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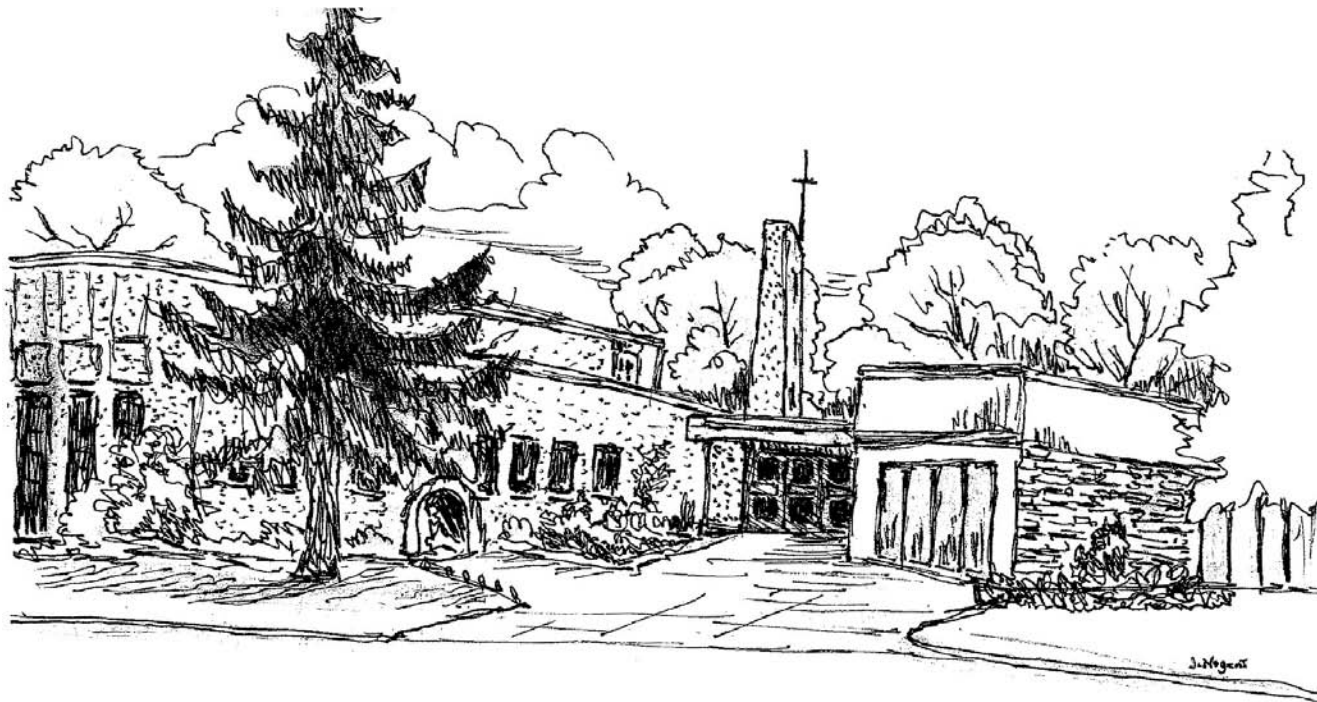
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**Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony**, Pastor

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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
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	905-385-8212
St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186
St. Thomas More Secondary	905-388-3030

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

## REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Third Sunday of Advent is:

**Matthew 11.2-11**

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD November 30<sup>th</sup> Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,660.00
Loose Cash	\$ 681.00
Building Fund	\$ 243.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 45.00

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

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon., Dec. 8	<b><i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b>
Tues., Dec. 9	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wed., Dec. 10	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.
Thurs., Dec.11	Catholic Young Adults
Fri., Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe <i>National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples</i>
Sat., Dec. 13	Rev. Michael McHugh

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



As we prepare for the Christmas season, parents and children are invited to a **Christmas-themed Movie Night** on **Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 PM**

(following the 5:00 PM Mass). We will begin the evening with pizza, enjoy two short Christmas movies based on the Gospel story of Christ's birth, and end with ice cream. To help us plan, please call the parish office at 905-388-2200 and let us know how many children and adults will be attending. There is no charge.

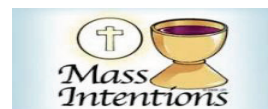
## WHEN LIFE CHANGES: GRIEF RELIEF (PART ONE):

**Grief Relief (Part One)** is a 6-week program using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material, this program is intended to help you to understand your grief and provides practical tips for helping you through. In Hamilton, this program is offered twice a year, in the Spring and Fall and all are welcome to attend. Programs are provided by trained facilitators.

**When & Where:** Wednesday evenings from November 5 to Dec. 10, 2025. From 7pm-8:30pm at the Chancery Office (700 King St. West Hamilton); *in-person only*.

## PARISH OUTREACH- CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A gentle reminder from the letter distributed last week regarding our Parish Outreach Christmas Program: please submit your Outreach donations by **December 14** so we can distribute grocery gift cards in time for Christmas. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of families in need.



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

Tues., Dec. 9 7:00 pm.	†Angela Sebastiani †Lucian, Alfred & Leonard Fernandes
Wed., Dec. 10 9:00 am.	†Tony Stanfl Sr. †Anthony Peter Sceti †For all the souls in purgatory
Thurs., Dec.11 9:00 am.	†Eduardo Allnigue †Vincent Gomes †Rita Cull †Frank Kluska
Fri., Dec. 12 9:00 am	†Annette Spatazzo †Joseph Spatazzo †Paul Tymchuk
Sat., Dec. 13 5:00pm	†Lydia Belita †Salvatore Garzia †Shanawas Shiuji †Adele Pagliccia Intentions of Caiella Family
Sun., Dec. 14 9:00am	†Nicholas & Mary Borekyo †Phyllis Britton
11:00 am	†Dominic Morganti



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LEARNING TO WAIT WITH THE FAITHFUL HEARTS

Advent is often called a **season of waiting**, and by the Second Sunday, we begin to feel its rhythm more deeply. The

candles on the Advent wreath multiply; the light grows stronger. The readings echo the call of John the Baptist: *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* Yet this preparation is not hurried or anxious. Advent invites us to a different kind of waiting, one filled with faith, patience, and hope.

In our modern world, waiting is rarely comfortable. We live surrounded by instant access and quick results. We can grow restless when answers or outcomes do not come immediately. But Advent waiting is holy waiting. It reminds us that God's timing is not ours, and that spiritual growth often happens in the in-between spaces, in the quiet, in the stillness, in the trust that God is at work even when we cannot yet see the fruit.

To "prepare the way" for Christ, then, means learning to wait differently: not with frustration, but with expectancy; not in distraction, but in prayer. Waiting in faith is an act of surrender. It is choosing to believe that God's promises will be fulfilled, even in our uncertainty.

During this second week of Advent, we might make a conscious effort to slow down and give God a little more space in our days. Here are a few simple ways to do that:

- **Begin or end the day in silence.** Before the noise of the morning or after the demands of the day, spend five quiet minutes simply breathing and repeating a short prayer such as, *"Come, Lord Jesus."* Let that longing shape your heart.
- **Pray with Scripture.** The Sunday readings are a rich source of Advent grace. Read them slowly—especially Isaiah's visions of peace or John the Baptist's cry for repentance. Ask the Holy Spirit what

word or phrase God might be speaking to you through them.

- **Light your Advent candle intentionally.** When you light the second candle this week, do so prayerfully. Name aloud what you are waiting for—perhaps healing, reconciliation, or deeper faith—and ask Christ to enter that place of longing.
- **Practice “listening prayer.”** Advent is not only about speaking to God, but also about making space to listen. Sit quietly, aware of God's presence, and let your heart rest in Him.

Advent prayer does not need to be complicated. It is more about presence than perfection—about making room for God's light to grow within us. Each act of waiting becomes an offering of trust.

As we journey through this second week, we can remember that God often works in quiet, hidden ways—just as the Christ Child grew unseen in Mary's womb. Our task is to stay attentive, hopeful, and open. When we wait with hearts turned toward God, we discover that He is already drawing near, preparing to reveal His love in new and surprising ways.

### **2026 DONATIONS ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

Donation envelopes for 2026 are now 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.

### **CHRISTMAS HELP: A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE OF ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL**

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas time will soon be upon us and staff at the school and St. Margaret Mary Parish are already in the process of assembling our Christmas baskets for our families in need.

We rely on the help of families, staff, parishioners, and other community members to gather support. For convenience for all, we will be asking for support in the form of gifts cards.

Gift card location suggestions include:

- Walmart, President's Choice for groceries or a gift purchase.
- Amazon or Restaurant Cards for a meal out or a gift purchase.

Please submit any donations to the parish or school office. We are grateful for any support that can be offered.

*Many Thanks, Mr. De Tullio (Principal)*



### **SIMBANG GABI**

A cherished Filipino tradition, **Simbang Gabi**, also known as *Misa de Gallo*, is a nine-day series of dawn Masses leading up to Christmas. Masses will be celebrated at **St. Charles Garnier Parish**, 129 Hughson St. South, Hamilton, from **December 15th to 23rd at 7:00 pm. Rosary and Novena** will take place beforehand at **6:00 pm**.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**The Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary will be hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.** Doors will open at **6:00 PM**, with dinner beginning at **6:30 PM**.

Tickets will be available for purchase **after each Mass until Sunday, December 14, 2025**. Please note that, due to fire safety regulations, tickets are **limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis**. The cost is **\$25.00 per person**. We encourage everyone who wishes to attend to purchase tickets early. **Donations for Birthright Hamilton will also be accepted at the event.** We look forward to celebrating this special season together and hope to see you there!



### **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 21<sup>st</sup>. All gifts must be delivered to the Good Shepherd by December 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

**CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 3rd at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton)**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



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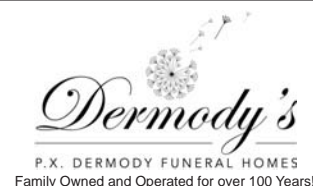
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