

St. Margaret Mary Parish

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Office Hours:

Monday-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:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 am
April to November
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Available 30 minutes before all Masses 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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

You're all invited to attend "Simbang Gabi". A revered Filipino Christmas tradition to observe a series of nine evening Masses. It will start on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH** to **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD** at **7:00 PM** here in our Parish. Bishop Crosby will be the main presider on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH** and Bishop Lobsinger on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD**. Come and experience the Filipino Mass and Hymns.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON
PRAYER CALENDAR**

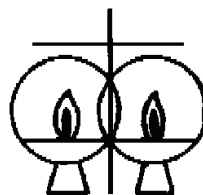
MONDAY – Rev. Michael Anderson
TUESDAY- Rev. Robert Love
WEDNESDAY – Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
THURSDAY – Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
FRIDAY – Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
SATURDAY – Rev. Ilija Petkovic

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 6:00 PM – Join us for an evening in Ophthalmology. **WHAT IS CATARACT EYE SURGERY?** Guest speaker, Dr. Nina Ahuja, will discuss this interesting topic. All are welcome to attend.



ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS will take place on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 7:30 AM-9:00 PM** at St. Margaret Mary Parish.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – DECEMBER 12TH – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7:30 am – Luciana Bozzelli

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 13TH – ST. LUCY

7:30 am – Amanda Mell, Kathy Mandula, Cynthia Nazareth

WEDNESDAY- DECEMBER 14TH – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS 7:30 AM-9:00 PM

7:00 pm –Mary Boreyko, Phyllis Britton, Pasquale DiPersio, Antonio DiPaolo, Brian Mascarin, Nina Passerelli, Donato Tortis

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 15TH

7:30 am – Settimio Salvatore
7:00 pm – Simbang Gabi

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 16TH

7:30 am – Special Intention
7:00 pm – Simbang Gabi

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 17TH

9:00 am – Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm – Sunday Mass
7:00 pm – Simbang Gabi

COMING LATER

YTOL (Youth Teams of our Lady) Canada is inviting all young adults 18-28 to join us for a retreat **DECEMBER 28TH-JANUARY 2ND 2023**. For more details please contact Karolina Jach at 226-789-1228 or ytolcanada@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Kudos to so many for their contribution to the Twinkle Toes Project. We received loads of donations of socks and small toiletries from parishioners, our school children and their families, and local businesses. On Nov. 26, CWL members and 20 Confirmandi filled 381 pairs of socks. The Confirmandi joyfully gained service hours for their participation and enjoyed a beverage and snack when finished. A wonderful collaboration and example of parishioners' faith in action.

The gently used purses that were also donated are being given to people served through the programs of Catholic Family Services. At our Annual CWL Potluck Dinner we collected non-perishable food items. These, along with our Twinkle Toes donations, are being distributed to Out of the Cold and the Good Shepherd for those in our community who are in need. Thanks to all for their generosity of time, talent and treasure.

Our Potluck Dinner on Nov. 29 was full of delicious food, lots of fun and prizes, great conversation and super entertainment. Hope you can join us next year! Just a reminder for CWL ladies to pay membership dues for 2022 now while the cost is still \$25.00. This will keep your years of service intact.

CHRISTMAS TREE OF HOPE

Once again our parish will be collecting gifts for the Good Shepherd to distribute to the less fortunate in our community. This year they are asking for the following:

1. Unwrapped gifts only for ages 0-9 years of age.
2. WalMart gift cards in a \$15.00 denomination only which will be give to all those 10 years of age and over. (This ensures fair distribution.)

We will have the tree in the Narthex **NOVEMBER 26TH-DECEMBER 13TH**. All gifts must be delivered to the Good Shepherd by **DECEMBER 16TH**. Please place unwrapped gifts under the tree. Please place Gift Cards in an envelope marked "Tree of Hope" into the collection boxes at the weekend Masses.

Thank you so much for your assistance.

THE LIGHT OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Jesus is the light of the world. The first candle, when lit, shows some light, and gives us **hope**. We see a glimmer in the darkness. We hope in the Lord, and trust in His word knowing His goodness and steadfast love for us.

The second candle banishes more darkness. With **faith**, we listen to the promises made to the prophets, and know the God of faithfulness has promised to set us free.

Joy is in our hearts – the Lord will soon be here! The third candle, the rose of rejoicing, is lit, more light is revealed, and the way of the Lord is being prepared.

The last and final candle is lit. The wreath is ablaze with light. The coming of the Saviour is truly near. We wait with **love** with Mary for the birth of her child, and with Joseph, who waits with her.

The Holy Family abounded in mercy and reconciliation. In mercy and reconciliation, Jesus is the epitome of these virtues. Mary exhibits these virtues by her fiat, allowing the love and mercy of God to enter the world; Joseph by taking Mary as his wife and being the foster father of Jesus.

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