



# 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

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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would like to bake 6 of your favourite muffins to contribute, that would be appreciated.

**THIS WEEK**

On **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**, **FAMILY DAY**, the parish office will be closed.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**, is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Mass is at **7:30 AM, 12:00 NOON** and **7:00 PM**. Ash Wednesday is also a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

**PORKETTA ON A BUN**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta on a Bun after all Masses on **SATURDAY/SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup>**. Pre-order sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex or you can call Bob at 905-389-4024. Cost is \$6.00 each or three for \$15.00. Final day to order is **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Membership fees, \$35.00, are now due for 2023. Please use the blue envelope contained in your box of parish envelopes. Please write your full name, email address and telephone number on the envelope and drop the envelope into the collection, drop it off at the parish office or mail it. Thank you to the members who have already paid.

We invite every woman (16 years of age and over) in this parish to join!

**COUNTDOWN TO LENT**

It's not too early to begin to think about Lent! **ASH WEDNESDAY** is **FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**. Lent is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and works of charity to prepare for the joy of Easter. It might be a good idea to have a plan for Lent. What do I plan to give up or take on in Lent? Will I participate in the Stations of the Cross? Can I fit weekday Mass into my daily schedule for Lent? How about some family prayer? How can I support the *Share Lent* annual collection? All these actions and more help us journey through Lent and grow in our spiritual life. May this year's Lent prepare us to renew the promises of our baptism at Easter and strengthen us to live as missionary disciples.

**MONDAY – FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> – FAMILY DAY**

\*9:00 am\* – Giuseppe & Maria Nori

**TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

7:30 am – Deris Giavedoni, Kay Larkin

**ASH WEDNESDAY- FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

7:30 am – Chester Lazzarato

12:00 noon – Jennette Lukasik

7:00 pm – Betty Abanador, Joao Arruda, Jessie Bernardi, Jan Boruta, Carmelo Mule, Marie Shannon

**THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

7:30 am – Amelia Agnes

**FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 am – Angie Robinson

**SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 am – Geniveive & Joseph Menezes

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON  
PRAYER CALENDAR**

MONDAY – Rev. James Link, C.R.

TUESDAY - Rev. David Mowat, C.R.

WEDNESDAY – **Ash Wednesday**

THURSDAY – Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.

FRIDAY – Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

SATURDAY – Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

**LET'S HAVE A MUFFIN'S MONDAY  
ON FAMILY DAY**

Tired of this cold and cloudy winter? **FAMILY DAY** is coming up on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**. Let's get together as a parish family and begin the day with MASS at 9:00 AM followed by coffee, tea and muffins in the Hearth Room. Everyone is welcome. If you

### **ARRIVED & FUNCTIONING**

Dear Parishioners: We are happy to announce that our new Habco refrigeration unit was installed in the parish kitchen at St. Margaret Mary School. Its first use is this weekend at the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast. We know that it will be valuable for future events. The unit was purchased with the funds raised at our Parish Mini Bazaar in November and we are grateful for your support! Mission accomplished! Blessings . . . Joe Pracovics & Betty Tapuska, Convenors

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP!**

Are you creative or make hand crafted items? Do you knit, crochet, or sew? Do you like to work independently, or do you prefer to work in a group setting? Do you have craft items that you wish to donate to the Craft Table for our Parish Bazaar in the fall? Items such as table or Christmas tree decorations, wreaths, knitted or crocheted blankets, slippers, etc.? Do you have craft supplies waiting to be used or possibly donate? Your donations of finished items, craft supplies such as wool, netting, wire coat hangers in good condition, etc. would be gratefully received by placing in the labeled box just inside the Hearth Room door here at the church. We would be delighted to know if you would be interested in being involved with the Craft Table, coming out and meeting new friends. For more information please contact Betty 905-383-0360. God bless!

### **Formed.org Resources**

Check out [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) for great Catholic resources of so many kinds. To access this all you have to do is go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and register using our parish's postal code (L8T 1V9). In the past we've recommended you check out *The Search*, *Symbolon*, and *The Chosen*. There is sure to be something great for you there.

### **The 2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60

years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is needed). Register at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com), or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988.

### **Some Updates**

**St. Margaret Mary Young Adults Group:** All young adults (18-39 or so) are welcome to our upcoming event on February 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:15 PM with adoration and confessions, followed by pizza social and a talk on how to live Lent by Fr. Greg. See the poster on our parish bulletin board for more info.

**Additional Resources for Lent:** There are many great websites that can help you live your Lent more deeply. You can try checking out [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org), [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com), and [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com). You will also want to check out the apps *Hallow* and the *Amen App*.

**New Parish Website:** You will notice our updated parish website has the information from the previous website, but also now has more. More features will also be coming as time goes on. If you have a suggestion, feel very welcome to mention it to someone on the parish's pastoral team so we can have your important feedback. Thank you!

**Some Etiquette regarding Mass:** Sometimes it can be helpful to review a little about proper etiquette for the Holy Mass. Life happens, but it is important to try to do our best to arrive on time at Mass – even early to dispose our hearts to what will be happening. It is important to be courteous and gracious to others, and to try to avoid doing anything that will distract others from their prayer. Please minimize talking to others during Mass as this is disrespectful and distracting to others. It should only be done where necessary. Of course, sometimes it is necessary to help with small children for example, and families with children are always very welcome. In fact, may God grant that we see more of that! It is not appropriate to say out loud the parts of the Mass that only belong to the presiding priest, and likewise he is not supposed to take the parts that belong to the laity. At daily Mass, our parish has recently decided upon the option that only the priest recite the Communion antiphon, which is only said when there is no hymn during Communion. Thank you so much for helping to make our worship experiences times of peace, order, communal love, and deep experiences of the God who loves us!




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