

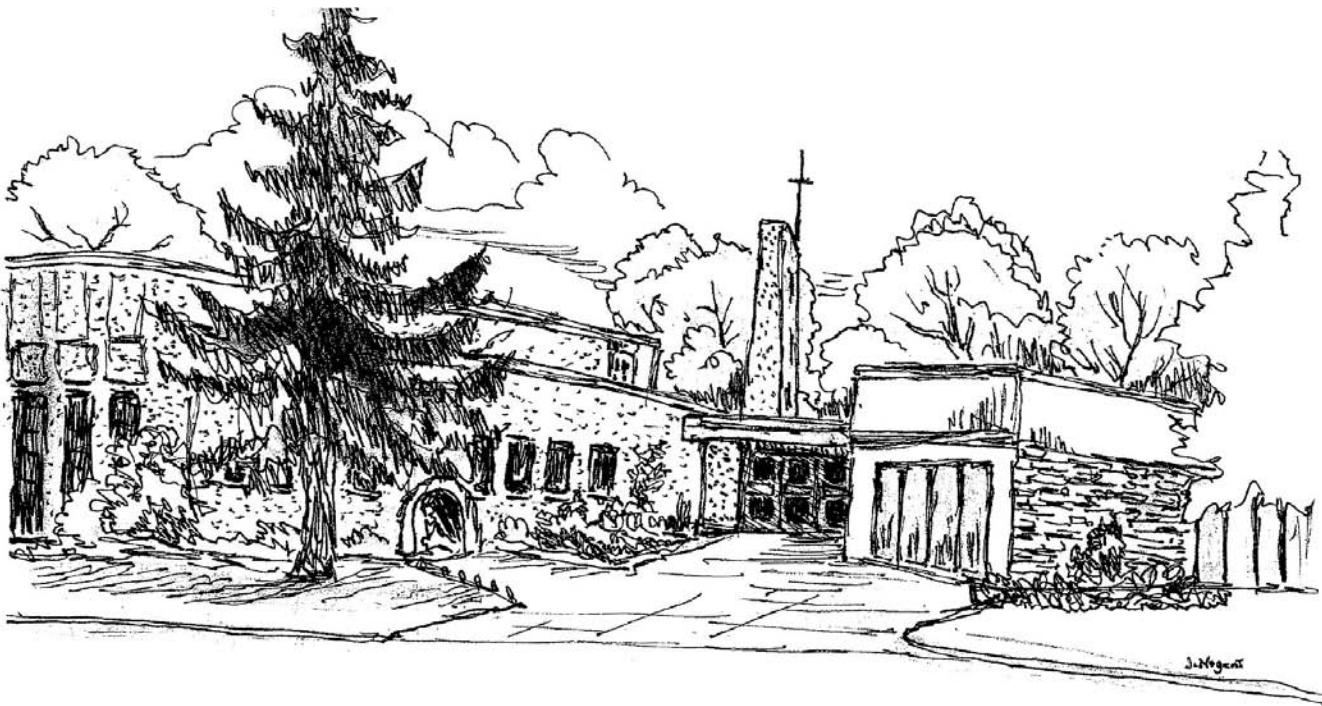


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Office Hours:

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.

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St. Thomas More Secondary 905-388-3030

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 5.13-16

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

January 25th, 2026 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 3,140.00
Loose Cash	\$ 651.00
Seminary Education	\$ 30.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 45.00
Building Fund	\$ 264.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Copies of the January and February Diocesan Prayer Calendar are available in the Narthex. They will now be made available every two months for you to take home and place in a prominent place.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- FEBRUARY 1, 2026

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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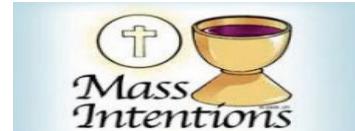


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus is hosting a Super Bowl watch party on February 8, 2026 in the Hearth Room. Open to any men and women over the age of 19. Tickets will be sold after each mass up to the date for \$10 each. Limited tickets available.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS -

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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

Tues., Feb. 3 7:00 pm.	†Pasqualina Cosoleto †Jean Robichaud
Wed., Feb 4 9:00 am	†Ben Di Placito
Thurs., Feb. 5 9:00 am	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri., Feb. 6 9:00 am	†Maria Berardi
Sat., Feb. 7 5:00pm	†Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joao, John & Maria Arruda †Anthony Peter Aceti

PLEASE PICK UP!!

2026 DONATIONS ENVELOPES

Donation envelopes for 2026 are still available for pick-up at the church office from Tuesday to Friday, between 1:00–4:00 p.m. You may also call the office at 905-388-2200 to book a special pick-up time and day. Kindly **do not use old envelopes**, as they may already be assigned to a new envelope holder.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Parishioners and friends of St. Margaret Mary Parish are invited to a retreat day to mark the beginning of Lent on **Saturday, February 21 from 9.30 am, to 3.00 pm.** in the church (lunch provided). The theme, ***Listening with the Ear of your Heart*** is an opportunity to prayerfully prepare to enter the season of Lent and provide some insights from the treasury of the church's spiritual traditions. More information to follow.

Tomorrow, Monday is a significant day for the diocese of Hamilton when the **Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.** becomes the 10th bishop of the diocese. His appointment was officially announced on November 1st by Pope Leo. Previously, Bishop Dabrowski, served as Auxiliary Bishop of London before he was appointed as the bishop of Charlottetown PEI. At 11.00 am, Bishop Dabrowski will present the Decree of Appointment to the *College of Consultors* and "formally take possession of the See", at a ceremony to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Christ the King. Please keep him in your prayers.



LEADERS NEEDED

Please consider joining our team of leaders to help minister the Liturgy of the Word to our youth. If you are 18 years of age or older, a commitment of 1–2 Sundays per month at the 11:00 a.m. Mass is a meaningful investment in the future of our parish. For more information, please contact Joanne Nutley at 905-865-9352 or joannabana80@hotmail.com.

A YEAR WITH THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

As the Church journeys through this liturgical year primarily hearing from the **Gospel of Matthew**, we are invited to listen attentively to the distinctive way Matthew proclaims the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. While all four Gospels announce the same Lord, each evangelist does so with a particular pastoral purpose and theological emphasis. The following five key notes can help us appreciate Matthew's unique voice and deepen our discipleship as we walk with him week by week.

1. Jesus as the Fulfillment of God's Promises: Matthew consistently presents Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures. His Gospel is marked by frequent phrases such as "this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the prophet." From the genealogy that opens the Gospel to the events of Jesus' passion, Matthew shows that God's saving plan unfolds faithfully through history. Jesus is portrayed as the promised Messiah, rooted in Israel's story, not a break from it. For listeners today, Matthew invites us to trust in God's faithfulness and to see our own lives as part of a larger, ongoing covenant story.

2. A Strong Teaching Gospel: Jesus the New Moses: Matthew is often called the "teaching Gospel." He organizes Jesus' teachings into five major discourses, echoing the five books of the Torah. Most famous among these is the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), where Jesus deepens the law by addressing the heart rather than mere external observance. Like a new Moses, Jesus ascends the mountain and teaches with divine authority. Matthew wants the Church to hear Jesus not only as Savior but as teacher, forming a community shaped by mercy, humility, righteousness, and radical love.

3. The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand: Unlike other Gospels, Matthew typically uses the phrase "Kingdom of heaven" rather than "Kingdom of God," reflecting reverence for God's name within a Jewish-Christian context. This Kingdom is central to Jesus' preaching and is illustrated through parables unique or especially prominent in Matthew. The Kingdom is both present and future: it is already breaking into the world through Jesus' words and deeds, yet it awaits its fullness. Matthew challenges disciples to live now according to the values of that Kingdom—faithfulness, vigilance, and trust—while awaiting God's final victory.

4. A Gospel Written for the Church: Matthew has a pronounced concern for the life and order of the Christian community. He is the only evangelist to use the word "church" (*ekklesia*) explicitly. Teachings on reconciliation, forgiveness, leadership, and communal responsibility receive particular emphasis. Peter's role is highlighted, not to exalt an individual, but to underscore unity and pastoral care within the Church. Matthew reminds us that following Jesus is never a purely private endeavor; it is lived within a community that must reflect God's justice and compassion.

5. Jesus as Emmanuel: God-With-Us: Matthew begins with the proclamation that Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us," and ends with Jesus' promise, "I am with you always, until the end of the age." This framing is deliberate. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus' presence brings healing, forgiveness,

authority, and hope. Even in moments of failure and doubt among the disciples, Matthew emphasizes that the risen Lord remains with his Church. This assurance sustains mission and perseverance, especially in times of challenge.

As we journey with Matthew this year, his Gospel calls us to listen deeply, live faithfully, and follow Jesus with renewed conviction. By attending to these key notes, we allow Matthew's account to shape not only our understanding, but our daily practice as disciples of the Lord.

41st ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITIES DINNER DANCE

The 41st ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITIES DINNER DANCE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Councils in the Hamilton area takes place on Saturday evening, February 14th at Carmens Banquet Hall. Guest Speaker will be his Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Dabrowski. For tickets and information contact Bob at (905)-389-4024.

TWINKLE TOES CAMPAIGN

St. Margaret Mary Parish Catholic Women's League (CWL) annually runs a "Twinkle Toes Campaign". This campaign involves collecting a variety of toiletries, so they can be stuffed into warm socks. These socks are gifted to men and women in the community who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. Last year over 300 socks were filled and delivered to the Good Shepherd Centre and the Out of the Cold Program. This year it is our hope to increase this number.

We thank you in advance for your generosity in helping us to achieve this. Donations of the items listed below can be dropped off in the box under the table in the Narthex labelled Twinkle Toes.

- **NEW** warm socks (men, women or children)
- Unused vacation/ trip mini size toiletries,
- Mini size soap or shampoo,
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss,
- Lip balm,
- Small stretchy warm gloves,
- Hand sanitizer (mini),
- Mini face or body lotion,
- Band-aids,
- Hairbrush or comb,
- Small packages of tissues,



HEARTS FOR HAITI

The Twinning Committee invites you to send a Valentine to the parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish in Beau-Sejour. On the weekends of February 7-8 and February 14-15, hearts will be available before and after each Mass. Signed hearts will be displayed in the narthex and then sent down to Beau-Sejour and Father Jude will distribute them to his parishioners after Mass. Cost is a toonie (or any donation) and all proceeds will continue to support the education of over 900 students in Beau-Sejour. Thank you for your generous support of our sisters and brothers in Haiti.

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