

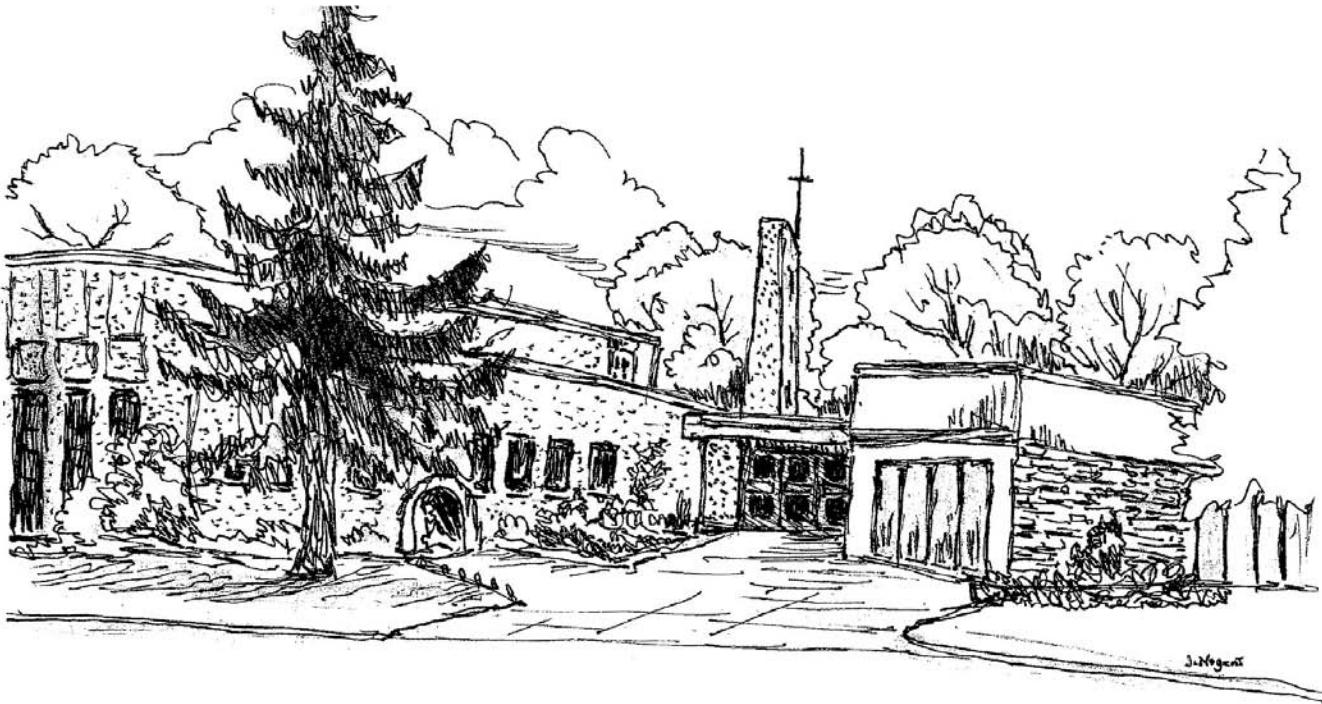


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Office Hours:

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 IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 18, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 4.12-17

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

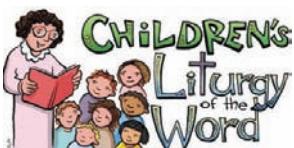
January 11th, 2026 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,432.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,189.95
Christmas	\$ 250.00
Mission Coop- HAITI	\$ 130.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 389.00

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.



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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- JANUARY 18, 2026

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called 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

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.

Young Members of the Parish: Because of a conflict with another event, the proposed meeting with the young people of the parish has been moved from Saturday, January 31st to Saturday, February 28 after the 5.00 pm. Mass.



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

Tues., Jan. 20 7:00 pm.	†Francesco Cannizzaro †Maria D'Alessandro †Giuliano Guidi †Jose Tan Sr. †James Alexander Kolezar †Macario Macaspac
Wed., Jan. 21 9:00 am	†Rocco Della Nebbia †Dominga Sabado
Thurs., Jan. 22 9:00 am	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri., Jan. 23 9:00 am	†Alfonso Fajaro †Lito Bautista
Sat., Jan. 24 5:00pm	†Annette Spatazzo †Margaret Watson †Shlemon Hanna Osi †Josie Canaan †Leopoldo & Belen Villaranda

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 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.

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.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Each year in January, Christians around the world observe the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, a dedicated time to pray together for the unity of all who confess faith in Jesus Christ. Its origins lie in the early twentieth century, a period marked both by deep divisions among Christian communities and by a growing awareness that such divisions weaken the Church's witness to the Gospel.

The immediate origin of the **Week of Prayer** can be traced to **Paul Wattson**, an Anglican priest in the United States. In 1908, he proposed an **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity**, observed from January 18 to January 25. These dates were symbolically chosen: January 18 was then associated with the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, and January 25 with the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The octave emphasized prayer for unity centered on Christ, the apostles, and the mission of the Church. Although Wattson later entered into full communion with the Catholic Church, his original vision already reflected a conviction shared by many Christians: unity is not merely a human achievement but a gift that must be sought through prayer.

Over time, the observance developed and broadened. In the 1930s, the French Catholic priest Abbé Paul Couturier played a decisive role in shaping its spiritual focus. He encouraged Christians to pray "for the unity Christ wills, by the means he wills," rather than for a unity defined solely by one tradition. This shift made the week accessible to a wider range of Christian communities and laid important groundwork for the modern ecumenical movement.

In the latter half of the twentieth century, the Week of Prayer gained strong institutional support. Following the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church formally embraced ecumenism as an essential dimension of its mission. Since 1968, the materials for the Week of Prayer have been prepared collaboratively by the **World Council of Churches** and the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity. Each year, a different group of Christians from a particular region of the world proposes a theme and biblical texts, highlighting both local experiences and the universal call to unity.

The importance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity today cannot be overstated. Christians continue to live with the historical consequences of division, separate churches, differing doctrines, and sometimes mutual misunderstanding or mistrust. In a world marked by conflict, secularization, and religious indifference, these divisions can obscure the central Christian proclamation: that God has reconciled the world to himself in Jesus Christ.

By praying together, Christians acknowledge that unity is ultimately God's work. The Week of Prayer fosters humility, reminding churches that no single community fully embodies the richness of the Gospel. It encourages listening, conversion of heart, and renewed commitment to charity. Even where full visible unity has not yet been achieved, shared prayer strengthens bonds of communion and offers a

credible witness to Christ's prayer "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). In this sense, the Week of Prayer remains both a sign of hope and a summons to faithful perseverance for all Christian churches today.

FOOD DRIVE IN THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP CROSBY'S MINISTRY

The Cathedral Parish is collecting offerings of *non-perishable* food for the foodbank at the Good Shepherd Venture Centre. This collection of food is offered in thanksgiving for the ministry of Bishop Crosby in the Diocese of Hamilton. Bags of food may be dropped off at the Cathedral Basilica at our Masses on the weekend of **January 24/25** or until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25 at the Good Shepherd truck which will be parked at the Tower entrance of the Cathedral Basilica. Please join us in honouring our retiring Bishop by offering our support for those who rely on the foodbank at the Venture Centre.



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.

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,

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