

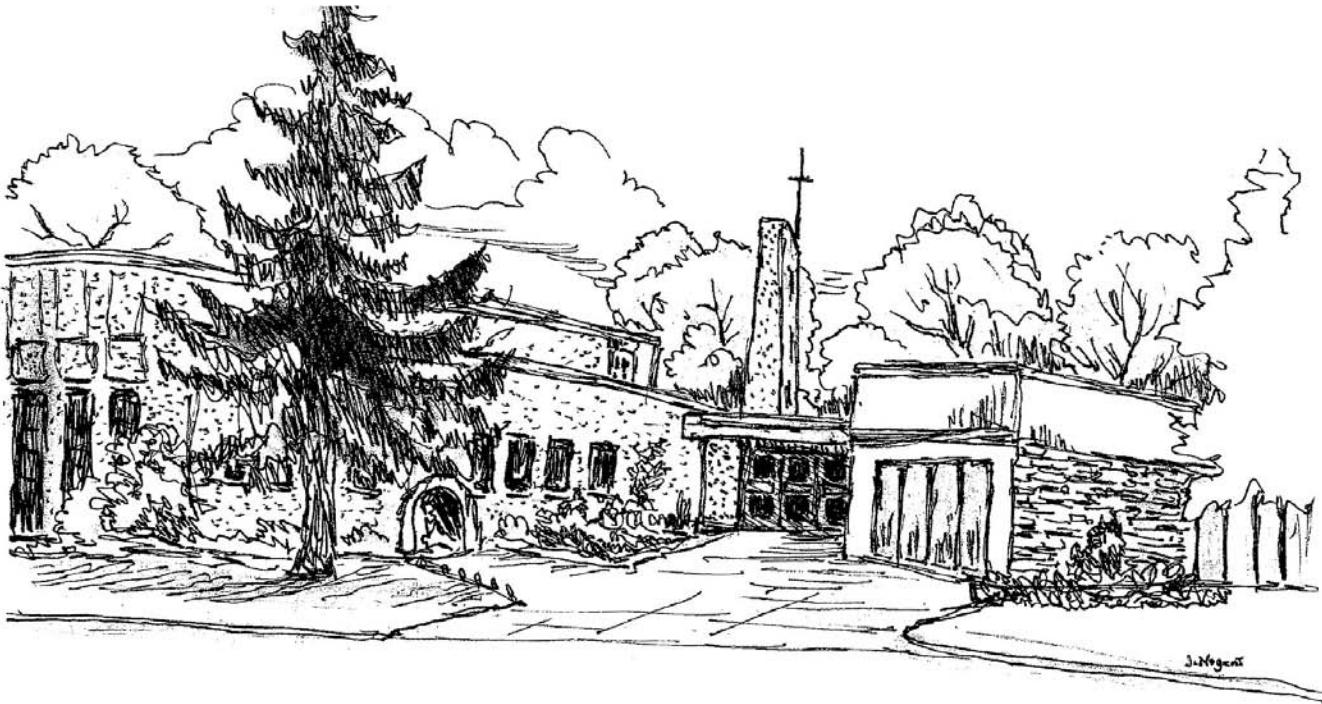


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**Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony**, Pastor

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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

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St. Anthony Daniel 905-389-5186

St. Thomas More Secondary 905-388-3030

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 25, 2026

### REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

**Matthew 5.1-12**

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,183.00
Loose Cash	\$ 618.00
Christmas	\$ 600.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 195.00
Building Fund	\$ 217.00

*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.

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- JANUARY 25, 2026

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as 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.

email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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

### REMEMBER!

**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 31<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, February 28 after the 5.00 pm. Mass.

### 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.



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

Tues., Jan. 27 7:00 pm.	†Jose Freitas †Anna Skruzmanis †Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joao, John & Maria Arruda
Wed., Jan. 28 9:00 am	†Stan Czajkowsky †Jayson Marquez
Thurs., Jan. 29 9:00 am	Intentions of Medy Salas †Josie Canaan
Fri., Jan. 30 9:00 am	†Harold Trafford †Phyllis Smith Trafford †Lynn Trafford
Sat., Jan. 31 5:00pm	†Esterino & Lucia D'Inocento †Josie Canaan †Holy Souls in Purgatory †Lolito Bautista

### 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](mailto:office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca) with your thoughts.



## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD- BIBLE SUNDAY

In 2019, the late **Pope Francis** established **Bible Sunday**, formally known as the **Sunday of the Word of God**, to be celebrated annually on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. In 2026, this day falls on January 25, providentially coinciding with the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Pope Francis instituted this observance to renew the Church's love for Sacred Scripture and to remind Roman Catholics that the Bible is not merely a revered book, but a living word that forms disciples and sends them on mission.

The Pope's decision is rooted in a long-standing concern: while Catholics deeply value the Eucharist, many are less familiar with the Scriptures that are proclaimed at every Mass. In his apostolic letter ***Aperuit Iles***, Pope Francis noted that the Word of God must never be taken for granted or treated as something secondary in Christian life. Scripture is essential because it reveals who God is, who we are, and what the Lord asks of us. Without sustained engagement with the Bible, faith risks becoming abstract, moralistic, or disconnected from daily life.

At the heart of **Bible Sunday** is the conviction that God continues to speak to his people. The Bible is not a relic of the past but the living voice of the Holy Spirit active in the Church today. Pope Francis emphasized that Christ himself is present when the Scriptures are proclaimed, just as he is present in the Eucharist. By setting aside a specific Sunday each year, the Church is invited to become more consciously a "listening Church," one that hears the Word, meditates on it, and allows it to shape every aspect of discipleship.

**Bible Sunday** also highlights the inseparable relationship between Scripture and mission. Pope Francis consistently teaches that an authentic encounter with the Word of God leads outward, toward service, mercy, and evangelization. The Bible forms disciples not for private consolation alone, but for the work of the Lord in the world. Through Scripture, believers learn to see reality with God's eyes: to recognize the dignity of the poor, to practice forgiveness, to seek justice, and to proclaim hope in the midst of suffering. In this sense, Bible Sunday is not only about reading the Word but about living it.

Another important reason for establishing **Bible Sunday** is pastoral unity. Pope Francis envisioned this celebration as something shared by the whole Church, linking parish liturgies, family prayer, catechesis, and personal devotion. He encouraged visible signs, such as the enthronement of the Bible or special blessings for lectors, to emphasize that Scripture belongs to the entire People of God. The Word is not reserved for scholars or clergy; it is entrusted to every baptized person.

Finally, **Bible Sunday** has an ecumenical dimension. The shared reverence for Sacred Scripture unites Christians across traditions. By celebrating the Word of God with renewed devotion, Catholics are reminded that the Bible is a gift meant to draw believers closer to Christ and, ultimately, closer to one another.

In establishing **Bible Sunday**, Pope Francis sought to rekindle awe, gratitude, and responsibility toward the Scriptures. **The Word of God forms the Church, nourishes disciples, and sends them forth.** When Catholics listen attentively to Scripture and put it into practice, they become credible witnesses of the Gospel, doing the work of the Lord in the world with faith, courage, and love.



## 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](mailto:joannabanana80@hotmail.com).

## 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITIES DINNER DANCE

The 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITIES DINNER DANCE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Councils in the Hamilton area takes place on Saturday evening, February 14<sup>th</sup> 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,
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