

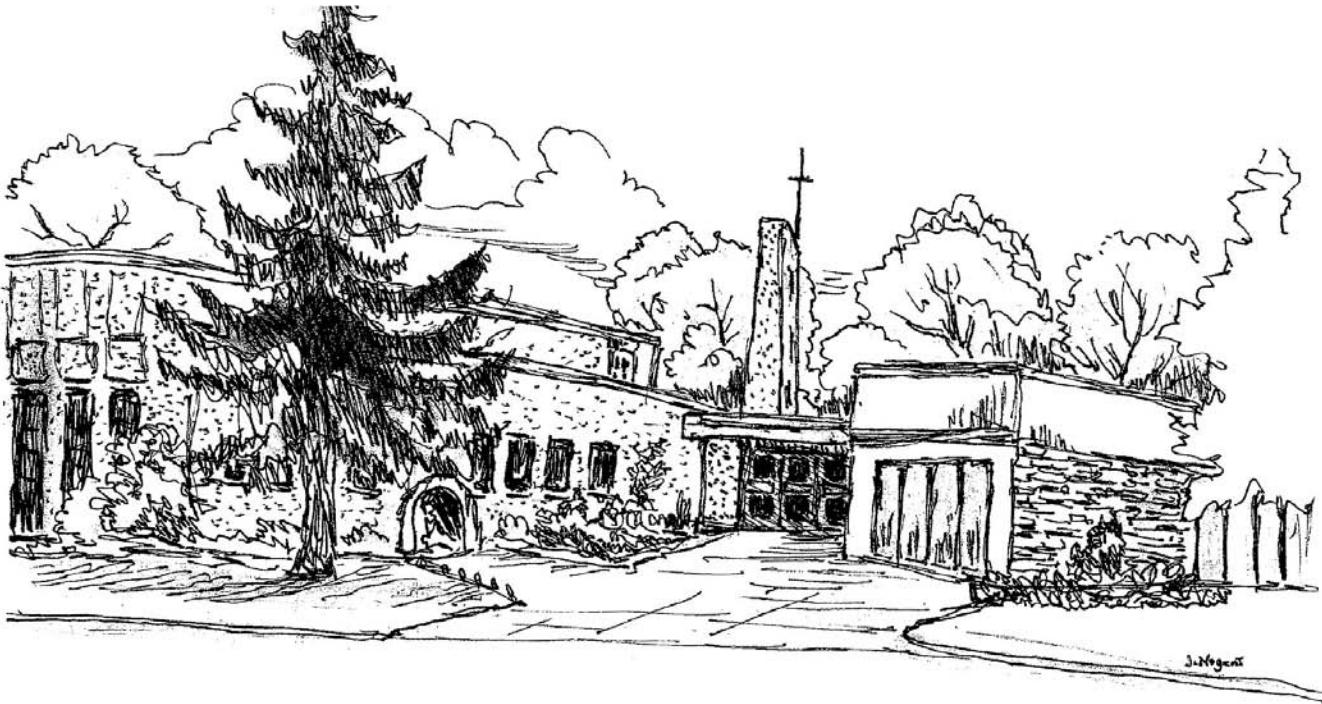


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Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-5:00 pm.

July & August: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 pm.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Mass:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Available Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or
by appointment.

Parish Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri: 8:00 am-8:00 pm.
Sat: Benediction 8:45 am.

Baptism: 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 online and in the Narthex). We also ask that you notify the office of any change in address or telephone number.

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St. Anthony Daniel 905-389-5186

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The First Sunday of Lent in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 4.1-11

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

February 8th, 2026 Collection

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| Regular Sunday Env. | \$ 4,415.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$ 566.00 |
| Seminary Education | \$ 80.00 |
| St.M.M. Parish Outreach | \$ 556.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 135.00 |

We thank you for your continued, dedicated and regular financial support for St. Margaret Mary Parish.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Copies of the February Diocesan Prayer Calendar are available in the Narthex. They will now be made available every two months for you to take home and place in a prominent place.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- FEBRUARY 15, 2026

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary

in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 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 one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



LEADERS NEEDED

Please consider joining our team of leaders to help minister the Liturgy of the Word to our youth. If you are 18 years of age or older, a commitment of 1-2 Sundays per month at the 11:00 a.m. Mass is a meaningful investment in the future of our parish. For more information, please contact Joanne Nutley at 905-865-9352 joannabanana80@hotmail.com.



Mass at 7:00pm on Tuesday
9:00am on Wednesday – Friday

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| Tues., Feb. 17 7:00 pm. | †Eugenio Fortino †Nunzio Crimeli †Josie Canaan †Luis Nanez |
| Wed., Feb 18 9:00 am 7:00 pm | Ash Wednesday †Lito Bautista †Mark Bistoyong |
| Thurs., Feb.19 9:00 am | †Rosita Santos |
| Fri., Feb. 20 9:00 am | Intentions of Jovita Valentino |
| Sat., Feb. 21 5:00pm | †Pietro Ferrelli †Holy Souls in Purgatory †Salvatore De Stephanis |

Ash Wednesday: Mass with the blessing and distribution of ashes at 9.00 am. and 7.00 pm.
Ashes are distributed in the parish schools during the day.

Friday's during Lent: Mass in the morning at 9.00 am. with adoration of the Blessed sacrament during the day in the church. **A Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Meditations on the Stations of the Cross** begins at 7.00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: After many, many years, of service at St. Margaret Mary Parish, **Joe Pracovics** will be leaving his position as Business Manager and Bookkeeper on Friday, March 13th. The parish will have an opportunity to thank him for his service at the 11:00 am Mass, on Sunday March 8th.

PLEASE PICK UP 2026 DONATIONS ENVELOPES

Donation envelopes for 2026 are available for pick-up at the church office until the end of February, Tuesday to Friday, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. To arrange an alternate pick-up time, please contact the office at **905-388-2200**. Unclaimed envelopes will be removed and reassigned after this period. Kindly do not use old envelopes, as they may already be assigned to another envelope holder.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Parishioners and friends of St. Margaret Mary Parish are invited to a retreat day to mark the beginning of Lent on **Saturday, February 21 from 9.30 am, to 3.00 pm.** in the church (lunch provided). The theme, **Listening with the Ear of your Heart** is an opportunity to prayerfully prepare to enter the season of Lent and provide some insights from the treasury of the church's spiritual traditions. **So that we can plan for lunch, please let us know if you plan to attend by calling Divine at 905-388-2200 or email at office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca.**



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The first Teaching Mass was completed last Sunday. Thank you to all who attended. The remaining Teaching Masses for First Communion preparation will be held during the **9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses** on

March 1, March 22, and April 19. Attendance is mandatory for parents and communicants.

Reconciliation for Grade 2: Parents/Guardians are invited to bring their children for First Reconciliation on **Tuesday, March 24 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM or any Saturday during April from 4.00 to 4.45 PM.** Thank you for your cooperation.



PORCHETTA ON A BUN

The Knights of Columbus will be selling **Porchetta on a Bun** after all Masses on **February 28th and March 1st**. The cost is **\$6.00 per bun or three for \$15.00**. Pre-order sheets will be available in the **narthex** of the church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE HAMILTON

Looking for something to do this Lent? 40 Days for Life Hamilton invites you to help to try and make a change for Hamilton's pre-born children! YOU can participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, each day from February 18 – March 29 anytime between 7:00am to 7:00 pm. You can sign up for just ONE hour during this Lenten season 2026! Sign up online: <https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton>

SPEAKING SYNODALITY

The **Office for Evangelization and Catechesis** invites you to join our three-part workshop series on Synodality and its applications in local parish settings. This seminar is encouraged for those involved in parish councils, pastoral planning, and leadership at all levels of Catholic community living. There will be 2 locations for each 3-part session series: Hamilton (with a Zoom option) and, Guelph. Registration and further details can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

SPRING BOOK CLUB: "ON LOVE OF THE POOR"

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invite you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation, "*On Love of the Poor*." Aligned with our Lenten journey, this series will explore the key themes and messages of our Holy Father's message on love and solidarity with those who experience marginalization. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

reshape our hearts. The Church traditionally invites us to embrace prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Below are five practical practices to help make this season a time of genuine spiritual growth.

1. Commit to Daily Prayer: Prayer is the foundation of Lent. Even a small, faithful commitment can open space for God to work. Consider setting aside ten minutes each day for quiet prayer, perhaps with the daily Mass readings, a psalm, or simply sitting in silence before the Lord. If you already pray regularly, Lent is a good time to deepen that habit by adding Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, or the Stations of the Cross. What matters most is consistency and sincerity.

2. Practice Meaningful Fasting: Fasting helps us recognize our dependence on God and loosens the grip of habits that distract us from Him. Beyond the required days of fasting and abstinence, consider giving up something that truly challenges you, excessive screen time, unnecessary spending, or a favorite comfort food. When hunger or discomfort arises, offer it to the Lord as a prayer. Fasting is not about punishment, but about freedom: making room in our hearts for God.

3. Reconcile and Begin Again: Lent is a privileged time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession allows us to experience God's mercy in a personal and concrete way. Preparing with an examination of conscience and approaching the sacrament with humility can be deeply healing. Even those who come regularly are encouraged to make a good confession during Lent, trusting in the Lord who always welcomes us home.

4. Practice Intentional Charity: Almsgiving is more than writing a check; it is a way of seeing others as God sees them. Consider one intentional act of charity each week, supporting a parish outreach, donating to a local food pantry, or offering time to someone who is lonely or in need. Acts of charity help us move beyond ourselves and reflect the generosity of Christ.

5. Embrace Simplicity and Silence: Lent invites us to step back from noise and busyness. Creating moments of silence—turning off the radio in the car, putting down the phone, or simplifying our schedules—helps us listen more attentively to God. Simplicity clears away distractions so we can focus on what truly matters.

As we journey through Lent together, may these practices draw us closer to Christ and prepare our hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter with renewed faith and hope.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The St. Margaret Mary Women's Group is starting up again and warmly welcomes all women to our first session, "**Word of the Year**," on **February 28th from 9:30–11:00 a.m.**

If you're interested or have any questions, please contact **Patricia M.** at smmwomensgroup@gmail.com.

AS WE PREPARE FOR LENT: FIVE PRACTICAL PRACTICES FOR A FRUITFUL LENT

Each year, the Church gives us the holy season of Lent as a time of renewal, forty days to return to the Lord with greater intention and trust. Lent is not about self-improvement for its own sake, but about allowing God to

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