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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Twenty-Eight Sunday in ordinary time is:
Luke 17.11-19

OUR GIFTS TO GOD September 28th Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 5,652.00
Loose Cash	\$ 823.00
Building Fund	\$ 440.00
Mission Cooperative	\$ 300.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 460.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 6	Rev. Luc Payette
Tues. Oct. 7	Rev. Francis Chibuzor Ahuekwe
Wed. Oct. 8	Chaplains
Thurs. Oct. 9	Apostolate of the Laity
Fri. Oct. 10	Very Rev. Paul Matthew Vellimoozhayil
Sat. Oct. 11	Rev. Francisco Sordo

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

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR.... OCTOBER 14th

Our Parish Town Hall Meeting to receive the audit on our parish finances and the parish buildings will take place in the Hearth Room on Tuesday evening, October 14th at 7.00 pm.

Mr. Jim Long from the diocese will present the report from the financial audit and **Deacon Tom Vert** will present the report from the team who completed the audit on the parish buildings. **Please plan to attend. Mass for this Tuesday evening only is moved to 6.30 p.m. to accommodate this meeting.**

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!

THANK YOU!!! FROM HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE

Thank you for participating in Hamilton Right to Life's recent Baby Bottle Campaign. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. In total, our congregation raised **\$4,291.00** which will support education, advertising and spreading the message of life throughout our City of Hamilton. Please continue to pray for families affected by abortion and other life-threatening issues. To learn more please visit their website www.HamiltonRightToLife.org

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Oct. 7	†Thakam Paul †Gerharda McCusker †Rodolfo Vasquez †Matt Chiarot
Wed., Oct. 8	Intentions of Cecilia Sabado †Kevin Beattie †Isabelita Adraneda
Thurs., Oct. 9	†Pilipino Villabroza †Kurt Weber †Luciana Bozzeli Luison
Fri., Oct. 10	†Angela Sebastiani †Donald Clewley †James Alexander Banking
Sat. Oct. 11 5:00pm	†Kurt Weber †Annette Spatazzo †Lydia Belita †Nicola Cocca †Mafalda Trifone

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.

Mary, Untier of Knots: A Devotion Close to Pope Francis

October, a month traditionally dedicated to Mary and the Holy Rosary, invites families and individuals to deepen their relationship with the Mother of God. Among the many Marian devotions that have spread across the world, one that stands out for its unique imagery and profound spiritual meaning is the devotion to **Mary, Untier of Knots**. This title, beloved by the late Pope Francis, speaks to the struggles and complexities of life that only the maternal intercession of Mary can help unravel.

The devotion originates from a Baroque painting by Johann Georg Melchior Schmidtner, created around 1700 and housed in the Church of St. Peter am Perlach in Augsburg, Germany. The image portrays Mary serenely untying the knots of a long white ribbon, assisted by angels, while below, a man is guided safely on his journey. The knots symbolize the problems, sins, and difficulties of human life—the tangled realities that weigh heavily on the human heart. By untying these knots, Mary brings clarity, peace, and hope, always pointing the faithful toward her Son, Jesus Christ.

For Pope Francis, this devotion was deeply personal. As a Jesuit studying in Germany in the 1980s, the then Father Jorge Mario Bergoglio encountered the painting in Augsburg and was struck by its spiritual message. He was so moved by it that he carried the devotion back with him to Argentina, promoting it among the faithful. Through his encouragement, the image of Mary, Untier of Knots, quickly grew in popularity in Buenos Aires and beyond, eventually spreading across the world.

The appeal of this devotion lies in its simplicity and its universality. Everyone has “knots” in life, whether they are broken relationships, personal struggles, family discord, or deep spiritual doubts. These knots can make us feel powerless or trapped. Yet Mary, with her patience, gentleness, and maternal love, approaches these knots without fear or haste. She untangles them, one by one, offering a way forward when we see none. This vision resonates with people of every culture and background, offering hope in times of confusion.

For Pope Francis, Mary, Untier of Knots, reflects a vision of God’s mercy at work through the motherly care of Mary. In his pastoral ministry, he often emphasized the importance of tenderness and compassion. Just as Mary unties the knots of sin and human weakness, the Church is called to walk with people in their struggles, guiding them gently toward freedom and healing. This devotion mirrors Francis’s broader emphasis on accompaniment, patience, and trust in God’s mercy.

In a world filled with conflict, division, and uncertainty, Mary’s example as the Untier of Knots provides reassurance. She shows that no problem is beyond God’s reach, and no heart is too tangled to be restored. For families praying the Rosary in October, turning to Mary under this title can be especially meaningful. It is a reminder that the Blessed Mother sees our struggles, carries them to her Son, and helps us find the peace that only Christ can give.

Ultimately, the devotion to Mary, Untier of Knots, was important to Pope Francis because it reveals the heart of Mary’s mission: to bring God’s children closer to Christ by loosening the knots that bind them. In her patient hands, the tangled threads of our lives can be transformed into something beautiful, woven into God’s plan of love and salvation.

Prayer to Mary, Untier of Knots

Holy Mary,
you never cease to intercede for your children.
With patience and motherly love,
you untie the knots that weigh us down.

Into your hands, I place the knots of my life:
my worries, my struggles, my sins, and my fears.
Untangle them with your gentle care,
and lead me ever closer to your Son, Jesus.

Mary, Untier of Knots, pray for us,
that we may live in peace, hope, and freedom.
Amen.

CAPITAL PRIZE TICKETS & ATTIC TREASURES BAZAAR UPDATE!

This weekend (Oct 4 & 5), **Capital Prize raffle tickets** will be available **before and after all Masses in the Narthex**. Each book has **10 tickets @ \$2 each**. Please consider picking up a book to sell to family and friends! We’ll also begin collecting items for **Attic Treasures 1 hour before all Masses at the Rectory garage. No ticket distribution or collection on Thanksgiving weekend.**

See last week’s bulletin for details.

2026 CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

We are happy to share the dates for the Confirmation and First Holy Communion celebrations for 2026:

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School

- **Confirmation:** Saturday, April 25, 2026 @2:00PM
- **First Communion:** Saturday, May 2, 2026 @5:00PM

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School

- **Confirmation:** Saturday, April 25, 2026 @ 10:30AM
- **First Communion:** Saturday, May 9, 2026 @5:00PM

St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School

- **Confirmation:** Saturday, April 25, 2026 @10:30AM
- **First Communion:** Sunday, May 3, 2026 @11:00AM

Parents Meetings are:

Confirmation: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ 7:00pm

First Communion: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 @ 7:00pm

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.

HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE- RESPECT LIFE FUNDRAISING DINNER

Wednesday, Nov. 5 | 5:30 PM
Marquis Gardens, 1050 Rymal Rd E,
Hamilton



Join us for our annual dinner, *Defenders Among Us*, highlighting those who courageously stand for life. Hear Jessica and Anthony’s powerful story of choosing life after a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

□ Tickets: \$65 per person | Tables of 10 available

∞ Register: <https://bit.ly/HRTL-2025Dinner>

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