



St. Margaret Mary Parish

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Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1-5 pm.

July & August: 9 am - 12 noon, 1-4 pm.

Sunday Masses:

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 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.

Baptisms: are 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 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

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in ordinary time is:
Luke 18.1-8

OUR GIFTS TO GOD October 5th Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 5,737.00
Loose Cash	\$ 816.00
Building Fund	\$ 318.00
Mission Cooperative	\$ 450.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 30.00
St. MM. Parish Outreach	\$ 443.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 13	Rev. Tom Moisan Thanksgiving Day
Tues. Oct. 14	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Wed. Oct. 15	Congregation of the Holy Cross, C.S.C.
Thurs. Oct. 16	St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious World Food Day
Fri. Oct. 17	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Sat. Oct. 18	Rev. David Wilhelm

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET OUR PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING on Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm. The audit reports on our parish finances and the parish buildings will be presented by **Mr. Jim Long** and **Deacon Tom Vert** from the diocese. **Mass for this Tuesday evening only is moved to 6.30 p.m. to accommodate this meeting.**

GROWING IN FAITH, GROWING IN CHRIST AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY TOGETHER

You are invited to take part in **Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ** - a series of three four-week opportunities with **Msgr. Con**, designed to nurture your faith, deepen your relationship with God, and inspire your spiritual journey. Pick up an information sheet in the narthex.

PORKETTA ON A BUN SALE- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling **Porketta on a Bun** after all Masses on **October 25 & 26**. Each sandwich is **\$6.00**, or you can get **3 for \$15.00**. **Pre-order sheets** are available in the **Narthex** of the church.

The **last day to order is Tuesday, October 21st**.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00pm. The principal celebrant will be the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at **6:30pm** on Tuesday
9:00am on Wednesday - Friday

Mon., Oct. 13 9:00am	Thanksgiving Mass for the intention of the parishioners
Tues., Oct. 14 @ 6:30pm	†Angela Sebastian †Sheriel Dela Cruz †Italo Salvatore †Elaine Balcain
Wed., Oct. 15	†Victorino Paron †Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joao, John & Maria Arruda
Thurs. Oct. 16 with SMM School	†Eduardo Allanigue †Flora Mabini †Ernesto Della Nebbia †Stan Metaki †Peter Dela Nebbia
Fri., Oct. 17	†Mary Pickett & Deceased Members of Picket Family †Chaolin Sy †Ernesto Estravillo
Sat. Oct. 18 5:00pm	†Roco Dela Nebbia †Ernesto Allanigue †Agapita Jaen †Donato Tortis
Sun. Oct. 19 @ 11:00am	†Leopoldo Villaranda

GIVING THANKS TO GOD: A REFLECTION FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

On Thanksgiving weekend, we pause from the noise of daily life to lift our hearts in gratitude to God, the source of every blessing. Gratitude is not merely a polite response to good fortune—it is a way of seeing the world, a lens through which faith illuminates even the smallest gifts. The late Pope Francis and Saint Francis of Assisi invite us to rediscover this attitude of thanksgiving as a path toward peace, joy, and deeper communion with all creation.

Pope Francis often reminded us that gratitude opens our hearts to the wonder of God's love. In his teachings, he says that "when we learn to say, 'thank you,' we acknowledge that everything is grace." Nothing we have, our lives, our families, our talents, the earth that sustains us, exists apart from the generous heart of God. To give thanks, is to live with humility and awareness. It is to remember that we are not self-made, but God-made; not owners of creation, but stewards entrusted with its care.

Saint Francis of Assisi embodied this spirit of thanksgiving in every aspect of his life. His famous *Canticle of the Creatures* bursts with joy as he praises "Brother Sun," "Sister Moon," and all living things as fellow witnesses of God's goodness. For Saint Francis, gratitude was not reserved for the pleasant or the easy. He gave thanks even in suffering, seeing in every trial a chance to grow closer to Christ, who transforms pain into love. His life teaches us that thanksgiving is not a single day's celebration but a daily disposition of the soul.

In our modern world, where busyness and anxiety often dull our sense of wonder, these two voices, Pope Francis and his namesake, Saint Francis, call us back to simplicity and awe. Gratitude restores balance to our hearts. It draws us away from complaint and comparison and leads us toward compassion and generosity. When we thank God sincerely, we also become more attentive to the needs of others, recognizing the same divine image in every person.

This Thanksgiving, may we follow their example. Let us pause to thank God not only for the abundance on our tables, but for the gift of creation, the warmth of community, and the quiet grace of faith. May our gratitude overflow into acts of kindness, care for the earth, and love for one another—so that our thanksgiving may become a living hymn of praise, echoing the joy of Francis and the wisdom of the Gospel. grew in popularity in Buenos Aires and beyond, eventually spreading across the world.

THANKSGIVING DINNER PRAYER

Loving and generous God,
on this day of gratitude,
we pause to thank You for the gift of life,
for the beauty of creation,
and for the love that gathers us around this table.
Like Saint Francis, may we see Your hand in every creature, every breath, and every meal.
Like Pope Francis may our hearts be open to receive
Your grace and share it with others in joy.
Bless the food before us,
the hands that prepared it,
and the hearts that share it.
Fill our home with peace, laughter, and kindness.
May our gratitude today deepen our compassion for
those who hunger or are alone.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST. MARGARET MARY

Our parish is delighted to invite all students in **Grade 7** to begin preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, which will be celebrated on April 25th, 2026.

At Baptism, parents and godparents spoke on behalf of their children, promising to raise them in the faith. Now, as these young people approach Confirmation, they will have the opportunity to speak for themselves, saying “yes” to living as disciples of Jesus Christ. In this sacrament, they will be anointed with the sacred Chrism, sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened to walk as witnesses of Christ in the world.

Preparation for Confirmation will help students grow in their understanding of the faith, open their hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and embrace their role as full members of the Church.

Grade 7 students and their parents are invited to attend the information meeting on Wednesday 15th October at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Details about preparation requirements, and registration deadlines will be available at this meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Bottle Drive on **Saturday, October 18, from 9 AM to 3 PM** at the Blessed Sacrament Church parking lot. We're collecting beer, wine, and liquor bottles, cans, and wine bags. Cash donations are also welcome.

All proceeds go to support our local food banks.
Questions? Contact Don Goulet at 905-517-7273.

BAZAAR ON A ROLL!

Next weekend, we will resume distribution of Capital Prize tickets before and after all weekend Masses. In addition, we will be accepting Attic Treasures donations at the Rectory garage one hour before each Mass. A volunteer sign-up sheet will also be posted in the narthex, with 2-hour time slots available. We warmly encourage you to sign up — it's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, have fun, and support our parish! We are also gratefully accepting donations for the Penny Sale, Craft Table, Kid's Korner, and Turkey Roll. Every contribution, big or small, helps make our parish events a success.

Thank you for your continued support, and may God bless us all!

HAITI MISSION UPDATE

The Parish Twinning Committee will provide a brief update on our mission in Beau-Sejour, Haiti, after all Masses the weekend of October 18-19, followed by a reception in the Hearth Room. Notwithstanding the continued struggles of our sisters and brothers of St. Gabriel Parish, Father Jude continues to express his deep gratitude to St. Margaret Mary Parish for continued prayers and financial support which provides for the Catholic education of 900 students. Please join us in the Hearth Room after Mass that weekend to view new photos, ask questions and enjoy a cup of coffee and a few goodies. We look forward to seeing you then.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT

Organized by St. Ann Parish and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Looking for a genuine relationship rooted in faith? Join us for an evening of Catholic Speed Dating!

When: Saturday, November 15, 2025 | 6:30–9:30 PM

Where: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 934 Hwy 8, Stoney Creek

Register by: November 8
Details & registration: stannhamilton.church/speed-dating

ALL SAINTS DAY AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

📍 304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, ON

📅 Saturday, November 1, 2025

🕒 Starts at 10:00 AM

Join us for a special **All Saints Day Mass** followed by the rare opportunity to venerate over **150 sacred relics of the saints**, including: The **True Cross**, **Crown of Thorns**, **Holy Spear**, and **Holy Nail**. A fragment of the **Virgin Mary's veil**. A piece of **St. Joseph's cloak**

🕯️ **Schedule:**

- **10:00 AM** – Mass
- **11:00 AM** – Talk by Fr. Ross Campbell
- **11:20 AM – 4:00 PM** – Relic Exposition
- **5:30 PM** – Vigil Mass
- **6:30–8:30 PM** – Additional Veneration

Come pray, reflect, and celebrate the saints with us!
All are welcome.

Note: Monday, October 20th is the date in Canada when we celebrate the feast of St. Margaret Mary. We will have Mass at 9.00 am as it is our parish feast day.

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