



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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in ordinary time is:
Luke 16.19-31

OUR GIFTS TO GOD September 14th Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 6,027.00
Loose Cash	\$ 690.00
Building Fund	\$ 135.00
St. M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 282.00
Missionary Co-Op Plan	\$ 525.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 22	Rev. David Reilander
Tues. Sept. 23	Rev. Andrew Czarny
Wed. Sept. 24	Salesians of St. Don Bosco, S.D.B.
Thurs. Sept. 25	Very Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v. Dei.
Fri. Sept. 26	Sts Martyrs Canadiens
Sat. Sept. 27	Rev. Livinus Okamgba
	<i>World Tourism Day</i>

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR BULLETIN BOARD TIDY

All posters, notices and information cards must go through the office and we will post them. Any notice that does not follow this process will be removed.

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 It's 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 in the parish on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. After a brief meeting time and practice, we will have time to get to know each other over a pizza and ice cream lunch. Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Sept. 23	†Angela D'Agruma †Alfonso De Luca †Giuseppe & Bridiga Suffoletta †Albert Fernandes †Lydia Belita
Wed., Sept. 24	†Dom Fernandez †Giacomo Corbacio †Lukas Gudinkas
Thurs., Sept. 25	Intentions of Marilyn Sturtevant †Lilia Omana †Rocco Della Nebbia
Fri., Sept. 26	†Pacita Tumbokon †Vittorino Santucci †Angela Sebastiani
Sat. Sept. 27 5:00pm	†Annette Spatazzo †Alexander Osting †Adele Brazzoni †Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joao, John & Maria Arruda
Sun., Sept. 28 11:00 am	†Pietro Ferreli

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 **Msgr. 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.

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 @2:00 PM
- **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

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 refreshment with cultural foods prepared for the occasion and enjoy entertainment. It is always a lively and prayerful event.

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!

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 is moved to 6.30 p.m. to accommodate this meeting.**

INVITATION FROM SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

The "**Saturday Morning Men's Program**" will begin this year on **Saturday September 27th**! The spiritually fulfilling sessions begin at **7am** and end at approximately **8:30am** at **St. Margaret Mary Parish** in the Hearth Room. The first program for the year is called "**Be a Man**" hosted by popular priest **Father Larry Richards** and watched each week through the **free** Catholic streaming service "**Heroic Men**". While we would encourage men to participate each week you are free to come any week you wish that meets your busy schedule. The Men's Program guarantees to be spiritually fulfilling as well as a fantastic way for men to deepen their faith and forge new friendships.

It is important to note that is not exclusive to only the men of St. Margaret Mary Parish. It is open to men from any Parish so please feel free to attend and invite your friends who may be interested. Please email Jeff Toole (Blessed Sacrament parishioner) (jctoole9@yahoo.ca), if you have any questions.

When we pray for God's mercy.....The following is a short excerpt from Fr. Henri Nouwen's book **With burning hearts – A meditation on the Eucharistic Life** on the word "mercy."

"There is probably no prayer in the history of Christianity that has been prayed so frequently and intimately as the prayer 'Lord, have mercy.' . . . This cry for mercy is possible only when we are willing to confess that somehow, somewhere, we ourselves have something to do with our losses. Crying for mercy is a recognition that blaming God, the world, or others for our losses does not do full justice to the truth of who we are. At the moment we are willing to take responsibility, even for the pain we didn't cause directly, blaming is converted into an acknowledgment of our own role in human brokenness. The prayer for God's mercy comes from a heart that knows that this human brokenness is not a fatal condition of which we have become the sad victims, but the bitter fruit of the human choice to say no to love."

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 fall regional meeting will be held Sat Sept 27 at St Thomas the Apostle in Waterdown 9am-3pm. Any CWL member wishing to attend please email drotarkim@gmail.com.

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