage in our studies. Let us see school not as a burden, but as a blessing, a place where God's voice can be heard in the midst of books, classrooms, and conversations. For in learning well, we are not only preparing for life, but we are also already living the life of faith.

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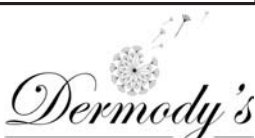
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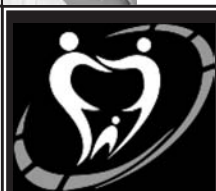
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