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

**Rev. Mr. Rene Marechal, Deacon**

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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

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

## REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The First Sunday of Advent is:

**Matthew 24.37-44**

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD November 16<sup>th</sup> Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 5,896.00
Loose Cash	\$ 626.00
Missionary Co-Op Plan	\$ 126.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 657.00

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

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon., Nov. 24	Rev. Pierre Caoutte, L.C.
Tues., Nov. 25	Rev. Jerek John Scherber, L.C.
Wed., Nov. 26	Fraternity of the Poor Jesus Christ, p.j.c.
Thurs., Nov. 27	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
Fri., Nov. 28	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Sat., Nov. 29	Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.

**WE NEED HELP.....** If you have any experience of working with refugees and/or navigating the refugee process with the government, we would love to hear from you. Please call or email the office.

**If you are making plans for Christmas, please be aware of some changes to the Mass schedule:**

**Christmas Eve: Mass at 4.00 pm. and 9.00 pm.**

**Christmas Day: Mass at 9.00 am. and 11.00 pm.**

*A Christmas Flyer with complete information for Advent and Christmas will be sent out through mail by first week of December.*

## SIMBANG GABI



A cherished Filipino tradition, **Simbang Gabi**, also known as *Misa de Gallo*, is a nine-day series of dawn Masses leading up to Christmas. Masses will be celebrated at **St. Charles Garnier Parish**,

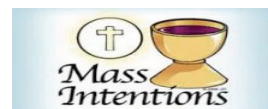
129 Hughson St. South, Hamilton, from **December 15th to 23rd at 7:00 pm.** **Rosary and Novena** will take place beforehand at **6:00 pm.**



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

As we prepare for the Christmas season, parents and children are invited to a **Christmas-themed Movie Night** on

**Saturday, December 16th at 6:00 PM** (following the 5:00 PM Mass). We will begin the evening with pizza, enjoy two short Christmas movies based on the Gospel story of Christ's birth, and end with ice cream. To help us plan, please call the parish office at 905-388-2200 and let us know how many children and adults will be attending. There is no charge.



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

Tues., Nov. 25 7:00 pm.	†Eduardo Allanigue †Flora Mabini †Roland Bergantinos †Steve & Bernie Stanfal
Wed., Nov. 26 9:00 am.	†Annette Spatazzo †Maria D'Alessandro
Thurs., Nov. 27 9:00 am.	†Amelia Agnes
Fri., Nov. 28 9:00 am	†Isabelita Adraneda †Jose Toreja
Sat., Nov. 29 5:00pm	†Alexander Osting †Arnold Ciancone †Mersha Gerbrehmedin †Onigu Otite †Regina Otite †Genara Jean Benito †Antonio Colaprete

## 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*.

## 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!

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINTER COAT PROGRAM

is amazing. We received this note on Tuesday with an update and a request: "Last week's Coats for Kids kickoff and coat distribution went smoothly, with 1,612 coats distributed to over 30 principals. However, I'd like to share a concern — the number of principals needing coats has increased significantly from last year, now over 30, compared to 12 previously. Unfortunately, this means they require an additional 700 coats to adequately support the children in their schools." If you can help, please drop off any gently used coats to the Hearth Room.

## PORKETTA ON A BUN

The Knights of Columbus will be selling **Porketta on a Bun** after all Masses on **November 29th & 30th**. Prices are **\$6.00 each** or **3 for \$15.00**. Pre-order sheets are available in the Narthex of the church. The **last day to place an order is Tuesday, November 25th, 2025.**



### **SUNDAY MISSAL**

Sunday Missals are still available for \$5.00 each in the Narthex.

### **THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

The Feast of Christ the King, formally known as the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*, is one of the Church's most recent solemnities, yet it proclaims one of the most ancient truths of Christian faith: that Jesus Christ is Lord of all creation, reigning over every human heart and the entire cosmos. Celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year, it brings the Church's calendar to a close by directing our eyes toward the ultimate fulfillment of God's kingdom at the end of time.

The feast was instituted by **Pope Pius XI** in 1925 through his encyclical *Quas Primas*. At that time, the world was still reeling from the devastation of World War I. Many nations were turning toward secularism, nationalism, and ideologies that rejected the moral authority of God. Pius XI saw these trends as symptoms of a deeper spiritual crisis, the denial of Christ's kingship over human life and society. By establishing the feast, he sought to remind the faithful that peace and justice cannot be achieved apart from Christ, who is the true ruler of hearts and nations. The pope hoped that this annual celebration would strengthen Christians in their witness and reassert the moral and spiritual foundation of public life.

Originally observed on the last Sunday of October, just before All Saints' Day, the feast was moved in 1969 by Pope St. Paul VI to the final Sunday of the liturgical year. This placement gives it eschatological (or end times) significance: it points to Christ's return in glory and the completion of God's saving work. The readings for the day, often depicting Christ as the shepherd-king who judges the nations, invite believers to see His reign not as one of power and domination, but of mercy, truth, and service.

For Christians today, the Feast of Christ the King remains profoundly relevant. In a world still marked by conflict, division, and the pursuit of self-interest, this feast calls believers to recognize that ultimate authority belongs not to any political system or ideology, but to the crucified and risen Lord. Christ's kingship is not imposed by force; it is accepted in freedom and lived through love. He reigns from the cross, showing that true power is expressed in self-sacrifice and compassion.

To celebrate this feast is to renew our allegiance to Christ and to allow His values to shape our lives. It challenges us to seek first the kingdom of God, in our families, workplaces, and communities, and to bear witness to justice, forgiveness, and peace. When Christians live under Christ's rule of love, they help to make His kingdom visible in the world.

As the liturgical year concludes with this solemnity, the Church reminds us that history itself is moving toward Christ, the Alpha and the Omega. His kingdom, unlike any earthly one, will have no end. To proclaim "Christ is King" is to affirm our hope that in Him, all creation will find its unity, peace, and fulfillment.

### **THE SISTERS ADORERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, a community of Contemplative Sisters, have been present in the Diocese of Hamilton since 1946. In addition to their ministry of prayer, they produce altar breads for many of our Parishes. You are welcome to contact them if you are interested in exploring a vocation to the Contemplative way of life. [www.pbsisters.ca](http://www.pbsisters.ca)

### **OUR PARISH BAZAAR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!**

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this event possible. Your time, effort, and support made all the difference. Congratulations to our prize winners!

#### **Capital Prizes**

- \$1,000 – Marian Traina
- \$500 – Katie Spadoni
- \$250 – Colleen Wright, Rebecca Burnett, Doris LoPresti, Cheryl Faulman

50/50: Patricia McFadden

Gift Card Wreaths: A – Don Goulet • B – Melissa Dawson • C – Adriana Morim

TiCat Tickets: M. Nelson

Penny Sale winners who did not pick up their prizes will be contacted. Winning numbers are posted in the narthex. Unsold Attic Treasures have been donated to Mission Services. Please visit our parish website for more information on claiming prizes. Financial results will be shared once available.

*Thank you, and God bless!*

*Joe Pracovics & Betty Tapuska*

*Bazaar Co-Chairs*

### **AN INVITATION FROM ST. JOSEPH PARISH, HAMILTON**

St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton, Presents the Victoria Scholar's Men's Choral Ensemble on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. This men's choral Ensemble was founded in 1993 and is an assembly of graduates of the St. Michael's Boys Choir in Toronto. We are fortunate to have this past winner of the Healey William Grand Prize prepare us in song for Christ's birth. Please join us for this wonderful event.

CD's will be available for sale. Tickets : \$40.00 please call the Parish Office at 905-528-0019.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

We joyfully congratulate **Gerald and Jeanne Beam** as they celebrate their **70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Your unwavering love, faith, and commitment are a true blessing and an inspiration to our entire community. May God continue to shower you with grace, good health, and continued blessings. Congratulations on this remarkable milestone!

### **SISTERS POOR OF JESUS CHRIST** **12- STEP PROGRAM**

**Be Sober Meetings** support anyone struggling with addiction, as well as family members seeking encouragement and healing. Meetings are held **every Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** in the **Basement of St. Ann's Catholic Parish**, 120 Sherman Ave. North, Hamilton. Each gathering includes prayer, a short reflection on the 12 Steps and Catholic spirituality, small-group sharing (Family Support, Men's Sobriety, Women's Sobriety), and fellowship.

All are welcome to this safe, faith-filled space to share their journey toward sobriety in the light of Christ.



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