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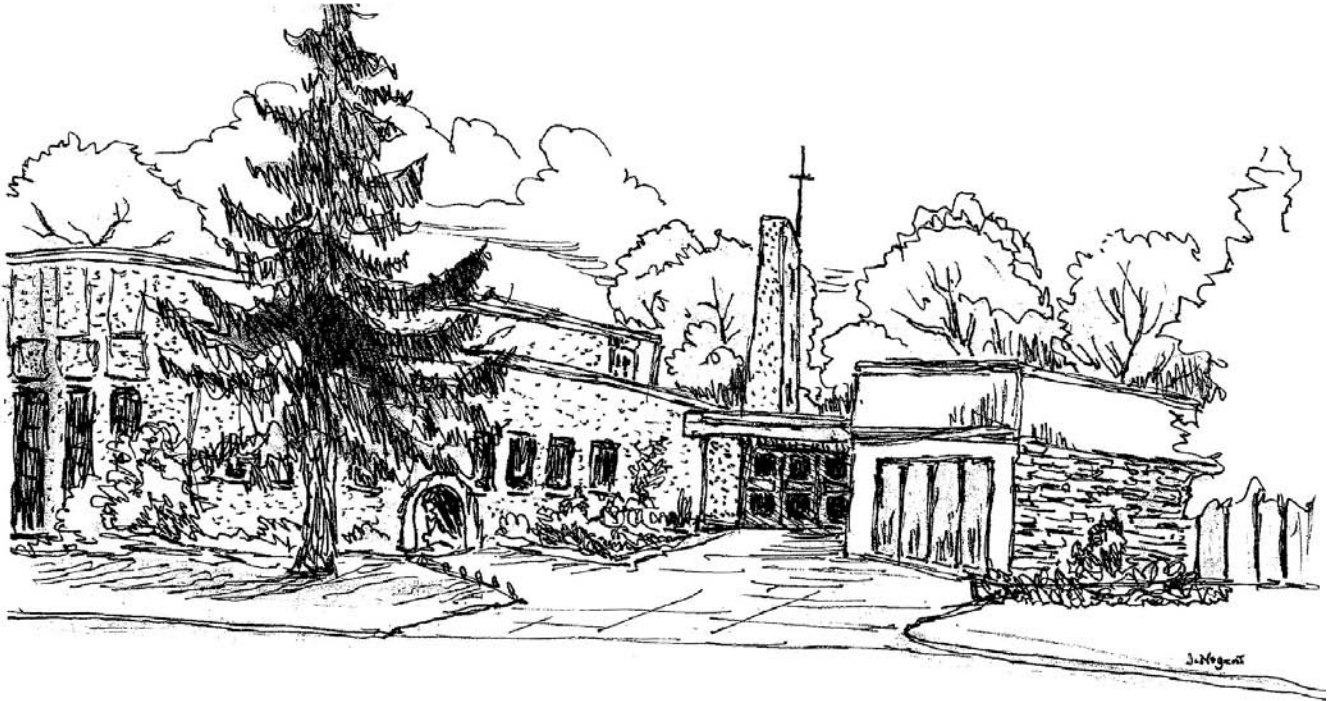
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Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-5:00 pm.

July & August: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 pm.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Mass:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 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.

Baptism: 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 online and 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
St. Thomas More Secondary	905-388-3030

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025



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

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Fourth Sunday of Advent is:
Matthew 1.18-24

OUR GIFTS TO GOD December 7th Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 6,055.00
Loose Cash	\$ 515.00
Building Fund	\$ 190.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 1,857.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon., Dec. 15	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Tues., Dec. 16	Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
Wed., Dec. 17	Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v. Dei.
Thurs., Dec.18	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Fri., Dec. 19	Rev. Donald Sanvido
Sat., Dec. 20	Rev. David Weise

Tues., Dec. 16 7:00 pm.	†Apolonio & Albina Sandoval †Pasquale Dipersio †William Genevive, Joseph & Aurora Menezes
Wed., Dec. 17 9:00 am.	†Remo Trifone †Antonio Di Paolo †Pietro & Rosaria Memmolo
Thurs., Dec.18 9:00 am.	Intentions of Paul & Marion †Joseph Spatazzo †Armand Gomes
Fri., Dec. 19 9:00 am	†Michael Martin †Jose Toreja †Enio & Clara DiSanza
Sat., Dec. 20 5:00pm	†Mario Di Carlo †Donato Tortis †Rita & Filiberto Cassiani †Sabatino Manganiello †Adele Pagliccia †James Oren Ridiber †Shlemon Hanna Osi

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas

Msgr. Con is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on: Thursday, December 18th during the following times: 11.00 am. to 12 Noon., 2.00 pm. to 3.00 pm., and 7.00 pm. to 8.30 pm.

FYI....the installation of the Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski C.S.M.A, the tenth bishop of Hamilton, takes place at the Cathedral of Christ the King, on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 11.00 am.

2026 DONATIONS ENVELOPES STILL AVAILABLE

Donation envelopes for 2026 are still available for pick-up in the narthex and are arranged alphabetically for your convenience. Returning parishioners are asked to please dispose of all old envelopes and begin using the **pink envelope** available in the narthex. Be sure to write your **full name and address** on the pink envelope so your donation is properly credited to you. Please do not continue using old envelopes, as the numbers may have changed and could now belong to another family. If you need a new set of envelopes, please contact the Church Office.



ADVENT JOY- REJOICING IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*, from the Latin word meaning "rejoice." The rose-colored candle on the Advent

wreath glows softly amid the deeper purples of waiting and repentance, reminding us that even in a season of longing, there is room for joy. But what does *joy* really mean, especially in a world often marked by bad news, chaos, and uncertainty?

Advent joy is not the same as simple happiness. Happiness depends on circumstance, on things going well, on moments of comfort or success. Joy, by contrast, springs from a deeper source. It is rooted not in what is happening around us, but in **Who** is with us. True Christian joy is born of the

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24th No Morning Mass
4:00 pm
9:00 pm

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25th 9:00 am
11:00 am

New Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 31st No Morning
5:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Thursday, January 1st No 9:00 am Mass
11:00 am

Advent Confession Schedule

Thursday, December 18th 11:00 am - 12:00 noon
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, December 20th 11:00 am - 12:00 noon
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Our new parish **Building and Maintenance Committee** have been busy since the first meeting in October. They have reviewed the quotes for the replacement of the damaged air-conditioning unit and awarded the contract to Smith and Long at a cost of \$215,152 dollars. A significant portion of this will come from our insurance. The second project is the upgrading of our security system which is in two phases: the alarm system's work is almost complete and the upgrading and installation of cameras in the church and narthex is scheduled to begin in a few weeks.

presence of Christ, who enters our human experience with compassion and light.

This is why joy can exist even in sorrow. It is the quiet assurance that God is near, that His promises endure, and that His love is stronger than fear or despair. **Henri Nouwen** wrote, ***“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.”*** This is the heart of Advent joy, a deliberate act of faith that God’s goodness is still unfolding, even when the world feels dark.

In Scripture, joy often appears in unlikely places. Mary sings her *Magnificat* not because her life has become easy, but because she trusts in the faithfulness of God. The shepherds rejoice not in power or wealth, but because they have seen the glory of God revealed in a humble child. Joy, in the Christian sense, grows in the soil of trust, it is the fruit of knowing that we are held in God’s care, even when the future is uncertain.

In our own lives, Advent invites us to seek this kind of joy: a joy that is quieter than excitement, but more enduring; a joy that coexists with tears and questions but refuses to give way to despair. To be joyful in the midst of bad news does not

mean ignoring pain or pretending everything is fine. Rather, it means looking for signs of God’s presence even there, in the kindness of others, in the courage of those who serve, in the steady hope that Christ is still coming into our world.

Practically, Advent joy can be nurtured through gratitude and attention. Each day, we might pause to notice one small sign of goodness, a word of encouragement, a moment of beauty, a glimpse of peace, and offer thanks for it. We might also bring our sorrows honestly before God, trusting that His love can transform them. Joy grows when we open our hearts to grace, even in small ways.

Advent’s message of joy is both tender and strong. It does not deny the world’s brokenness but proclaims that God has entered it. In the midst of our waiting and uncertainty, we are not alone. Christ, our Joy, is near. And because He is near, we can rejoice.



CHRISTMAS TREE OF HOPE

Once again, our parish will be collecting gifts for the Good Shepherd to distribute to the less fortunate in our community. This year they are asking for the following:

1. *Unwrapped gift only for ages 0 to 9*
2. *Walmart gift cards in a \$25 denomination which will be given to all those 10 and over. (this ensures fair distribution)*
3. *New socks and underwear.*

We will have the tree in the Narthex until December 21st. All gifts must be delivered to the Good Shepherd by December 22nd. Please place unwrapped gifts under the tree. Please place Gift Cards in an envelope marked “Tree of Hope” into the collection baskets. Thank you so much for your generosity.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessing for Nativity scene figurine of Jesus:

God our Father, you loved us so much you sent us your only Son, Jesus,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
To save us and lead us back to you.
We pray that, with your blessing,
These images of Jesus might be
A sign of your presence and love in our homes.
Good Father, give your blessing
To all who gather with us this Christmas,
Family and friends.
Open our hearts,
That we might receive Jesus in joy,
Always do what he asks of us,
And see him in those who need our love.
Pope Benedict XVI (2008)

THANK YOU FROM FATHER JUDE

The Haiti Twinning Committee invites you to visit our parish website to see several heart-warming updates: our letter to Father Jude sharing the amazing results from you, our most generous parishioners, to our October appeal, Father Jude’s letter of reply and a few new photos of the children and youth whom St. Margaret Mary Parish is educating and feeding. Please go to our parish website, stmargaretmaryparish.ca, click the “Haiti” tab and choose “Current Years” to view these documents. We thank you sincerely for your ongoing most generous support of this Mission of Hope and Love. May God bless you and your families at this Holy Season of Christmas and may the New Year continue to bring God’s countless blessings to you all.

BIG THANKS FROM THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE

Thank you to each of you for your generosity in supporting our annual Christmas Parish Bazaar which had a profit of \$18,057.51. This money has been delegated to updating the security system at the church and is currently in progress! We extend to each of you our very best wishes for a Blessed Christmas Season! May God continue to bless us all abundantly!

St. Margaret Mary, Bazaar Committee

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT- DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Parishioners may make a donation for the sanctuary Christmas flowers in memory of deceased loved ones. A Mass for them will be celebrated on The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, **Sunday, January 11th, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**, and their names will be included in the bulletin. Please clearly print the name of the person to be memorialized on the back of the donation envelope. **The deadline for donations is on Christmas, December 25th, 2025.**

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