



# St. Margaret Mary Parish

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**Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony**, Pastor

**Rev. Mr. Rene Marechal**, Deacon

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

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

**Luke 17.5-10**

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD September 21<sup>st</sup> Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,627.00
Loose Cash	\$ 726.00
St. M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 145.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 147.00

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

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 29	Rev. Ignatius Saiki, OP
Tues. Sept. 30	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, OP
Wed. Oct. 1	Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.
Thurs. Oct. 2	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Fri. Oct. 3	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath C.M.I.
Sat. Oct. 4	Rev. Grayson Hope

## 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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Sept. 30	†Carmine Porco †Flora Mabini †Kamila Grace Angielczyk †Giuseppina Ciancone
Wed., Oct. 1	†Carla Cameron
Thurs., Oct. 2	†Peter Beattie †Mary Novak †Eduardo Allanigue †Theresa Sebastian
Fri., Oct. 3	†Rocco Della Nebbia †Lucia Ongnibene †Maura Blainey
Sat. Oct. 4 5:00pm	†Antonia Cacnio †Ross Yule †Maria & Gaetano Miceli †Joe Pracsovics Sr.
Sun., Sept. 28 9:00 am	†Checchina, Lucy & Aldo Benciuerga

## 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.

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.



**Parish Visioning Questions:** As we prayerfully look to the next five years, we invite you to share your experiences, hopes, and dreams for our parish community. Please take time to reflect and answer from the heart.

- 1. What do you most appreciate about our parish?** (Share something you value deeply, a ministry, a tradition, a moment when you felt especially connected or inspired here.)
- 2. Looking ahead, what opportunities or needs should our parish focus on in the next five years?** (Think about both our parish family and the wider community we serve.)
- 3. What do you believe should be the top priorities for our parish leaders and committees (Pastor, Finance, Building & Maintenance, Liturgy, Outreach) over the next five years?** (Where should we direct our energy and attention?)
- 4. What is your dream for our parish five years from now?** (Imagine how our parish could grow, flourish, and live out our mission in a bold new way.)
- 5. Bonus question: Would I be missed if I didn't show up for Mass on Sunday?** One of the greatest gifts of being part of a parish family is knowing that we matter to one another. This question invites us to reflect on whether our parish feels like a place where each person is noticed, valued, and cared for. Your response will help us see how well we are living that sense of belonging, and where we might grow stronger as a community.

We would love to hear from you! You can share your thoughts by writing a response and placing it in the collection basket at Mass, by using the **From the Desk of the Pastor** link on our website, or by emailing us at [office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca](mailto:office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca). Please share your ideas with us by **October 16**. Your voice will help shape the future of our parish family.

**THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME (SSND)** of the Atlantic-Midwest Province (which includes the SSND Sisters resident in our Diocese) have elected a new Provincial Council to be installed on December 8, 2025. Sister Nancy Gilchrist, the new Provincial Leader was welcomed by outgoing Provincial Leader, Sister Charmaine Krohe. Sister Celeste Reinhart, from our Diocese, will serve as a Provincial Councillor. We pray in thanksgiving for the service of the SSND community in the Diocese of Hamilton over many years!

## 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

## 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.

**THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES** invite you to an **Open House** on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You are invited to see the Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible, learn about the services offered at the Library, and pick up a few good books! Doors are open to all! Located at 698 King Street West, on the beautiful grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Lots of parking available in front and around back!

*"I am deeply convinced that the necessity of prayer, and to pray unceasingly, is not as much based on our desire for God as on God's desire for us. It is God's passionate pursuit of us that calls us to prayer."* - By: Henri Nouwen



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