

# St. Margaret Mary Parish

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**Miss Sheila Campbell, Secretary**



# ADVENT

**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 15<sup>TH</sup>** to **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** at **7:00 PM** here in our Parish. Bishop Crosby will be the main presider on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** and Bishop Lobsinger **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**. Come and experience the Filipino Mass and Hymns.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON  
PRAYER CALENDAR**

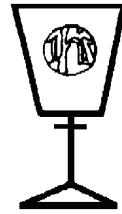
MONDAY – Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic  
TUESDAY- Rev. Pierre Caoetta, L.C.  
WEDNESDAY – Voluntas Dei Institute  
(i.v.Dei.)  
THURSDAY – Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.  
FRIDAY – Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.  
SATURDAY – Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.

**OFFICE NOTES**

The parish office will close **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** at **4:00 PM** and will re-open on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>** at **9:00 AM**. On **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**, the parish office will close at **4:00 PM**. The office will re-open on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>** at **9:00 AM**.

**2022 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

All donations to be included in the 2022 income tax receipts must be to the parish office by **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 12:00 NOON**. Donations received after **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**, will be credited to 2023.



**Mass  
Intentions**

**MONDAY – DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

7:15 am – Intentions of Kevin & Mary Dunn  
7:00 pm – Simbang Gabi

**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

7:15 am – Rosalia Baiardo, John DeKleyn,  
Donald Zytaruk  
7:00 pm – Simbang Gabi

**WEDNESDAY- DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

7:00 pm – Simbang Gabi  
7:00 pm - Filiberto Cassiani, Manus McGowan,  
Vivian, Francesco, Azzadine & Emily  
Porto

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

7:30 am – Souls in Purgatory  
7:00 pm – Simbang Gabi

**FRIDAY – DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

7:30 am – Remo Trifone  
7:00 pm – Simbang Gabi

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 am – Antonietta Minicucci  
5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Mass  
7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Mass  
12:00 Midnight – Christmas Eve Mass

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 am – Christmas Day Mass  
11:00 am – Christmas Day Mass

### A NOTE FROM THE CWL

We would like to thank all the parishioners who donated 46 purses which were filled with toiletry items and delivered to St. Martins Manor's program for vulnerable senior citizens.

### THE WREATH IN OUR HEARTS

Jesus is the light of the world, and the Life that gives meaning and hope to our lives. His light lives in each of us, baptized by water and the Spirit. The greens and decorations of the wreath of our hearts are made of the crosses we bear patiently, the graces we receive through the sacraments, our prayer, acts of penance, the good works and deeds we do, the acts of mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation. This wreath is not the Advent wreath, though it was made during Advent. It is the Christmas wreath, our Christmas gift to Jesus, that welcomes the Saviour into our hearts.

### COMING LATER

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

### CHRISTMAS BEATITUDES

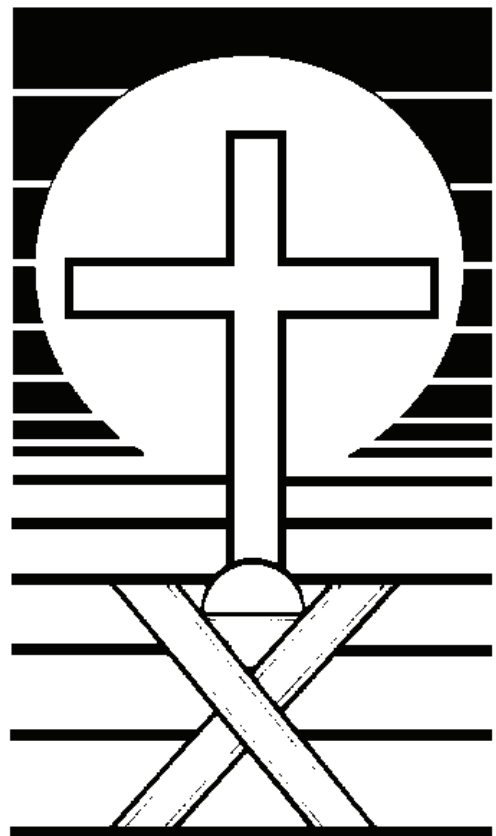
**Blessed are they** who find Christ in the age old story of a babe in Bethlehem. To them a little child will always mean hope and promise in a troubled world.

**Blessed are they** who find Christmas in the joy of gifts sent lovingly to others. They shall share the gladness of joy of the shepherds and the wise men of old.

**Blessed are they** who find Christmas in the fragrant greens, the cheerful holly and soft flicker of candles. To them shall come bright memories of love and happiness.

**Blessed are they** who find Christmas in the happy music of Christmastide. They shall have a song of joy ever echoing in their hearts.

**Blessed are they** who find Christmas in the message of the Prince of Peace; peace on earth and good will to all people.




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