



# St. Margaret Mary Parish

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**Mrs. Marilyn Sturtevant**, Parish Minister

**Miss Sheila Campbell**, Secretary

## 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; 7:15 am December-March.

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 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 on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**. Come and experience the Filipino Mass and Hymns.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON  
PRAYER CALENDAR**

MONDAY – Rev. Duy Van Nguyen  
TUESDAY- Rev. Hayden Starczala  
WEDNESDAY – Order of Preachers  
(Dominica) (O.P.)  
THURSDAY – Rev. John Van Hees  
FRIDAY – Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.  
SATURDAY – Rev. Gerald Mulhall

**THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**



The wreath itself is made of various evergreens, which signify continuous life. The greens themselves have traditional meaning, which can be adapted to our faith: laurel of bay leaf, victory or persecution and suffering; pine, holly and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly, with its prickly leaves, reminds us of the crown of thorns. The circle, without beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Pine cones, nuts or seedpods that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. This all comes together to remind us of the everlasting life promised to us through

Christ, who entered the world, and was victorious over sin and death through His passion, death and resurrection.



**MONDAY – DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
7:30 am – Intentions of David & Jake

**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
7:30 am – Diosdada Bergantinos, Manuel Moniz,  
Maria & Joeph Moniz

**WEDNESDAY- DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> –  
ST. AMBROSE**  
7:00 pm – John & Maria Arruda, Domenico &  
Liberata Bonitatibus, Antonio &  
Luisa Mare, Joe Pracsovics, Sr.

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
7:30 am – Nicola & Crescenza Monaco  
7:00 pm – Concepcion Gomen Venzon

**FRIDAY – DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
7:30 am – Joycelyn & Martin Gregoire &  
Deceased Members of Gregoire  
Family  
7:00 pm – Adoremus

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
9:00 am – Pericles Sison

### THIS WEEK

Join us **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> at 7:30 PM** for Bible Study in the Hearth Room. We will study **“MAKING ALL THINGS NEW”**. Bible study will resume on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**.

On **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00-8:30 PM**, we will have adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with confessions available, with Scripture readings and songs sung in the background.

### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

There is a Papal tradition of blessing the Baby Jesus figurine on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and this has come to be known as Baminelli Sunday. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurine to Mass on **SATURDAY/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup>**, to be blessed. You are then encouraged to wrap your “Baminelli” as a gift and open it as the first gift on Christmas day and place Him in the manger –reflecting on what a great blessing He is.

### BISHOP CROSBY’S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

We are preparing a **SPIRITUAL BOUQUET** for Bishop Crosby’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination as Bishop. Please complete the forms available in the Narthex with our commitments to include in the bouquet.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE EVENTS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

### 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)

### St. Margaret Mary “Mini-Bazaar” Update

*Dear Parishioners:*

We are happy to announce that we had a profit of \$5,880.71 from our “Mini-Bazaar” on November 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>. It is with deep gratitude that we thank you for your support with your donations and/or presence. As we write this, we have nothing definite to report re the parish refrigeration unit for the school kitchen. We promise to update you, probably in January. Please be assured that we will be good stewards of your generosity!

May God bless each of you and your loved ones this beautiful Christmas season and always.

With our sincere thanks . . .

Convenors: Joe Pracsovics and Betty Tapuska

### 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 26<sup>TH</sup>-DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**. All gifts must be delivered to the Good Shepherd by **DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**. 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.

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