

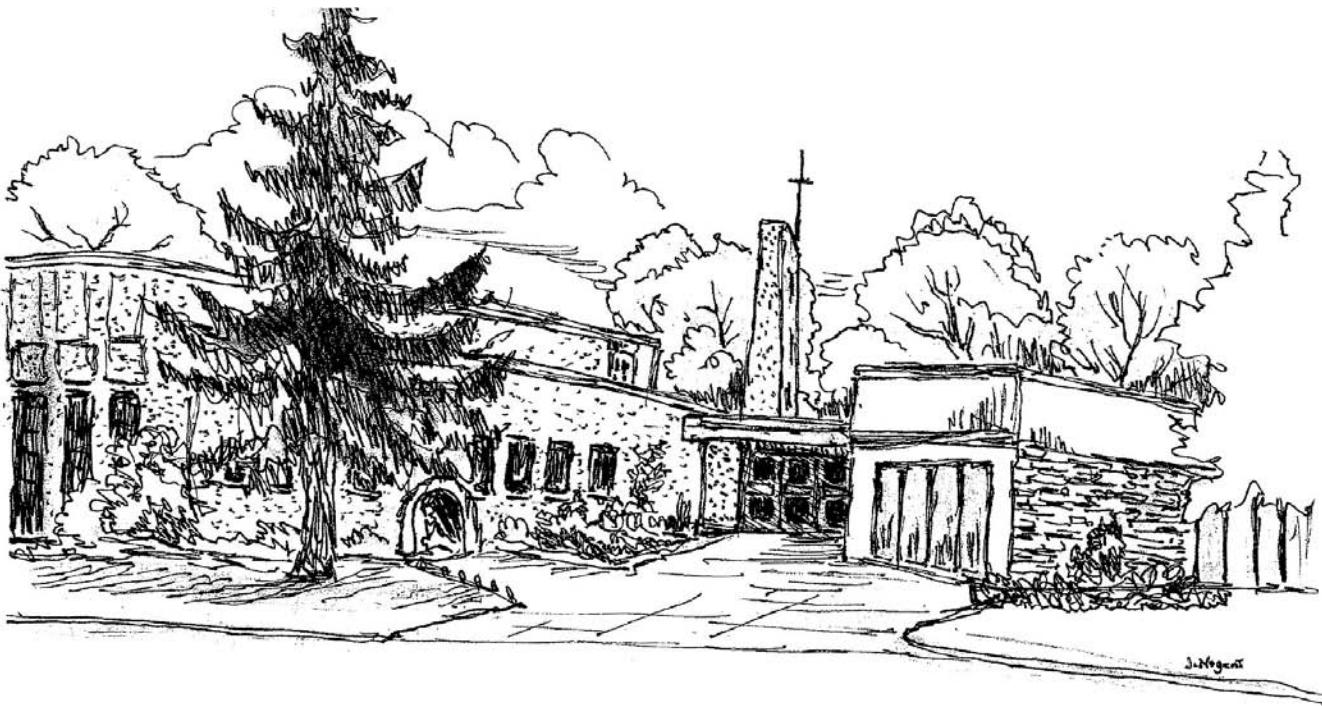


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Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony, Pastor

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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:

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St. Kateri Tekakwitha 905-385-8212

St. Anthony Daniel 905-389-5186

St. Thomas More Secondary 905-388-3030

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

John 1.29-34

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

December 24th, 2025 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 1,030.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,219.30
Building Fund	\$ 90.00
Christmas	\$ 8,382.00
Mission Coop- HAITI	\$ 100.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 95.00

December 25th, 2025 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 695.00
Loose Cash	\$ 643.00
Christmas	\$ 5,242.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 115.00

December 28th, 2025 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 3,744.00
Loose Cash	\$ 678.00
Christmas	\$ 1,498.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 115.00

January 1st, 2026 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 682.00
Loose Cash	\$ 559.00
New Year's Day	\$ 2,555.00
Christmas & Flowers	\$ 1,875.00

January 4th, 2026 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 3,516.00
Loose Cash	\$ 617.00
New Year's	\$ 368.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 100.00
Initial Offering	\$ 1,041.00
Building Fund	\$ 160.00

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.

ATTENTION CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the first session for the candidates takes place during the 9.00 am Mass this Sunday, January 11 (the first working session takes place after the Mass in the school). Please note that a parent or other family member is required to attend the first parish session with the Confirmation candidate.



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

Tues., Jan. 13 7:00 pm.	†Kevin Beattie †Adriano Spallacci †Deceased members of Ferrelli & Oddi Families †Nunzio, Gino, Graziella & Giuseppe Crimeli †Adriano Spallacci † Tony Pracsovics
Wed., Jan. 14 9:00 am	†Benda Cabanilla
Thurs., Jan.15 9:00 am	†Issaia Palombella
Fri., Jan. 16 9:00 am	Intentions of Sheila Campbell
Sat., Jan. 17 5:00pm	†Giuseppe & Lisa D'Alesio †Aurora Santoro †Maria Ciancone

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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD- January 11, 2026

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FORMED: St Margaret Mary Parish has a subscription to the FORMED online platform with interesting faith formation and short films on a variety of faith related topics. We have made enquiries with the company who distributes this material requesting information on how many of our parishioner's log into the platform regularly or occasionally and they were unable to provide us with the requested information. The annual fee is due in a few weeks and comes to \$2,500 Canadian dollars for the year. My question to our parishioners is, do you regularly or occasionally log into this platform? When was the last time you used it and for what purpose? Please contact Divine: office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca with your thoughts.

GROWING IN FAITH, GROWING IN CHRIST, the adult faith series resumes on Wednesday, January 28th in the Hearth Room at 7.30. For this series we will look at the creed and the sacraments.

A REFLECTION ON POPE LEO XIV'S CHRISTMAS HOMILY

As we bring the Christmas Season to a close this weekend, it is worth pausing for a few moments with Pope Leo XIV and the deeply moving homily he gave at the **Christmas Eve Mass** in St. Peter's Basilica. In it, he invites all of us to rediscover the heart of the Gospel in the birth of Christ, a heart that beats with **God's love for every human person**.

In his first Christmas celebration as pope, Pope Leo reminded the faithful that in the mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming one of us, is not just a beautiful story from long ago but a living reality that calls us to a **renewed sense of compassion and human dignity**. He said, "**Whenever we make room for the human person, we are making room for God.**" In these often busy and distracted days, this single insight challenges us to slow down and recognize Jesus in the people around us, especially in those who are most in need.

Pope Leo pointed to the Gospel scene in Bethlehem not merely as an event of history but as a **revelation of God's closeness to every human heart**, especially those who are poor, displaced, or marginalized. Drawing on the ancient tradition of Christmas proclamation, he emphasized that God's choice to enter the world in humility is a **sign of solidarity with all who suffer**, the poor, the lonely, the refugees, the sick, and those overlooked by society. This message is especially poignant in our own time, as so many around the world face war, displacement, and economic hardship.

The Holy Father invited us to consider the **simple yet profound dignity of the Christ Child in the manger**, a God who chooses vulnerability over power and love over domination. He reminded the faithful that true greatness in the Kingdom of God is measured not by wealth or influence, but by **humble service to one another**. In doing so, Pope Leo echoed the timeless teaching of St. Augustine, his own spiritual heritage, that charity and care for the neighbor are the living signs of Christian discipleship.

Throughout his homily, Pope Leo encouraged each of us to become bearers of **God's peace and mercy in our homes, our communities, and beyond**. Christmas, he said, is not simply about remembering that Christ was born; it is about letting the light of Christ be born again in our hearts and actions. He urged us to reach out especially to those who feel forgotten, to make room in our lives for reconciliation, and to witness to Christ's love by building bridges of unity and hope.

Pope Leo's words invite us to see the beauty of Christmas not in festive decorations or traditions alone, but in the **call to embrace the Christ who continues to be born among us** whenever we extend compassion, forgive another, or stand with someone in need. As we celebrate this holy season, may we allow the love of the Savior, born in a manger and revealed to the world, to transform our hearts and renew our commitment to serving God in every person we encounter.

The purpose of this profound message takes the work and mission of the church beyond Christmas Day and into the

weeks and months ahead, living as people of hope, peace, and joyful mercy. May the Prince of Peace remain at the center of all we do.



PORKETTA ON A BUN

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta on a Bun after all Masses on January 24th and 25th. Cost is \$ 6.00 for one and \$ 15.00 for three.

Pre order sheets are in the Narthex of the Church. Last day to order is Tuesday, January 20th.

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.

FEAST OF STO. NINO



The **Feast of Sto. Niño** will be celebrated on Sunday, January 18th at **5:00 PM**. The celebration will begin with the **Rosary and Novena at 4:00 PM**, followed by the **Image Procession at 4:45 PM**. All are welcome to join.

AN INVITATION FROM HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE

Hamilton Right to Life invites you to participate in our 17th **Annual Candlelight Prayer Vigil on Saturday, January 24th** honoring the 4-million unborn children who have lost their lives through abortion since 1980, and to pray for a transformation in the hearts and minds of those who view abortion as a solution to crisis or unplanned pregnancy. Evening Program of prayer, Gospel readings and music begins at **7:00pm at St. George Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson St., Hamilton**, followed by a short walk to Main St. for a half-hour of prayer and silent witness across from McMaster Children's Hospital. Afterward we'll return to St. George's for hot drinks, fellowship and a short presentation by Rev. Dr. Wayne Hancock. This is an outdoor event. Please dress warmly and according to weather conditions. Signs and battery-operated candles will be supplied. Please go to our website to register: HamiltonRightToLife.org/events.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in *Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice*. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. *Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.* Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>

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