

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:

St. Margaret Mary	905-383-8122
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	905-385-8212
St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MONDAY – FEBRUARY 27TH

7:30 am – Special Intention

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 28TH

7:30 am – Zivzido Merlo, Enid Mitchell,
Joe Santaguida

WEDNESDAY- MARCH 1ST

7:00 pm – Elvira Gaité, Manuel, Joseph & Maria
Moniz, Albert & Diane Van Hee,
Deceased Members of Bettencourt &
Alexandre Families

THURSDAY – MARCH 2ND

7:30 am – Jelka Rados

FRIDAY – MARCH 3RD

7:30 am – Dina Paolone
6:30 pm – Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 pm – Donato Tortis
7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY – MARCH 4TH

9:00 am – Pasquale Ferrelli

DIocese of Hamilton PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY – Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.

TUESDAY - Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.

WEDNESDAY – Society of the Sacred Heart of
Jesus (R.S.J.C.)

THURSDAY – Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.

FRIDAY – Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.

SATURDAY – Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, C.R.

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!

LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY was **FEBRUARY 22ND**. Lent is a
40-day period of prayer, fasting, and works of charity
to prepare for the joy of Easter. It is appropriate to
have a plan for Lent. It's not too late to form a
resolution. 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.

REFRIGERATOR UNIT 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 was this past 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 Pracsovics
& Betty Tapuska, Convenors

THANK YOU FROM THE TWINNING COMMITTEE

We sincerely thank all parishioners for your ongoing
support and generosity to **Hearts for Haiti**. Donations
amounted to an amazing \$600.00, followed by two
separate and generous donations from parishioners.
Hearts will be delivered to St. Gabriel's parish and
distributed to parishioners, a tangible sign of our love
for them. As an additional blessing, these funds will
go far in supporting education in Beau-Sejour. May
God continue to bless you all for your kindness and
generosity to our sisters and brothers in Beau-Sejour.

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 for great Catholic resources of so many kinds. To access this all you have to do is go to 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, 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 25th, 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, www.wordonfire.org, www.dynamiccatholic.com, and www.relevantradio.com. You will also want to check out the apps *Hallow* and the *Amen App*.

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!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 127

Parents are the first and foremost teachers about relationships for their children. It is good now and then to take a quick check and ask if your marriage and the way you interact with each other is what you hope your children's relationships will be when they grow up. If the answer is no, as a couple you deserve to find a way to create for yourselves the kind of relationship you want for your children. Seek support, read together relationship self-help books and/or consider attending a Retrouvaille weekend with the Diocese.

Marriages cannot be perfect all the time, but they should be lived in a way that makes you proud to pass on to your children. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)


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