



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.

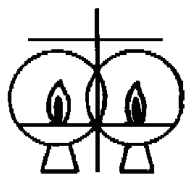
Marriage: Parishioners who are planning to marry should contact the parish office at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – MARCH 13TH

7:30 am – In Thanksgiving

TUESDAY – MARCH 14TH

7:30 am – Amelia Agnes, Kay Larin, Joe Lemaic,
Roberto & David Marques, Elino & Lily
Munsayac

WEDNESDAY- MARCH 15TH

7:00 pm – Filiberto & Rita Cassiani, Freeman
Farmington, Leslie Giardino, Margaret
Giardino, Shelley Kelly, Pietro Memmolo,
Natalio Sadsad

THURSDAY – MARCH 16TH

7:30 am – Pietro & Guiseppina Ferrelli

FRIDAY – MARCH 17TH

7:30 am – Marjory & John Biller
6:30 pm – Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 pm – Don Groves
7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY – MARCH 18TH

9:00 am – Antonio & Domenica D'Amico

ADOREMUS

On **Friday night, March 24th**, unlike the other Fridays of Lent in our parish, there will not be Mass and Stations of the Cross. Rather we will have our special Adoremus event from 7-8:30 PM. This candlelit evening of prayer will include beautiful sacred music, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, inspirational Scripture readings, and several priests available for confession. We are also going to invite local congregations to join us for this special evening. A poster is on our parish bulletin board. Stations of the Cross will take place that day after the morning Mass. Adoremus means “we adore.” This means we will come to spend time with the Lord who loves us and invites us to adore Him. Please be there and invite your family and friends - it will be a beautiful and touching evening!

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY – Rev. Mark Sullivan
TUESDAY - Rev. David Wilhelm
WEDNESDAY – Lay Parish Ministers
THURSDAY – Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
FRIDAY – Rev. Stephen Gilbert
SATURDAY – Rev. George Storz

LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

FASTING

When we think Lent, we often think of what we'll “give up” for Lent. We fast from those things we enjoy so that we can discipline our desires. The physical hunger or longing as a result of fasting reminds us of our deep desire for God's love and mercy. **Fridays** in Lent are days of fasting and abstaining from meat. Some people – who are in good health- may choose to have one main meal on Fridays. Or they may choose to have simpler meals throughout the day. Abstaining from meat can be a way for us to be in solidarity with the majority of people in our world who know the reality of hunger. Catholics are required to **fast** and **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the rules of fasting are simple: the law of abstaining from meat binds Catholics who are 14 years of age and older; the law of fasting binds those who are 18-59 years of age (and in good health). Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays in Lent.

CRAFT TABLE RE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

There will be a get-together for those interested in knitting or crocheting on **TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH, 1:00-3:00 PM** in the downstairs Fr. Kennedy Room. Some wool will be available (thanks to donations) for making small items such as mittens, hats, slippers, toques, etc. Items to be made at home and finished items may be dropped off in a box in the Hearth Room to be picked up weekly. Please put a suggested selling price on the item. For more information contact Darlene at 905-385-9718 or Fran at 905-385-6864. Thank you.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Do you like to be challenged? Are you looking for something different to do? If so, we are looking for you – some one or some persons to take on the role of organizing “White Elephant” booth at our Parish Fall Bazaar. There are many different ways to complete the task. We would very much like to hear from you with your ideas and how we can make this happen. Please call Betty at 905-383-0360.

.PORKETTA ON A BUN

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta on a Bun after all Masses on **SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH/26TH**. Pre-order sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex of the church 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, MARCH 21ST**.

The 2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary

Time is running out! 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 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on **SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2023 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 now at www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988.

HAITI MISSION UPDATE

In 2023 we mark our 15th year of our Twinning with St. Gabriel parish in Beau Sejour, Haiti and our mission of hope and support for the education of over 800 students. A state of mission report will be presented at each of the Masses this weekend. Enclosed in this bulletin is the blue Haiti Project envelope.

MISSION ON THE IVORY COAST

Dear parishioners of St. Margaret Mary: My name is Mary, and I am a high school student who regularly attends and altar serves here for Mass. Mission Youth is an international organization that focuses on Catholic youth missions. It is run by the Legionaries of Christ in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. I am planning to do a 2-

week mission in the Ivory Coast through Mission Youth. The first week involves staying and spending time with the local population, along with praying, going to Mass, and helping out with projects around the town. We will visit families in their homes, do catechesis with the children in the community, and help with simple home repairs. The second week will consist of other activities including visiting the local basilica. I am fundraising to join others on this important mission trip, which requires me to fundraise between \$4000 to \$5000 for flights, medical expenses, and the actual mission. To fundraise I am running a bake sale on the weekend of March 25th-26th. I am sincerely hoping for the parish's support. I am therefore asking for donations of baked goods to be drop off to the parish to be sold that weekend. Please accept my thanks for any baked goods, purchases, donations, and all the prayers you can provide. May God bless you.

Encounters with Jesus: The Contemplative Way

A 6-week prayer encounter that feeds the longing and thirsting heart to connect with God through Jesus. The encounters use Scriptural meditation and contemplation, based on the teaching of the church and the examples of the saints, such as St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Ignatius of Loyola. In the 6 weeks you will learn more about meditative and contemplative prayer, while receiving guidance and practice to foster this form of prayer, which unites you to the Loving Heart of Jesus. All can attend, whether you have any experience or no experience with prayer. The encounters will meet on **Wednesday evenings after Mass** in the Hearth Room, on **March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 26**.

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you...I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Psalm 63

This spiritual prayer encounter will be facilitated by Gerry LaPenta, a member of the parish, who has studied at The Toronto School of Theology, Regis College, receiving his Masters of Theology and Masters of Divinity and now practices as a psychotherapist. For more information call Gerry at 905-515-6292 or email g.la.p@outlook.com.


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