

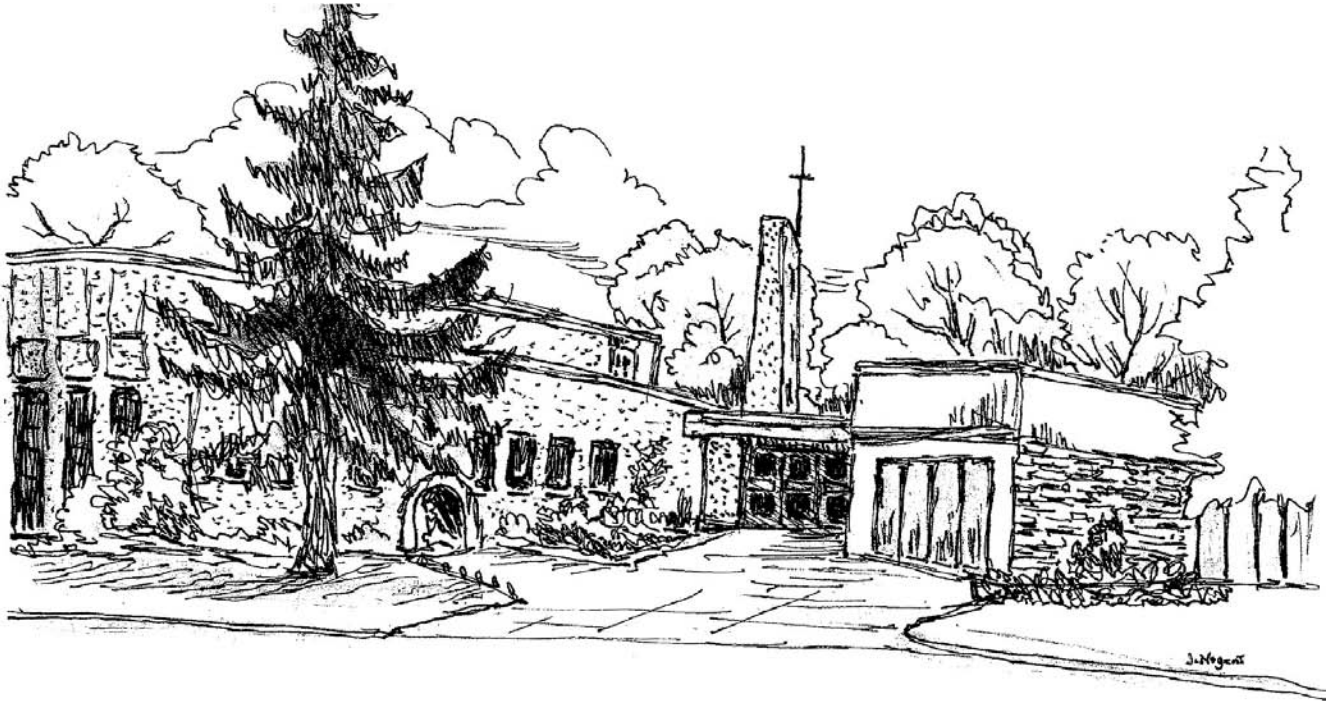


# ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH

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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.

## Schools:

St. Margaret Mary	905-383-8122
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	905-385-8212
St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186
St. Thomas More Secondary	905-388-3030

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026

## REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is:

**John 10.1-10**

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 5,326.00
Loose Cash	\$ 815.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 387.00
Mission Coop- HAITI	\$ 344.00
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 90.00
Easter	\$ 240.00

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## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

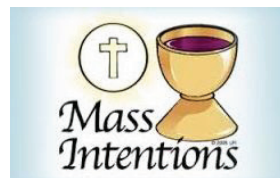
Copies of the April Diocesan Prayer Calendar are available in the Narthex. They will now be made available every two months for you to take home and place in a prominent place.

**Please note:** we are happy to accept Mass intentions for Mass during the week and for the Saturday evening Mass at 5.00 pm. We no longer accept Mass intentions for Mass on Sunday morning at 9.00 or 11.00 Both of these Masses are reserved "for the people", a term from the Code of Canon Law which requires the pastor or the presiding priest to offer the "**Missa pro populo**", Mass for the "spiritual and temporal well-being of their parishioners every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation." (Canon 534) Please contact the office well ahead when you require a Mass intention for a specific date. Intentions for a date that falls on a Sunday can be transferred to the Saturday at 5.00 pm.



## OUTREACH

**During the Easter season**, the Church reflects not only on the joy of the Resurrection, but also on how that new life is lived out beyond Sunday Eucharist. The early Christian community recognized that faith must be expressed in acts of charity, especially toward the poor. This remains a vital call today. Easter invites us to renew our commitment to pastoral care, seeing Christ in those who struggle. Our parish has embodied this through an **Outreach Program** providing groceries to those in need, reflecting the compassion of our community. Yet, we are challenged to do more, offering not just material help, but dignity and hope. Over the last few years, this task has been carried by one person, and it is time to include others. As we reflect on this ministry, we invite you to share your thoughts and ideas with us on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. Together, we can ensure no one is forgotten, and we truly become witnesses to the risen Christ.



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

Tues., April 21 7:00 pm.	†Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joao, John & Maria Arruda †Antonio Jose Raemundo Ornelas
Wed., April 22 9:00 am	†Robert Carson †Heather Kelly
Thurs. April 23 9:00 am	†Rocco Della Nebbia †Samuel Agapay
Fri., April 24 9:00 am	†Christine Sieminski
Sat., April 25 5:00 pm	†Holy Souls in Purgatory †Mark Bistoyong †Donato Tortis †Robert Carson

**MEDITATION 3 FOR EASTER SEASON:** In his book, *With Burning Hearts* (1994), **Henri Nouwen** invites us to see the Eucharist not simply as a moment in our week, but as a pattern for our entire lives. By reflecting on the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35), he shows how Christ meets us in the ordinary, transforms our understanding, and sends us forth renewed. The journey of those two disciples becomes, in a real sense, the journey of every Christian life.

The story begins in **loss**. The disciples are leaving Jerusalem with heavy hearts, burdened by confusion, disappointment, and grief. Their hopes in Jesus seem shattered by the cross. This experience is deeply human. We all carry moments of loss, dreams unmet, relationships strained, faith shaken. Nouwen reminds us that the Eucharistic life does not begin in perfection, but in honesty. We come as we are, often carrying resentment, fear, or doubt.

Into this place of loss comes **presence**. The risen Christ draws near, though unrecognized. He walks with them, listens to them, and allows them to speak their sorrow. This is crucial: before explaining anything, Jesus first accompanies. In the Eucharist, too, Christ is not distant. He is present, quietly, patiently, entering into our lived reality. Even when we do not perceive him, he is already walking beside us.

Then comes the **invitation**. Jesus opens the Scriptures, reinterpreting their story in the light of God's saving plan. What once seemed like failure is revealed as fulfillment. This is the turning point: their perspective begins to change. The movement from resentment to gratitude begins here, as they come to see that God has been at work all along. In every Eucharist, we are invited into this same reinterpretation of our lives. Through Word and sacrament, we begin to recognize grace hidden within our struggles.

This leads to **communion**. At table, Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. In this familiar

gesture, their eyes are opened. Recognition comes not through argument, but through the breaking of the bread. The Eucharist is precisely this moment: Christ made known in the act of self-giving love. It is here that memory becomes sacred. We do not merely recall a past event; we participate in a living reality. We remember in a way that makes Christ present.

And then, that beautiful line: **“Did not our hearts burn within us as he walked with us and talked with us on the road?”** This burning heart is the sign of awakened faith. It is the quiet fire of recognition that God has been with us all along. The Eucharist rekindles this fire. It teaches us to remember, not just intellectually, but with the whole heart, that God is faithful, that love is stronger than death, and that our lives are held within a larger story of redemption. Finally, the disciples are sent on **mission**. They rise immediately and return to Jerusalem, no longer weighed down by despair but filled with purpose. True Eucharistic encounter always leads outward. Having received Christ, we become bearers of his presence to others.

Nouwen's insight is that the Eucharist is not confined to the altar; it is a way of living. We move, again and again, from loss to presence, from confusion to understanding, from resentment to gratitude. And in remembering, truly remembering, we discover that Christ has been walking with us all along, setting our hearts ablaze.



### **FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

The final Teaching Mass for children preparing for First Communion will be at **11:00 AM (only)** this **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**THE FORWARD TOGETHER WITH CHRIST** series continues with its final sessions each Wednesday in April at 7:00 PM in the Hearth Room. The topics for this series focus on the moral life and finding meaning in our daily walk with Christ.



### **CRAFT TABLE DONATIONS**

We are hoping for donations of: 100% cotton fabric, bias-tape-double folded extra wide - white, heavier cotton/canvas fabric (solid colors), fusible light/medium weight interfacing, 100% natural cotton batting, Bernat blanket yarn, loops and threads sweet snuggles yarn, loops and threads sweet snuggles lite yarn, classic cotton yarn. Tulle, wreath frames, Christmas bulbs. Gift certificates for Michael's or Fabric land would also be appreciated. All donations can be left in the hearth room in the box labelled "craft donations".

I would like to thank you all for your generosity! If you would like to join our crafters team or you need to contact me, my contact info is: Jan Tratnyek 905-921-2047.

### **PORKETTA ON A BUN**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta on a Bun after all Masses on April 25/26. Prices are 1 for \$6.00 or 3 for \$15.00. Pre order sheets can be found in the narthex of the church. Last day to order will be Tuesday April 21.



### **ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Join us for the St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus 9553 Annual Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, May 3rd, 2026**, right after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy some delicious pancakes and good company! Tickets are available now. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (please check with a Knights of Columbus member for age guidelines). You can purchase your tickets until April 26th after Masses. Everyone is welcome—bring your friends and family! If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 905-520-2900.



### **CWL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Hearth Room**

Back by popular demand, Art Smith from Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton will be giving a short presentation on *“How to Have a Catholic Funeral.”* All are welcome.

### **MOTHER'S DAY TEA FOR MOTHER DECEASED**

Mother's Day celebrations can be difficult and complex when your mother is no longer here to celebrate. **Join this special tea on Sunday May 10, 2026** for an afternoon dedicated to honoring the women who shaped us and loved us, but are no longer with us. The afternoon is intended to be heartfelt and uplifting, sharing our stories, sipping tea and enjoying finger sandwiches and fresh baked scones. Cost is \$85. Please email Salvina with your interest or questions, or pass this email along to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending. The event will be held at 667 Golf Club Rd. Unit #2, Hannon, ON. Contact: Salvina Castiglione, BA, BSW. RSW.; [www.cardinalconnection.ca](http://www.cardinalconnection.ca); or call (905)-537-9638.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

**July 31 – August 9, 2027**

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. The Diocesan Pastoral Offices welcome you to attend a **virtual information night** on Thursday, April 23 @ 7:30pm. Register here: [bit.ly/WYDInfoNight](https://bit.ly/WYDInfoNight)

**CAMP KUMUNTOME IS HIRING-** We are looking for two dynamic young people 17+ for the position of co-director at Camp Kumuntome. The Co-Director positions are responsible for creating a welcoming and engaging experience for families. The role runs from Sunday, June 28 to Saturday, September 5, and involves coordinating daily crafts, games, swim times at Black's Lake, and evening family activities alongside volunteer counsellors and a host family. This is a hands-on, full-day leadership position (approximately 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) in a dynamic, faith-informed summer camp environment. A fair honorarium is paid at the end of the summer. There is a mandatory staff orientation from May 29–31. For more information or to apply, email [program@campkumuntome.ca](mailto:program@campkumuntome.ca). Full job descriptions can be found at [campkumuntome.ca/staffing](http://campkumuntome.ca/staffing)

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