

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time is:
Luke 18.9-14

OUR GIFTS TO GOD October 12th Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,368.00
Loose Cash	\$ 779.00
Building Fund	\$ 52.00
Evangelization of the Nation	\$ 50.00
St. MM. Parish Outreach	\$ 260.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Tue. Oct.20	Rev. Paul Niesiobedzki
Tues. Oct. 21	Rev. Paul Patrick
Wed. Oct. 22	Consecrated Virgins
Thurs. Oct.23	Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean Pierre
Fri. Oct. 24	Rev. Archange Kebe
Sat. Oct. 25	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.

BAZAAR IS COMING

The Bazaar is coming! It's that exciting time of year again, and we need your help to make it a success. Please pick-up more Capital Prize tickets to sell, and return sold envelopes to the distribution table, collection basket, or parish office, your support is truly appreciated. We are still gratefully accepting donations for Attic Treasures, Kid's Korner, Gift Card Wreaths, Penny Sale, and the Craft Table. Volunteers are also needed, so please consider signing up for one or more of the 2-hour time slots posted on the volunteer sheet in the narthex. Every bit of help makes a big difference and helps build our parish community. And coming soon, an exciting opportunity to bid in for our Silent Auction! Stay tuned for more updates. May God bless us all!

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

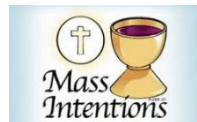
We are looking for volunteers to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound members of our parish. If you are caring, prayerful, and feel called to serve, please contact the parish office at 905-388-2200 to learn more.

"I was sick and you visited me." – Matthew 25:36



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

On Wednesday, Oct. 22nd Bishop Lobsinger invites you to join him as he celebrates a Mass in support of the 40 Days for Life campaign being held in Oakville. The Mass will be celebrated at Mary Mother of God Parish at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to unite in prayer for the cause of life and support this worthy campaign.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Mon., Oct 20 @ 9:00am	Feast of St. Margaret Mary For the Intention of the Parishioners
Tues., Oct. 21	Intentions of Serena †Sebastiano & Filomenia Radassao †Carla Cameron
Wed., Oct. 22	†Antonio Di Paolo †Brian Mascarin †Mario Gallieri †Enzo Facca
Thurs., Oct. 23	†Deris Giavedoni †Tessie Doria †Alfonso DeLuca †Cesar, Veronica & Vessie Cabugawan
Fri., Oct. 24	†Rocco Della Nebbia †Maria Nguyen †Rita Cull †Corrine Messner
Sat., Oct. 25 5:00pm	†Stella Nardini †Rick Crandall †Alexander Osting †Joe Partito
Sun., Oct.26 @11:00am	†Gaetano Monaco

THE SPIRITUALITY OF FALL: A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

Now that we have celebrated Thanksgiving and signs of Fall are everywhere, creation itself seems to invite us into reflection and praise. The changing colors, the cooling air, and the gradual quieting of the world around us all speak of God's presence moving gently through time. Fall is a sacred teacher, reminding us that every season of life, growth, abundance, surrender, and rest holds its own grace. At the heart of it all is gratitude: the prayer of those who notice.

Thanksgiving, in its truest sense, is not simply a holiday but a posture of the soul. It calls us to recognize the generosity of God in all things, in harvest and in hardship, in fullness and in loss. **St. Francis of Assisi**, whose joyful spirituality embraced the whole of creation, shows us this way of seeing. In the **Cantic of the Creatures**, he praised God for "Brother Sun" and "Sister Moon," for wind, fire, and even "Sister Death." Francis would surely have sung of "Brother Autumn," whose falling leaves and golden light proclaim that beauty and surrender are intertwined. To live in thanksgiving, for Francis, was to live in harmony with the Creator's rhythm, to find holiness not only in the blossoming but also in the fading.

Fr. Henri Nouwen, the beloved spiritual writer, reminds us that gratitude is a deliberate practice. It is not dependent on how pleasant our circumstances may be but arises from the awareness that we are held in love. "To be grateful," Nouwen wrote, "is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us." Autumn, with its quiet melancholy, invites us to that recognition. When we watch the trees release their leaves, we learn how to let go with grace, trusting that God's life continues even in what seems like loss. Gratitude becomes a form of trust, a way of saying that God is present in every turning of the year.

Irish poet and theologian **John O'Donohue** saw autumn as "a time of balance and belonging," a threshold season where light and darkness meet. In his Celtic vision, Fall

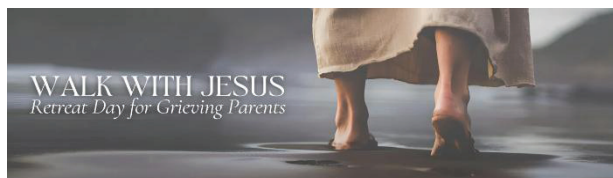
reveals the beauty of transition, the truth that every ending carries the seed of beginning. To bless this season is to honor both abundance and change.

To live the spirituality of Fall, then, is to live gratefully, to give thanks for abundance while honoring loss, to see God's artistry in both the harvest and the fading light. Our celebration of Thanksgiving is not just for a day; it is the soul's response to the mystery of change. In the golden quiet of autumn, gratitude becomes our prayer, and creation itself our cathedral.



HAITI MISSION UPDATE

The Parish Twinning Committee will provide a brief update on our mission in Beau-Sejour, Haiti, after all Masses today, October 18th and tomorrow, October 19th, 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.



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.

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**.

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: stannahamilton.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.



2026 CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

The Meeting for students in grade seven and their parents seeking the sacrament of Confirmation took place on Wednesday evening. Information for preparation and registration was distributed including volunteering opportunities. Students and parents who wish to prepare for confirmation in 2026 and missed this meeting should contact the office immediately.

The meeting for preparation for First Communion: will take place on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 @ 7:00pm



PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Our Annual Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **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.

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