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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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in ordinary time is:
Luke 16.10-13

OUR GIFTS TO GOD September 7th Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,494.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,176.50
Building Fund	\$ 130.00
St. M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 908.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 15	Rev. Phillip Cook
Tues. Sept. 16	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
Wed. Sept. 17	Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, M.ChR.
Thurs. Sept. 18	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Fri. Sept. 19	Rev. Piotr Golinski
Sat. Sept. 20	Rev. Rafal Tomon

BISHOP CROSBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS..... its that time of year again when we begin pause to look at our ministry, do some review and look at some new things. On Saturday, September 27 at 11.00 am we would like to meet with all of the servers for Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. After a brief meeting time a practice, we will have to get to know each other over a pizza and ice cream lunch. Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs.

EXCERPT OF POPE LEO'S HOMILY AT THE CANONIZATION OF PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI AND CARLOS ACUTIS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH,

"Dear friends, Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces. They encourage us with their words: "Not I, but God," as Carlo used to say. And Pier Giorgio: "If you have God at the center of all your actions, then you will reach the end." This is the simple but winning formula of their holiness. It is also the type of witness we are called to follow, in order to enjoy life to the full and meet the Lord in the feast of heaven."

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Sept. 16	†Jayne Barr †Martin Tonaj †Jaime Encinares
Wed., Sept. 17	†Marianna Guidi †Roberto Maiques †David Maiques
Thurs., Sept. 18	†Rocco Della Nebbia †Jose Ben Hur & Jean Benito †Pasquale Frenza
Fri., Sept. 19	†Lilia Omana †Bernard Robicahud †Kurt Weber
Sat. Sept. 20 5:00pm	†Marek Oleszczuk †Eduardo Allanigue †Donato Tortis †Teresita Naval Doria
Sun., Sept. 21 11:00 am	†Lourdes Burley

GROWING IN FAITH , GROWING IN CHRIST

AN INVITAION TO JOURNEY TOGETHER

You are invited to take part in ***Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ*** - a series of three four-week opportunities with **Msr. Con**, designed to nurture your faith, deepen your relationship with God, and inspire your spiritual journey.

In the midst of our busy and often complex world, many of us long for a deeper connection with our faith, a chance to pause, to reflect, and to grow. This series offers just that: a safe and welcoming space to explore what it means to live as followers of Christ today. Over the course of each four-week session, we will engage in thoughtful conversation, prayerful reflection, and guided learning to help us draw closer to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Together, we will look at what faith means in our everyday lives and explore spirituality for adults who are navigating the challenges and opportunities of our modern age. Each series will also invite us to thoughtfully consider some of the important theological and moral questions of our time, those that shape not only our personal beliefs but also our shared life as a community of faith.

Whether you have been on this journey for many years or are simply curious about where God might be leading you next, this is an opportunity to listen, to share, and to grow, individually and together.

Come with your questions, your hopes, and your openness to encounter Christ in new and meaningful ways. Each four-week session is designed to be enriching, accessible, and life-giving - no matter where you are in your faith journey. Will you join us as we grow in faith and grow in Christ - together?

When: Part 1 – My Story: Wednesday, October 22, 29, November 5, 12.

Part 2 – Our Story: Wednesday, January 28, February 4, 11, 25.

Part 3 – The Story: Wednesday, April 8, 15, 22, 29.
Each session begins at 7.00 pm. and will last for approximately 80 minutes.

THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR MULTICULTURAL MASS

Will be celebrated at 3 p.m. on October 5, 2025, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown. All are welcome! A Planning Committee is preparing the Liturgy, including the sharing of music and other cultural inclusions – assuring the celebration engages all cultures! A special collection will support the ongoing work of our Diocesan Refugee Office, who welcome hundreds of refugees to Canada every year! After Mass, all are welcome to share a light refreshments with cultural foods prepared for the occasion and enjoy entertainment. It is always a lively and prayerful event. 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 @9:00 AM
- **First Communion:** Saturday, May 9, 2026 @5:00 PM

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School

- **Confirmation:** Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 10:30 AM
- **First Communion:** Saturday, May 2, 2026 – 5:00 PM

St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School

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

Parents Meetings are:

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

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CRAFT TABLE DONATION

We are looking for donations of yarn, craft supplies, silk flowers, and Christmas tree bulbs for our Christmas Bazaar Craft Table. If you have any items to contribute, please drop them off in the donation box located in the Hearth Room. Your generous support is greatly appreciated, and we thank you in advance for helping make this year's Bazaar a success.

PORKETTA ON A BUN- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling *porketta on a bun* after all Masses on **September 27 & 28**.

Pricing: 1 for \$6.00 and 3 for \$15.00

Pre-order sheets are available in the **Narthex** of the church. The **final day to order** is **Tuesday, September 23, 2025**. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal!

EUCCHARISTIC 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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING, SUNDAE SUNDAY

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students, parents, parishioners, and family members who joined us for Sundae Sunday last weekend. Your presence helped make our back-to-school welcome a joyful and meaningful event.

A special word of thanks to the Knights of Columbus and CWL members for their generous help in scooping countless tubs of ice cream and preparing all the delicious toppings.

We are also grateful to Msgr. Con for his thoughtful idea and support in bringing this event to life.

The St. Margaret Mary CWL General Meeting (occurs every fourth Thursday of the month) will be held on Sept. 25 – all members of our parish are welcome.

The CWL Executives from St. Thomas the Apostle and Mount Carmel Parishes are co-hosting the Regional Semi-Annual Diocesan Meeting in our Parish Hall on Saturday Sept 27, beginning at 9am. All CWL members throughout our Diocese are invited and urged to attend.

OPEN HOUSE The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives invites you to an Open House, **Sept. 20th from 2:00 - 5:00** and **Sept. 21st from 10:00 - 2:00**. We are located at 698 King St. West, on the grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us to view The Saint John's Bible, learn about our services, and pick up a few good books! Open to All!

RESTART: Moving Forward Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run **Tuesdays from Sept. 23 – Nov. 25** from 7-9 pm and are held in person at the Chancery Office, Hamilton, in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration online: hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings on the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month at the Chancery Office in Hamilton These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Register at <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy, Eucharist and Ministry, Spiritual Preparation, Diocesan Norms and Guidelines, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for those who are new to this ministry and a good refresher for experienced ministers. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Workshops run 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Owen Sound, **and Saturday, October 18, 2025**, St. Joseph Parish, Guelph, **and Saturday, November 22, 2025**, St. Raphael Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/extraordinary-minister-of-communion-formation-workshops-4/>

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