

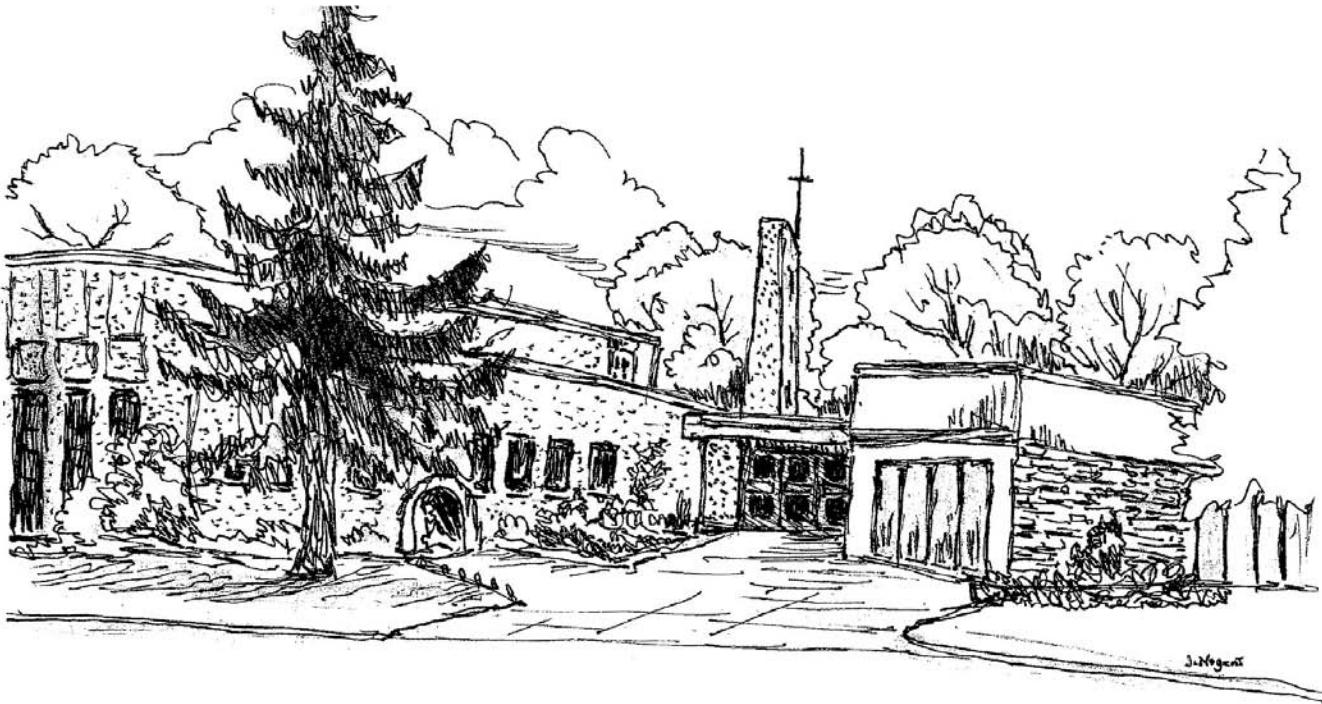


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Office Hours:

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Second Sunday of Advent is:

Matthew 3.1-12

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

November 23rd Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 5,228.00
Loose Cash	\$ 849.00
Missionary Co-Op Plan	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$ 242.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 140.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon., Dec. 1	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tues., Dec. 2	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Wed., Dec. 3	Order of Preachers, (Dominican), O.P.
Thurs., Dec. 4	Rev. Paweł Stankiewicz
Fri., Dec. 5	Rev. Bill Foote
Sat., Dec. 6	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR MASS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND HAS BEEN MOVED FROM 7:00PM TO 6:00PM FOR THIS DAY ONLY.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

As we prepare for the Christmas season, parents and children are invited to a **Christmas-themed Movie Night** on **Saturday, December 13th 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.

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*.

2026 DONATIONS ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Donation envelopes for 2026 are now available for pick-up in the narthex starting this week. Envelopes are arranged alphabetically for your convenience.



Mass at 6:00pm on Tuesday
9:00am on Wednesday – Friday

Tues., Dec. 2 6:00 pm.	†Antonia Cacnio †Domenico & Liberata Bonitatibus †Deceased members of Bonitatibus Family
Wed., Dec. 3 9:00 am.	†Joseph Spatazzo †Michelino Ciancone
Thurs., Dec. 4 9:00 am.	†Eduardo Allanigue †Kurt Weber
Fri., Dec. 5 9:00 am	†Flora Mabini †Rosalinda Perez Intentions of Elsie & Stanley Bialkowski
Sat., Dec. 6 5:00pm	†Antonia Cacnio †Nicola Cocca †Andy Dobrowolski †Gennaro De Michele †Felice De Michele Intentions of Ron Burnett

A SEASON OF WAITING, HOPE, AND RENEWAL

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and the start of the Church's annual journey toward Christmas. It is a season filled with quiet expectation, joyful hope, and spiritual renewal, a time to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ not only in the celebration of His birth, but also in His coming again at the end of time. The word **Advent** itself comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." It invites us to pause, to watch, and to ready ourselves for the presence of God who enters our world in love.

Advent has a twofold character. In its first weeks, the Church's readings and prayers focus on the final coming of Christ in glory. They call us to vigilance, conversion, and hope in the promise that God's kingdom will one day be fully revealed. The Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent often carries a tone of urgency, Jesus tells His disciples to "stay awake" and "be ready," for they do not know the hour when the Son of Man will come. This watchfulness is not meant to instill fear, but to awaken faith: we are called to live each day in readiness, grounded in the assurance that God's purposes are unfolding even when we cannot see them.

As Advent progresses, the focus shifts gently toward the first coming of Christ—His birth in Bethlehem. The purple or violet color of the season reflects both penitence and hope. Like Lent, Advent is a time of spiritual preparation, but its tone is more joyful than somber. The Advent wreath, with its four candles, is a beloved symbol of this journey. Each candle represents a week of waiting, and as the light increases, so does our anticipation of the Light of the World.

Entering into this season means embracing a spirit of simplicity and reflection amid the noise of modern life. The world around us rushes toward Christmas with shopping, busyness, and distraction, but the Church calls us to a different rhythm—to slow down, to listen, and to prepare inwardly. Advent invites us to cultivate silence, to pray with Scripture, and to renew our relationships with God and others. It is a time to ask: Where in my life do I need Christ to

come anew? What parts of my heart are waiting for His healing and peace?

This season also reminds us that waiting is not passive. Advent waiting is active, filled with faith and love. We wait as people who know that God is faithful, that His promises are sure. Each act of kindness, forgiveness, or generosity becomes a way of preparing the manger of our hearts for Christ's presence.

As the First Sunday of Advent dawns, the Church invites us to begin again—with hope. The Lord who came once in humility will come again in glory, and even now, He comes to us in every moment of grace. To enter Advent well is to open our eyes to this coming and to make room for Christ, who is Emmanuel—God with us—now and forever.

CHRISTMAS HELP: A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE OF ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas time will soon be upon us and staff at the school and St. Margaret Mary Parish are already in the process of assembling our Christmas baskets for our families in need.

We rely on the help of families, staff, parishioners, and other community members to gather support. For convenience for all, we will be asking for support in the form of gift cards.

Gift card location suggestions include:

- Walmart, President's Choice for groceries or a gift purchase.
- Amazon or Restaurant Cards for a meal out or a gift purchase.

Please submit any donations to the parish or school office. We are grateful for any support that can be offered.

Many Thanks, Mr. De Tullio (Principal)



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**.

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join us for a joyful evening of food, fellowship, and celebration at our Parish Christmas Dinner! Tickets are \$25 for ages 13 and up, \$15 for ages 6–12, and free for children 5 and under.

We will also be accepting donations in support of Birthright Hamilton at the event. Your generosity will help mothers and families in need this Christmas season. We look forward to celebrating with you!

THE SISTER'S 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

AN INVITATION FROM ST. JOSEPH PARISH, HAMILTON

St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton, Presents the Victoria Scholar's Men's Choral Ensemble on December 7th, 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 joins us for this wonderful event. CD's will be available for sale. Tickets : \$40.00 please call the Parish Office at 905-528-0019.

HAITI MISSION UPDATE

The Twinning Committee extends to you, our most generous parishioners, our sincere appreciation for your overwhelming response to our October appeal for our brothers and sisters in Beau-Sejour, Haiti. An amazing \$12,107 was donated to our sister parish and it brings hope beyond measure.

This generous donation will continue to sponsor the education of the 900 children of Beau-Sejour, Haiti. In addition, we will be able to send Father Jude funds to feed the hungry children in his parish.

Included in our quarterly transfer of \$3,000 US to cover our commitment to education, we are able to add \$1,000 US to feed the hungry children. This additional payment will be included in our next three transfers: November 2025, February 2026 and May 2026. Your most generous response answers Our Lord's call to "feed the hungry" in a most real sense.

To all who have and continue to support this important mission, we express our heartfelt gratitude and pray that Our Lord continues to bless you and reward you for your kindness.

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