



St. Margaret Mary Parish

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Rev. Arpee Urquico, Pastor
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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.

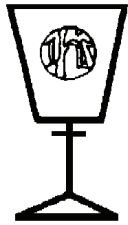
Marriage: Parishioners who are planning to marry should contact the parish office at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

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 6TH

7:30 am – Amelia Agnes

TUESDAY – MARCH 7TH

7:30 am – Elisabetta D'Aurora, Elvira Gaité, Chester Lazarato, Anthony Mascarenhas

WEDNESDAY- MARCH 8TH

7:00 pm – John & Maria Arruda, Joao Arruda, Mario Cupido, Tony & Johnny Doro, Antonio & Luisa Mare, Lucia McSweeney

THURSDAY – MARCH 9TH

7:30 am – Amelia Agnes

FRIDAY – MARCH 10TH

7:30 am – Roberto & David Marques
6:30 pm – Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 pm – Regoberto Velasquez, Sr.
7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY – MARCH 11TH

9:00 am – Pericles Sison

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In response to the recent devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, many of the faithful in the Diocese of Hamilton are anxious to assist their suffering brothers and sisters. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, has authorized a special collection in support of the victims of these recent earthquakes.

Please find the Special Collection envelope in your bulletin. The collection will be taken up on **SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH/12TH**. Thank you for your generosity.

DIocese OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY – Rev. Michael Downey
TUESDAY - Rev. Pawel Jamroz
WEDNESDAY – Disabled Persons
THURSDAY – Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
FRIDAY – Rev. Pablito Labado
SATURDAY – Rev. Duy Van Nguyen

LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

PRAYER

The very best way to get to know a friend is to regularly speak with them. The same is true in our friendship with the Lord – it requires regular conversation. There are many forms of prayer – the Liturgy of the Church, personal prayer, reflection with Sacred Scripture, meditation and contemplation, formal prayer – the Rosary, morning/evening offerings, Acts of Faith, Hope and Love. Make a plan for daily prayer – remember it's not a matter of how many prayers or how much time, but rather prayer is a matter of communing with God who desires to draw us to Himself. The Sunday Liturgy is the *source and summit* of our life of prayer. It is from the Sunday Mass that we are inspired to prayer each day of the week and to the Sunday Liturgy that we bring our prayers and intentions. In Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* provide a beautiful meditation on Christ's sacrifice of lent for us . . . and our call to imitate Him in loving others.

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.

MARCH 5, 2023

RECENT BAPTISMS

PHARREL OLUWAFTERANMI AMUSAN, son of
Dare & Elizabeth
ARABELLA CLARK & BENSON CLARK, children of
Amos & Melissa
ELLE LILY DUCHARME, daughter of Daniel & Jessica
AIDEN BRENT GUMBLEY & HUNTER ROY
GUMBLEY, children of David & Danielle
EMILIA PONTILLO, daughter of James & Danielle
LEANDRO GAVIN SANTIAGO, son of Gilbert & Lea
THEO KEVIN SZAPLINSKI SOARES, son of Matthew
& Leona

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 next weekend, March 11th/12th with a reception to follow in the Hearth Room. We hope that you take a few minutes after Mass next weekend to see the displays and reconnect with our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

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 if you are able to 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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