

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: 7:15 am

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:

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MONDAY – DECEMBER 18TH

7:15 am + Mark Bistoyong

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 19TH

7:15 am + Reynaldo Guibao, Sr.
+ Timothy Mercado
+ Peter Platsko
+ Jacqueline Pullar

WEDNESDAY- DECEMBER 20TH

7:00 pm + Pietro Carducci
+ Filberto & Rita Cassiani
+ Florence Giambruno
+ Vivian, Francesco, Azzadine & Emily
Porto
+ Remo Trifone

THURSDAY– DECEMBER 21ST

7:15 am - Intentions of Elsie & Stan Bialkowski

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 22ND

7:15 am + Deris Giavedoni

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 23RD

9:00 am + Pietro Memmolo

SUNDAY LITURGY – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 23RD

5:00 pm + Dorothy Bergmann

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 24TH

9:00 am + Tony Baldesarra
11:00 am – Personal Intention

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY – Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
TUESDAY – Single Catholics
WEDNESDAY – Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
THURSDAY – Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
FRIDAY – Rev. Ronald Hodara
SATURDAY - Rev. Donald Kiffman

CHRISTMAS TREE OF HOPE

Once again we will be supporting the Good Shepherd in their Christmas Outreach. They are looking for unwrapped toys for children and Gift Cards in the amount of \$25 for teens and adults. Please assist everyone involved by following these guidelines. Gifts will be collected after all Masses on December 3rd, 10th and 17th. Gift Cards may be put in an envelope marked "Christmas Tree of Hope" and placed in the Collection. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless you all.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE



Before Mass begins each Sunday during Advent, there is a prayer and the ceremony of lighting the Advent Candle. If you and members of your family would like to offer your services for lighting the Advent candles, please call the office or see Fr. Adam.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



During the Christmas season, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world, and the beginning of his life in the Holy Family of Nazareth, we are particularly mindful of the members of our own families. We fondly remember those who have gone before us in death. Parishioners, who wish, can make a donation for sanctuary Christmas flowers in memory of deceased loved ones. Mass for them will be celebrated on Christmas Day, December 25th, at 11:00 am. Deadline is Monday, December 18th. Names of the deceased will be included in the bulletin.

Haiti Twinning Committee Update



On Sunday December 10th, 2023, our brothers and sisters of our twinned St. Gabriel parish celebrated in a special way the blessing and commissioning of their new church building. Let us join in prayerful celebration of the blessings received in the Beau Sejour region for another successful start of the school year for over 850 students and a rebirth of the St. Gabriel Church. The parish Twinning Committee is planning to provide a brief presentation after each of the Masses on the weekend of January 6-7, 2024, followed by a reception in the Hearth Room for fellowship, refreshments and the viewing of many new photos of our young students, teachers and the new St. Gabriel Church.

ALTAR SERVERS BOWLING



Fr. Adam and Deacon Rene invite all Altar Servers for our upcoming 5-pin bowling night on Friday, December 29th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Mountain Lanes located at 335

Upper Wentworth. We trust that parents will bring their children for a fun night out with their friends.

ADVENT PRAYERS

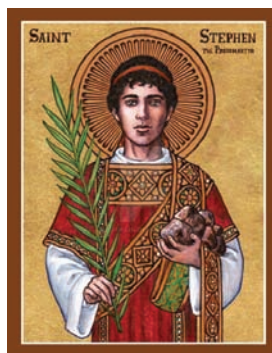
We encourage you, our Parishioners, to visit our Parish website and follow along at home with your family the same Advent prayers that are said during the Sunday Masses throughout the Advent season.



CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will **celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will **begin at 11:30 pm** followed by Midnight Mass. Salt+Light Catholic Television will air the celebration live on television and on their website. CHCH TV of Hamilton will also carry the telecast.

DECEMBER 26TH – FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN



This Saint lived a life of service, caring for widows and preaching the Good News to all who would hear. This deacon was called to imitate Christ, even unto death, as he is noted as the first Christian Martyr.

DECEMBER 27TH – FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE



He stood faithfully at the foot of the cross when the Saviour made him guardian of His Mother. John is credited with the writing of three epistles and one Gospel. He is also thought by many to be the author of the Book of Revelation.

DECEMBER 28TH –

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS



The Church commemorates the small children of Bethlehem put to death by Herod. He was looking to eliminate the “*newborn King of the Jews*” by removing all children under the age of 2. Death of innocents still continues today as many die of disease, starvation, war, and abortion. Please pray for all children today.

WHAT DO I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

I want to kneel in Bethlehem, the air thick with alleluias, the angels singing that God is born among us.

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