



# 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
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St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186

# TWENTY -THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Gospel for The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is:

**John 3.13-17**

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD August 24<sup>th</sup> Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 5,717.00
Loose Cash	\$ 683.00
Building Fund	\$ 300.00
Parish Outreach	\$ 158.00

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

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 1	Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Tues. Sept. 2	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Wed. Sept. 3	Our Parish Community
Thurs. Sept. 4	Rev. Michael Anderson
Fri. Sept. 5	Rev. Patrick Ohl
Sat. Sept. 6	Rev. Mario Fernando Cabal Muriel, S.J.
Mon. Sept. 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues. Sept. 9	Rev. David Perrin
Wed. Sept. 10	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.
Thurs. Sept. 11	Catholic Teachers
Fri., Sept. 12	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Sat. Sept. 13	Rev. Matthew Durham
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

## 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!

**A prayer for the new school year.....** Dear Lord, as I step into this new school year, I confess my fears of the unknown. Please help me to overcome these fears with faith in Your promises. Remind me that You are with me, even in the uncertain and unfamiliar moments. Strengthen my trust in You, knowing that You have a good plan for my life. May Your presence give me the courage to embrace new experiences with confidence.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Sept. 9	†Tony Stanfl, Jr. †Trinidad Rosal †Rocco Della Nebbia †Helen Acadia †Anton Nguyen
Wed., Sept. 10	†Vittoria & Enrico Mancinelli
Thurs., Sept. 11	Intentions of David & Michael †Mary Novak
Fri., Sept. 12	†Antonia Cacnio †Neil Campbell
Sat., Sept. 13 @ 5:00 pm	†Pilipino Villabroza †Flora Mabini †Eleanor Wahler
Sun., Sept. 14 9:00am	†Romeo Goulet
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
Tues., Sept. 23	†Angela D'Agruma †Giuseppe & Bridiga Suffoletta †Alfonso De Luca †Albert Fernandes †Lydia Belita
Wed., Sept. 24	†Dom Fernandez †Giacomo Corbacio †Lukas Gudinkas
Thurs., Sept. 25	Intentions of M. Sturtevant †Lilia Omana †Rocco Della Nebbia
Fri., Sept. 26	†Pacita Tumbokon †Vittorino Santucci †Angela Sebastiani
Sat. Sept. 27 5:00pm	†Annette Spatazzo †Alexander Osting †Joao, John & Maria Arruda †Antonio & Luisa Marle
Sun., Sept. 7 11:00 am	†Pietro Fesrelli

**From the desk of the pastor.....** As we embark on this new pastoral year, let us pause for a moment. This is a good time to develop some good practices and put some thought into our daily prayer. The following are some gentle suggestions.

Find a quiet place, just for yourself and for the Lord. Even if it's only for a few minutes each day, these intentional pauses, to sit quietly with Jesus can become the anchor of our day and our week.

The pace of daily life can be relentless: work, meetings, planning, study, caring for others are all good and necessary tasks. Yet, it's easy to lose sight of the core. At its heart, daily prayer is not merely about activity; it's about **being present**. It's rooted in that intimate, daily encounter with Jesus, the source of every good gift we bring to others.

The Italian mystic, **Carlo Carretto**, who spent years in the silent deserts cultivating a life of prayer, reminds us that **"We are what we pray. The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer. The strength of our hope is the strength of our prayer. The warmth of our charity is the warmth of our prayer. No more nor less."** Those words call us back, gently and insistently to the truth that our spiritual life and ministry flow from the depth of our prayer. By sitting with Jesus each day—even briefly, we open ourselves to be reshaped, refreshed, and refocused. We allow our heart to be warmed by the same love we seek to extend to others.

**Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI**, the Canadian spiritual writer, offers a comforting reminder of prayer's accessibility. He writes of a moment when Jesus meets someone with "a smile... without reserve and without judgment," and how "Jesus was eager to meet me!" In that encounter, "there's no place for fear or shame or wondering what God thinks of you." What a beautiful reminder that prayer, even short, simple prayer, is not a performance. It's a sacred meeting: gentle, transformative, safe. Just you, and Him, in a moment of welcome. Consider these gentle steps:

- **Begin small and simple.** Maybe it's a posture: sitting, standing, kneeling with eyes closed. A single sentence: *"Lord, I need you."* Or, "Jesus, have mercy on me." Or the Our Father, offered "as best we can" on a busy day. [Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI](#)
- **Be faithful to "sitting."** Even when thoughts wander, or time slips away, return again the next day. Be present. Be persistent.
- **Listen more than speak.** Prayer is not only words. In silence we learn to recognize God's voice, the warm, persistent whisper beneath the noise of our busy minds.
- **Let prayer renew our hope and charity.** When you sense weariness or frustration, remember Fr. Carretto's words: "your warmth of charity is born in the warmth of prayer. Let that reshape your motives, your energy, your vision."
- **Let gratitude flow in.** Even a brief "Thank you, Jesus, for being with me," can soften your heart and realign your day.

As we begin this new pastoral year, may our days be shaped by the quiet fidelity of prayer. May we go to it faithfully, day by day, for even a few moments, and may each encounter feed our inner life so that it overflows into our day and those that we will meet. A few moments, a daily sitting with Jesus—that may be the simplest yet most profound gift you offer yourself each day.

Msgr. Con

## **YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND JUBILEE OF HOPE**

Calling all young adults! Join us for a special day pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario**, as we journey together in the spirit of the **Jubilee of Hope**. This is a chance to connect with others, deepen your faith, and walk in the footsteps of the Canadian martyrs.

□ **Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2025

🕒 **Departure Time:** 8:00 am

📍 **Departure Location:** Chancery Office, Diocese of Hamilton (700 King Street West)

\$ **Cost:** \$40.00 per person

📁 **Includes:** Transportation, entry to the Shrine, time for prayer, reflection, fellowship, and celebration of Mass, BBQ Dinner ahead of departure.

**All young adults (20s & 30s) are welcome. Space is limited, so register early!**

**To register or learn more, contact:** Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis  
[catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com/events](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/events)  
Come and be renewed in hope!

## **YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Join us as we explore the Practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: [www.hamiltondiocesearns.com](http://www.hamiltondiocesearns.com)

## **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.

## **Update on the recent damage at St. Margaret Mary.....**

On Monday we met to review the damage to the air conditioning unit to and begin the process of determining a path forward. The insurance company have initiated a review of the situation, and we expect a report in the next ten to twelve days that the Building and Maintenance Committee and I will review.

Unfortunately, the damage is extensive and means that we will not have a working system for many months. We are very grateful to our neighbor who alerted the police which meant that some evidence was left behind.



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