

# St. Margaret Mary Parish

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## Epiphany of the Lord

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### MONDAY – JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:15 am + Lualhati Pelaez

### TUESDAY – JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

7:15 am + Genara Benito  
+ Alicia Santa Ana Esmenda  
+ Reynaldo Guibao, Sr.  
+ Paul Mielko  
+ Narcisa Sacramento

### WEDNESDAY- JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 pm + Joseph Beattie  
+ Rose Bistoyong  
+ Kathy Meyer Jarvis  
+ Pietro Memmolo  
+ Margherita Oddi  
+ Tony Pracsovics  
+ Adriano Spallacci  
+ Jose Vieira

### THURSDAY- JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

7:15 am + Mark Bistoyong

### FRIDAY – JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> - ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

7:15 am + Gennaro D'Aurora

### SATURDAY – JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 am + Kevin Beattie

## SUNDAY LITURGY – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY – JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 pm – For living & deceased parishioners

### SUNDAY – JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 am + Antonio Zarcone  
11:00 am + Geraldine Schweinbenz

## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY – *Baptism of the Lord*

TUESDAY – Rev. David Reilander

WEDNESDAY – Sisters of St. John the Baptist  
(C.S.J.B.)

THURSDAY – Rev. Franjo Sprajc

FRIDAY – Rev. Matthew Durham

SATURDAY – Rev. Aruimas Paulius Rudinskas

### BLESSING YOUR HOME ON EPIPHANY

It is traditional to bless your home on the Feast of the Epiphany, because of the biblical account of the three kings entering the home where Jesus is, in order to worship Him. The Epiphany blessing involves using blessed chalk to write the letters C, M, and B, plus the year, above the main entrance to the home, thus for this new year you would write: 20 + C + M + B + 24. The letters signify the names of the three kings (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) as well as the Latin words: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means: "May Christ bless the house". Pick up your blessed chalk after Sunday Mass from the Narthex to take home and use.

### HAITI TWINNING COMMITTEE UPDATE



On Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

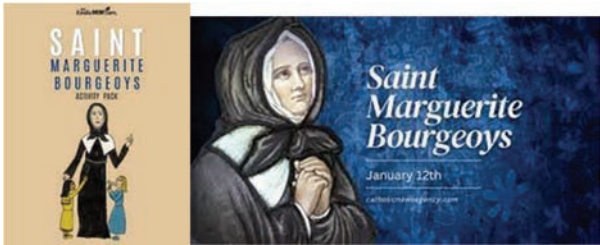
Beau Sejour region for another successful start of the school year for over 850 students and a rebirth of the St. Gabriel Church. The parish Twinning Committee is planning to provide a brief presentation after each of the Masses on the weekend of January 6-7, 2024, followed by a reception in the Hearth Room for fellowship, refreshments and the viewing of many new photos of our young students, teachers and the new St. Gabriel Church.

### SAVE THE DATE

**St. Margaret Mary Parish Winter Social**, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council #9553, on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2024**. Details to follow.

**JANUARY 9, 2024 – ORDINARY TIME**

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS**

Marguerite is often referred to as the Mother of the Colony for her contributions to the establishment of Ville-Marie, the place we know today as Montreal. Born in France in 1620, Marguerite crossed the Atlantic in 1653 to join in the colonizing efforts begun by Monsieur de Maisonneuve. Her mandate was to develop educational opportunities for aboriginal children and for the families of the French settlers in Ville-Marie.

Marguerite received the help of Jeanne Mance, founder of the Hôte1-Dieu Hospital. Other women joined her and the group formed an institute of unclloistered sisters; the Congrégation of Notre-Dame. Marguerite and her companions took on many roles, including teaching, introducing vocational courses for youth and assisting couples preparing for marriage. She resisted Church pressure to change her community to a cloistered one and lived to see her order's rule confirmed in 1698.

Marguerite was well loved. She died in 1700 at the age of 80 and was declared a saint on October 31, 1982. In 1997, archaeologists uncovered the foundation of the chapel Marguerite built in Ville-Marie 325 years earlier. She is a patron saint of poor people.



This past weekend we welcomed into the family of God:

**SIRENA WILLOW IDA JOSEPH**

Daughter of Robert & Julie

Congratulations to the Parents, Godparents,  
Grandparents and Families



**SUNDAY COLLECTION –  
DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday envelopes + Loose Cash	12,646.00
Christmas Envelopes	710.00
Building Fund	95.00
St. M. M. Parish Outreach	215.00
Haiti Project - General	<u>40.00</u>
	\$13,706.00

**SUNDAY COLLECTION –  
DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday envelopes + Loose Cash	\$ 7,372.90
Christmas Envelopes	1,925.00
Building Fund	85.00
St. M.M. Parish Outreach	2,305.00
Haiti Project – Education	138.00
Christmas Flowers Offering	<u>475.00</u>
	\$12,630.90

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**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION -  
DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Christmas Envelopes	\$8,453.00
Sunday Envelopes + Loose Cash	5,782.00
St. M.M. Parish Outreach	90.00
Building Fund	60.00
Haiti Project – General	<u>20.00</u>
	\$14,405.00



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