

September 24, 2026



Dear Friends,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer—although, as always, it seems much too short! As we move into the fall season, we have already begun planning for our annual **St. Margaret Mary Parish Christmas Bazaar**, scheduled for **November 6 & 7 in the school gym**. There is a great deal of work involved in planning and organizing this wonderful event, and we are grateful for everyone who helps make it a success. As our Pastor, Msgr. Con, shared, "This year's Bazaar is especially meaningful as it takes place during the celebration of our 60th Anniversary. Throughout the past six decades, St. Margaret Mary Parish has been blessed by the generosity of our community, and we are grateful for the support given to make our Bazaar such a success year after year." We hope that you will continue to support the Bazaar this year. Everything you do makes a difference.

We feel very strongly about accountability and transparency with the funds that we raise together, and we will continue to keep you updated.

One of our goals is also to continue building a stronger relationship between our school and parish communities. Over the past three years, we have experienced the wonderful involvement of high school and elementary students, parents, and parishioners working together with the Bazaar Committee—meeting new people, having fun, building community, and, in the end, raising funds for parish needs. We invite you to join us in whatever capacity you feel comfortable. We have a job for everyone!

BAZAAR DATES & TIMES

Friday, November 6 – St. Margaret Mary School students, parents and staff: 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friday, November 6 – Open to the public: 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7 – Open to the public: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Below is a list of our needs, along with important dates and guidelines. Please keep this information handy and post it in your home for future reference.

ATTIC TREASURES

What's Needed: Clean items in good condition, including toys, puzzles, games, jewelry, tools, small appliances, electronics, home décor, sports equipment, holiday décor (Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and Halloween), collectibles, glasses, mugs, cups and books.

NO DISHES, NO CDs OR DVDs.

Where to Deliver: Please deliver all donations to the Church Rectory Garage ONLY.

When to Deliver: Donations may be dropped off one hour before Mass on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Drop-off dates: Starting the weekend of October 3 & 4, excluding Thanksgiving weekend (October 10 & 11), through the weekend of October 24 & 25.

Contact: Matt – 289-808-0519

CAPITAL PRIZE TICKETS

**1st Prize – \$1,000 | 2nd Prize – \$500 |
4 Prizes – \$250 each**

Tickets will be available for distribution before and after weekend Masses starting **October 3 & 4**, excluding Thanksgiving weekend (**October 10 & 11**).

Tickets will be available in the **church narthex until October 31 & November 1**, and then at the Bazaar.

Please return ticket stubs and money to the volunteers in the church narthex, place them in the collection basket, or return them to the Parish Office during office hours.

Draw: Saturday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bazaar.

Contact: Cheryl - 905-388-2442

PENNY SALE

What's Needed: NEW items such as household appliances, gift baskets, toys, craft sets, non-perishable food, personal care items, alcohol and gift cards.

Please place gift cards in an envelope with your name and mark it **"Bazaar."** Gift cards may be placed in the collection basket with the weekend collections or dropped off at the Parish Office.

All other items may be delivered to the Hearth Room prior to masses on October 3 & 4, October 17 & 18, October 24 & 25, October 31 & November 1 or placed in the labelled **"PENNY SALE"** box located in the Hearth Room.

Extra baskets, tissue paper and ribbon are also greatly appreciated.

Items to be picked up by the convenors.

Contact: Marie - 905-379-7272

CRAFTS

What's Needed: New supplies such as yarn, Loops & Threads Sweet Snuggles and Christmas balls, as well as new handcrafted items such as door wreaths, tabletop decorations and tree decorations. Gift cards from Michaels's or Fabricland.

Where: Please place items in the labelled **"CRAFT"** box located in the Hearth Room.

When: From now until October 31 & November 1.

Contact: Jan – 905-921-2047

KIDS' KORNER

What's Needed: Small prizes (under \$1) for the Fish Pond, such as bubbles, Play-Doh, dinky cars, stickers, crayons, glow-stick bracelets and small packages of candy. Items from the Dollar Store are greatly appreciated.

Where: Please place donations in the **"KIDS' KORNER"** box located in the Hearth Room.

When: From now until October 31 & November 1.

Contact: Mary - 905-518-3586

BAKE TABLE

Most Requested Items: Pies, cakes, tarts, loaves, cookies and muffins.

Where: Donations will be received at the **St. Margaret Mary School Gym – Brentwood Door.**

When: Thursday, November 5: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 6: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Saturday, November 7:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Contact: Lori - 905-516-0168

LUNCH ROOM

Delicious BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for families on **Friday, November 6 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, November 7: Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Lunch (burgers, hot dogs and pizza): **11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Donations of **Halloween-size potato chip bags** are appreciated after Halloween.

Contact: Tina - 289-439-9965

TURKEY ROLL

Any donations of **frozen turkeys weighing 12–15 lbs.** would be greatly appreciated.

Contact: Don – 905-517-7273

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for **set-up, clean-up, security, door monitoring, ticket sales, Kids' Korner, face painting, Fish Pond, the Children's section of Attic Treasures,** and many other activities—especially on **Friday from 10:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

There is a job for everyone!

A volunteer sign-up list will be available in the narthex closer to the Bazaar date. Please watch for further updates.

Contact: Betty – 905-383-0360

ATTENDANCE – THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT!

Please help us **advertise and promote the Bazaar** by bringing your **family, friends and neighbours.** Your presence and support are what make this event such a success!

May God bless us all. With sincere thanks!

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