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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

All Souls Day

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in ordinary time is:
John 2.13-22

OUR GIFTS TO GOD October 26th Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,392.00
Loose Cash	\$ 770.00
Building Fund	\$ 340.00
Evangelization of the Nation	\$ 40.00
Missionary Co-Op Plan	\$ 4,565.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon., Nov. 3	Very Rev. David Walter
Tues., Nov. 4	Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C.
Wed., Nov. 5	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
Thurs., Nov. 6	Widows
Fri., Nov. 7	Rev. Carlos Diaz
Sat., Nov. 8	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou



PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Our Annual Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated this **Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 PM**. At this Mass, we will remember in a special way those who have died during the past year. However, **all parishioners** are warmly invited to attend and honor the memory of their own deceased relatives and friends who have passed away over the years.

A reception will follow in the **Hearth Room**, and you are welcome to invite family and friends to join us for this special evening of remembrance.

A BAKING REQUEST

Our **Annual Memorial Mass** will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m.** A reception will follow in the **Hearth Room** after the Mass. We are expecting a large turnout, and if you're able to bake a tray of squares or cookies, it would be greatly appreciated. Baked goods may be dropped off at the **Hearth Room** on **Thursday, November 6th after 1:00 p.m.**

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

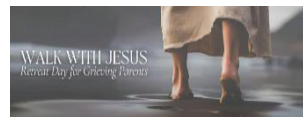
CWL NEWS

All women are invited! Join us for our Christmas Potluck on Thursday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Hearth Room. Bring your daughters, sisters, mothers, aunts, cousins, girlfriends, and neighbors for an evening of joy and fellowship! Please bring a gift for a baby under 2 years old, canned goods to donate, and your favorite dish to share. Enjoy raffles, door prizes, singing, and music as we celebrate the season together!



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

Tues., Nov. 4 7:00 pm.	†Antonia Cacnio †Juanita Asual Boluz †Ida Ermacora
Wed., Nov. 5 9:00 am.	†Deceased members of D'Amico & Tiberi Family †Carmela Arena †Francesco Cannizzaro
Thurs., Nov. 6 9:00 am.	Intentions of Walter & Patricia Tymchuk †Angela Sebastiani †Rita Cull
Fri., Nov. 7 9:00 am	Intentions of Zoratto Family †Flora Mabini
Sat., Nov. 8 5:00pm	†Lydia Belita †Donato Tortis †Carol Phillip †Corrinne Messner †Joe Partito
Sun., Nov.9 @11:00am	†Carmelina Troisi



A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on November 22nd** (lunch is included). Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the title of the retreat or the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



A FILM SCREENING EVENT: CARLO ACUTIS- ROADMAP TO REALITY

#CarloAtTheCathedral

All are welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Sunday, November 23, 2025, for this Jubilee event commemorating the Diocesan celebration of the **Feast of Christ the King and World Youth Day**.

WHEN LIFE CHANGES: GRIEF RELIEF (PART ONE):

Grief Relief (Part One) is a 6-week program using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material, this program is intended to help you to understand your grief and provides practical tips for helping you through. In Hamilton, this program is offered twice a year, in the Spring and Fall and all are welcome to attend. Programs are provided by trained facilitators.

When & Where: Wednesday evenings from November 5 to Dec. 10, 2025. From 7pm-8:30pm at the Chancery Office (700 King St. West Hamilton); *in-person only*.

BAZAAR COUNTDOWN!!

Only **2 more weeks to go!**

Have you sold your **Capital Prize tickets** and returned the **stubs and money** in the envelopes? The **last day for donations** to *Attic Treasures* is **Sunday, November 9th!**

This weekend, the ushers will be distributing **Bake Sale information cards** before Mass. We hope you can drop off some baked goods as indicated — but if you're not a baker, please come and buy some treats instead! Have you seen the **three beautiful pictures** available for bidding in the **Silent Auction** in the narthex? Or added your name to the **volunteer list** to help out? Why not bring your family and enjoy a **delicious BBQ supper** on **Friday evening between 4:00–7:00 p.m.**? We are so grateful for all your support — in whatever way you can help. Please **spread the word** to your friends and neighbors! Your presence matters, and as parishioners, we will all benefit from the funds raised.

Thank you, and may God bless us all!



DILEXI TE: APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION ON LOVE FOR THE POOR

Dilexi Te (“I Have Loved You”) is the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV, inspired by a text that Pope Francis had begun preparing in the final months of his life. In it, Pope Leo takes up his predecessor’s reflections on the Church’s love for the poor and makes them his own, adding insights that mark the beginning of his pontificate. With a deep pastoral heart, Pope Leo calls every Christian to rediscover the living connection between Christ’s love and our care for those in need. The document can be read in its entirety on the Vatican website: www.Vatican.va A shorter synopsis is available in the narthex.

A DAY TO REMEMBER.....On All Souls Day, we stand at the threshold between memory and hope. We recall those familiar faces, beloved voices, lived-stories that ended prematurely or perhaps only recently. We hold the ache of absence, the soft pain of a greeting now silenced, the echoes of laughter in hallways that now seem still. And yet we also hold the vision of a communion beyond what our eyes can see—a community of saints and faithful whose lives are hidden now in Christ, yet still beloved and known.

To mourn is human. It is to name that someone who mattered is no longer among the living in this earthly way. We feel the sting of death, the torn fabric of relationships, the conversation not finished. Yet as the late Pope Francis reminded us: “Our loved ones have not disappeared into dark nothingness: hope assures us that they are in God’s good and strong hands. Love is stronger than death.” In this truth we find comfort. To hold their memory is not simply to look back, but to allow our hearts to live forward with them in another way—an unseen way. We trust that the good given and received does not vanish; that what we were to each other remains in the heart of God. And so we stand together, the living and the dead, not separated by an abyss but by a veil—and we trust that even now the veil is thin.

What does this mean for us today? First, it invites us to **remember** deeply—not just the moment of parting, but the whole of a person’s life: their kindnesses, their failings, their hopes, their laughter, their tears.

We give thanks. And we allow the grief to flow. Because honoring those who have gone requires that we mourn—not avoid, not gloss over. Pope Francis spoke of the gift of tears, of grieving because we have loved and been loved.

Second, it invites us to **hope**. For those who have died are not lost. They are held in God’s mercy and light. The Church proclaims that death is not the end, that the Lord is the resurrection and the life. We pray for them—let us pray: “May they rest in peace. May light perpetual shine upon them.” And let us entrust ourselves to the same promise, that one day we shall be united with them in a great gathering of all God’s people.

Third, our remembrance becomes a call to **life**. Because to remember is to let their example influence us: the love they showed, the wounds they bore, the fidelity they lived. We are challenged to live now with more compassion, gentler feet, more mercy, that when our time comes we may find ourselves among the host of saints not because we achieved greatness, but because we loved as we were loved.

On this All-Souls’ Day we therefore do three things: we weep for the absence, we rejoice for the promise, and we resolve to carry on the legacy of love. We place flowers or light a candle not in vain hope but in the certainty that we participate in a communion that death cannot destroy. Pope Francis again helps us see this: “The question of death is the question of life, and keeping the question of death open, perhaps, is the greatest human responsibility so as to keep the question of life open.”

May our remembrance bring peace to the grieving, may hope kindle in the hearts of the bereaved, and may the lives of our loved ones now counted among the saints in glory, remain a blessing, an encouragement, a gentle song in the tapestry of God’s love.

Prayer

Loving God,
You are the Lord of life and of all who live in you.
We thank you for the great communion of saints—
for those whose lives are now hidden in Christ,
yet still beloved, still known, still close.
In your mercy, gather them in your light
where every tear is wiped away
and every wound made whole.
Let their love, once shared among us,
continue to shape and bless our days.
Keep us mindful that we walk together still—
one family in your grace,
one people bound by faith and love,
until the day we see you face to face
and know fully the joy they now know.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

JUBILEE YEAR HEROES OF HOPE for October in the Diocese of Hamilton are **“those who promote human life and dignity!”** This include multiple “ministries of care” for the poor, sick, homeless, migrant workers, those with mental health issues, support to the Indigenous through the Reconciliation Fund and international development programs worldwide! In our parishes, this includes St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Women’s League of Canada and Knights of Columbus. Through these organizations and many other local groups, HOPE is constantly renewed and faith shared with those in need. Compassionate care ministries remind each one of their dignity and that they are loved by God!



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