

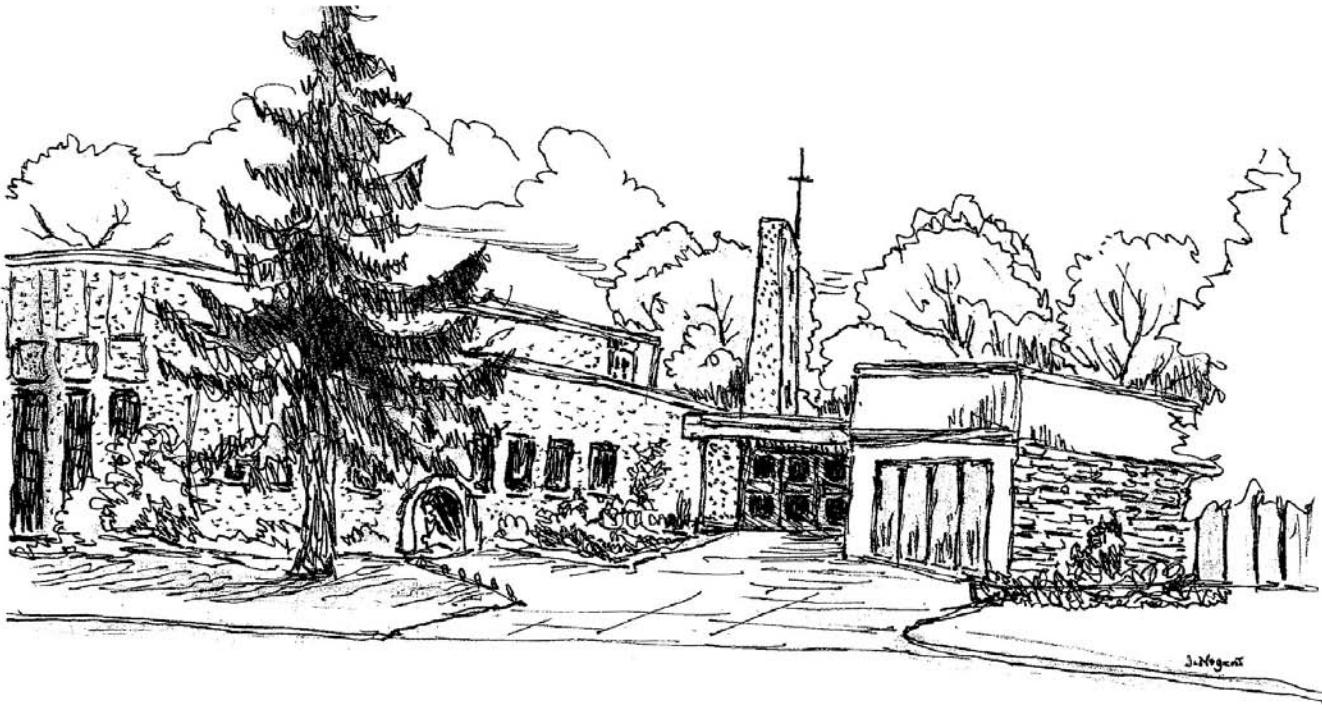


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Office Hours:

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 5:17- 37

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

February 1st, 2026 Collection

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| Regular Sunday Env. | \$ 4,244.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$ 561.00 |
| Seminary Education | \$ 522.00 |
| St.M.M. Parish Outreach | \$ 235.00 |

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- FEBRUARY 8, 2026

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



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 www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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 joannabanana80@hotmail.com.



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

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| Tues., Feb. 10 7:00 pm. | †Annette Spatazzo †Dave Shoup †Tony Pracsovics |
| Wed., Feb 11 9:00 am | †Josie Canaan †Lito Bautista †Masrk Bistoyong |
| Thurs., Feb.12 9:00 am | †Domenic Colasurdo |
| Fri., Feb. 13 9:00 am | †Maria Gabriele †Arturo Valiente |
| Sat., Feb. 14 5:00pm | †Shlemon Hanna Osi †Lito Bautista †Richard Crandall †Sebastiano Guglielmo †Steve Dushko †Donato Tortis |

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. **So that we can plan for lunch, please let us know if you plan to attend by calling Divine at 905-388-2200 or email at office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca.**

THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK AND THE RITE OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Each year on February 11, the Church observes the **World Day of the Sick**, a day that coincides with the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**. This day invites us to reflect on Christ's compassionate care for the sick and suffering, and on the Church's enduring mission to bring healing, comfort, and hope to those in need. From its earliest days, the Christian community has taken seriously the call found in the Letter of James: "Are there any who are sick among you? Let them call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."

The Rite of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the Church's seven sacraments and is a powerful sign of God's loving presence in times of illness, weakness, or serious health challenge. Far from being reserved only for the moment of death, this sacrament is intended to strengthen the faithful whenever serious illness, advanced age, or an upcoming medical procedure, places a person in particular need of God's grace. Through this rite, the Church continues Christ's healing ministry, offering prayer, sacramental grace, and the reassurance that no one suffers alone.

At the heart of the rite is prayer. The priest, acting on behalf of the Church, prays for the sick person's healing, peace, and trust in the Lord. The laying on of hands recalls the gestures of Jesus himself, who touched the sick and restored them. The anointing with the **Oil of the Sick**, blessed by the bishop at the **Chrism Mass**, marks the person as entrusted to God's care. As the priest anoints the forehead and hands, he prays that the Lord will grant strength, relief from suffering, forgiveness of sins, and, if it be God's will, restoration to health.

The grace of this sacrament is both spiritual and, at times, physical. It brings comfort in anxiety, courage in fear, and hope in the face of uncertainty. It unites the suffering of the sick person with the saving work of Christ, reminding us that even in weakness, God is at work. For some, this grace leads to recovery; for others, it provides peace, endurance, and readiness to face whatever lies ahead.

The Anointing of the Sick is available to the faithful at any time of serious illness and should not be delayed until the final hours of life. Families are encouraged to contact the parish early, so that the sacrament may be celebrated prayerfully and without urgency, allowing the sick person to participate fully in the grace and comfort the Church desires to offer.

This sacrament also reminds the entire parish community of its responsibility to care for the vulnerable. When one member suffers, all are called to respond with prayer, compassion, and practical support. As we observe the World Day of the Sick, may we renew our commitment to accompany those who are ill, to encourage them to receive the sacraments, and to trust always in the healing mercy of Christ, who walks with us in every season of life.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Please be advised of the following important dates and requirements for First Communion preparation: **Teaching Masses** will take place during **the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass** on the following Sundays: **February 8, March 1 & March 22 and April 19**. Attendance at these Teaching Masses is **mandatory for parents and communicants**.

Reconciliation for Grade 2: Parents/Guardians are invited to bring their children for First Reconciliation on **Tuesday, March 24 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM or any Saturday during April from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**. Thank you for your cooperation.

THANK YOU!!!

We are grateful to the **Filipino Community** for their generous donation of **\$867.00**. These offerings were received during the St. Niño and Black Nazarene Masses held at our Parish. Again, thank you for your continued support.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE HAMILTON

Looking for something to do this Lent? 40 Days for Life Hamilton invites you to help to try and make a change for Hamilton's pre-born children! YOU can participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, each day from February 18 – March 29 anytime between 7:00am to 7:00 pm. You can sign up for just ONE hour during this Lenten season 2026! Sign up online: <https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton>

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.

SPEAKING SYNODALITY

The **Office for Evangelization and Catechesis** invites you to join our three-part workshop series on Synodality and its applications in local parish settings. This seminar is encouraged for those involved in parish councils, pastoral planning, and leadership at all levels of Catholic community living. There will be 2 locations for each 3-part session series: Hamilton (with a Zoom option) and, Guelph. Registration and further details can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group –

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. It is held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Register here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> anytime the week of the session, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

SPRING BOOK CLUB: "ON LOVE OF THE POOR"

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invite you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation, "On Love of the Poor." Aligned with our Lenten journey, this series will explore the key themes and messages of our Holy Father's message on love and solidarity with those who experience marginalization. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

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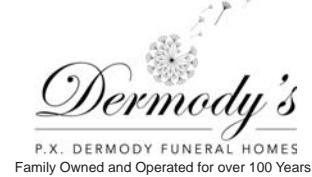
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