

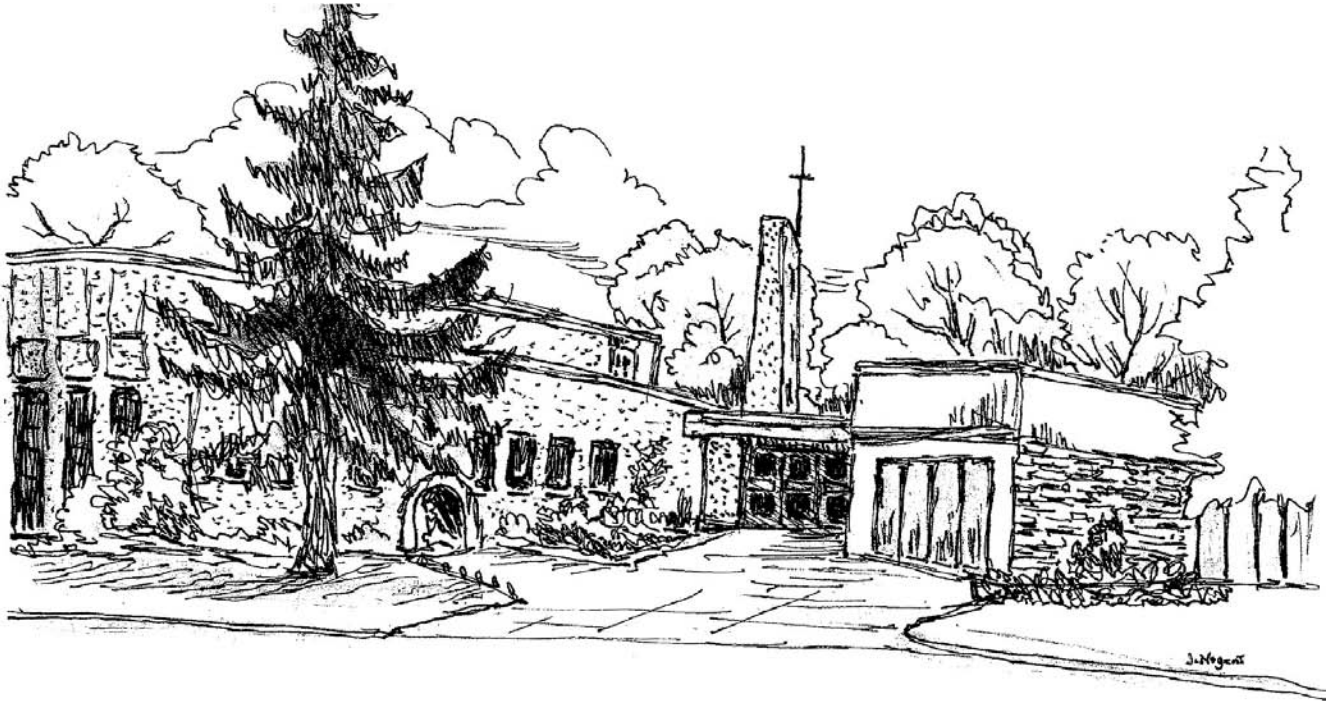


# ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH

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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:

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St. Kateri Tekakwitha	905-385-8212
St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186
St. Jean De Brebeuf Secondary	905-388-7020

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MAY 10, 2026

### REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Ascension of the Lord is:

**Matthew 28.16-20**

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Collection**

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,682.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,069.00
Bldg. Fund	\$ 100.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 707.00
Mission Coop-HAITI	\$ 525.00

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



### PARISH OUTREACH

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.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Our Anointing of the Sick Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:00 am. A reception and time for socializing in the Hearth Room will follow after Mass. Anyone suffering from a serious chronic illness or elderly persons in general state of infirmity is welcome to receive this Sacrament. All are welcome to join us as we offer prayers and support for those who are sick and their families. Registration forms are still available in the Narthex.

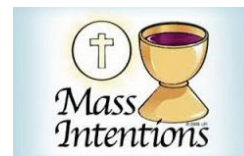


### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education week for 2026 ends this weekend. We were delighted that during the week we had Mass in the church and each of the schools had activities open to parents, grandparents and the community. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841, forming generations of students who continue to serve Canada with faith and generosity.

### 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. For more information please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2026/04/world-youth-day-2027-join-the-diocese-of-hamilton-in-seoul-south-korea/>



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

Tues., May 12 7:00 pm.	†Antonio Di Paolo †Brian Mascarin †Sandra & Evarist Correa
Wed., May 13 9:00 am	†Robert Carson
Thurs. May 14 9:00 am	†Teddie Faddies †Samuel Agapay
Fri., May 15 9:00 am	†Regina Bartninkas
Sat., May 16 5:00 pm	†Luciana Bozzeli Luison †Franca Palumbo

**MEDITATION SIX FOR THE EASTER SEASON:** It can be a humbling moment when someone says to us, “It’s not all about you.” We may feel a sting of embarrassment, but there is also a quiet truth in those words, one that echoes deeply in the Scriptures and in the heart of our Christian faith.

In the Gospel for today from St. John, we hear a powerful reminder: “The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” This simple yet profound statement turns our usual way of thinking upside down. Faith does not begin with our initiative, our effort, or our decision to include God in our lives. Rather, it begins with God’s loving initiative toward us. We are not the authors of this relationship, God is. We are not inviting God into our story; God is inviting us into His.

This truth challenges the assumption that life revolves around us, our needs, our preferences, our plans. Instead, it calls us to recognize that we are part of something much greater: the life and love of God, which is always directed outward, always given freely. When Jesus speaks of love in the Gospel, He does not speak in vague or sentimental terms. He gives us a command: “Love one another as I have loved you.” This is not a suggestion or an ideal to admire from a distance. It is a way of life that demands something of us. And Jesus leaves no doubt about what this love looks like: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Christian love, then, is not merely a feeling or a kind intention. It is an act of self-giving. It is the willingness to place the good of another before our own comfort, convenience, or preference. It asks us to move beyond a mindset that says, “What do I want?” or “What suits me?” and instead to ask, “What does love require of me for the sake of others?”

In our time, there can be confusion about what it means to love. Sometimes love is understood as simple acceptance, never questioning, never challenging, never calling someone to something greater. But authentic Christian love is more than that. It is rooted in truth and seeks the genuine good of the other. Because of this, it cannot remain silent in the face of injustice, suffering, or harm.

To love as Christ loves means caring about the burden’s others carry. It means refusing to ignore the struggles of the poor, the

vulnerable, or the forgotten. It means standing against what diminishes human dignity and working, in whatever ways we can, to bring healing and hope. True love is never indifferent. It is active, attentive, and often sacrificial. We see the fullest expression of this love in Jesus Himself. On the Cross, He gives His life for us, not because our bad attitudes and decisions do not matter, but precisely because they do. His sacrifice reveals both the seriousness of sin and the depth of God's mercy. In giving Himself for us, Jesus shows us what it means to love completely: to put others before self, even at great cost.

Each time we gather for the Eucharist, we are drawn into this mystery of love. At the altar, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, the very life He laid down for us. This is not only a gift to be received but also a pattern to be lived. Nourished by this sacrament, we are sent forth to love as we have been loved. It is not all about us. It is about the love of God, poured out for us, and now entrusted to us to share with others.

### **What is happening with the "Parish Kitchen" in St. Margaret Mary School?.....**

When Fr. Kenedy was Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish, there was an understanding that the kitchen and storeroom next to the kitchen were the responsibility (some would argue "the property") of St. Margaret Mary Parish. For many years it has served the parish well for parish activities, suppers and a wide variety of other events, including the annual bazaar and the pancake breakfast last weekend. The parish has invested in cupboards, sinks and stoves as well as dishes, cutlery etc. When I arrived here last June, one of the many items on a list was a note saying that I needed to bring some clarity to the situation regarding the "Parish Kitchen" and the school using it for storage. It also emerged that there was a problem with the larger of the two stoves which, after a technician came to look at it, could not be repaired. After a visit to the school with Francis Doyle, the staff person responsible for insurance and liability issues for the diocese, it was disconnected and has been removed. That visit also included a deeper conversation regarding who has "ownership" or oversight and responsibility for the kitchen. What is now very clear is that it lies solely with the **Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board**. When I have asked both in the diocese and at the school board if there is an agreement document regarding the parish and the kitchen and storeroom, none has been found (even in parish records). As a parish, we have had a long and fraternal relationship with each principal for the school who work out scheduling details etc. for any event that the parish would like to have in the school. A problem which the school has had to deal with for a few years is the need for storage space and currently, both the kitchen and storeroom are being used for storage when not being used by the parish. Where does that leave us? The short answer is that we are working on it. **Francis Doyle** will be here for the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday evening, May 12<sup>th</sup> and the kitchen is one of the issues on the agenda. We have a very good relationship with the school and the principal and will come to some agreement(s) that will require some creative thinking and patience. We will keep you posted. Meantime, please disregard any speculation about future plans. We don't have any.



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FINAL GROUP OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

We warmly congratulate our children on receiving their First Holy Communion. May Jesus Christ guide you always and bless you abundantly as you continue your faith journey.

## **SAVE THE DATE: 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER MARKET & GARAGE SALE**

Join us on **Saturday, June 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

We are accepting **gently used donations** for the garage sale, including home goods, tools, toys, books, sporting goods, and outdoor equipment.

**Drop-Off:** Parish Garage

**Dates:** May 30 & June 13 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Vendor Tables Available**

Parishioners and family members with small businesses are invited to reserve a table. **Fee:** \$40 donation per table (no tax receipts issued). To reserve a table or for inquiries, contact **Matt Tratnyek Phone:** 289-808-0519 **Email:** [matthew\\_tratnyek@hotmail.com](mailto:matthew_tratnyek@hotmail.com)

**CWL Annual Dinner, Thursday May 21 6pm at Michelangelo's: members of the CWL will be selling tickets after all the masses starting the weekend.** Tickets are \$60.00, cash or cheque. **Bishop Gerard Bergie** will be the special guest. Currently, he serves as the National Spiritual Advisor for the CWL. Invite former parishioners, friends for a great night out. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm at the church prior to the dinner .

### **PENTECOST NOVENA**

The **Twinning Committee** invites all parishioners to join our Pentecost Novena in solidarity with St. Gabriel Parish in Beau Sejour. Pentecost Sunday is May 24, and the Novena will begin on Friday, May 15, and end on Saturday, May 23. Please pray the following prayer each day.

*"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth. Amen."*

Come, Holy Spirit, come down upon the parishioners of St. Gabriel and St. Margaret Mary parishes and all the world. As on the day of Pentecost, come upon us with your strength and grace. Come with your many blessings, heal us, protect us, guide us. You are the endless love of the Father and the Son, hear our prayer. Together with the Father and the Son, we adore, praise and honor you, now and forever. Come Holy Spirit.

**The Twinning Committee will make a brief presentation after all Masses the weekend of May 16-17, followed by a reception in the Hearth Room. Please join us after all Masses to view new photos, learn about current conditions in Beau-Sejour, and ask the committee any questions you may have. Father Jude has provided a wonderful update, along with new photos. We look forward to seeing everyone after all Masses next Sunday.**



### **HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Change for Life**

#### **Mother's Day -Father's Day:**

Today Hamilton Right to Life kicks off its Baby Bottle Campaign, "Change for Life." Bottles are available by the exit doors at all Masses. Please consider taking one. These are to be returned on Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>. HRTL is happy to provide the bottles for your donations. Coins, bills, and/or cheques are appreciated. HRTL will use these funds to help get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion and MAiD. Please do your part to help those who have no voice to be heard! Please continue to pray for families affected by abortion and euthanasia. For further information call Hamilton Right to Life at 905-528-3065 or visit our website at [www.HamiltonRightToLife.org](http://www.HamiltonRightToLife.org). Thank you!

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