

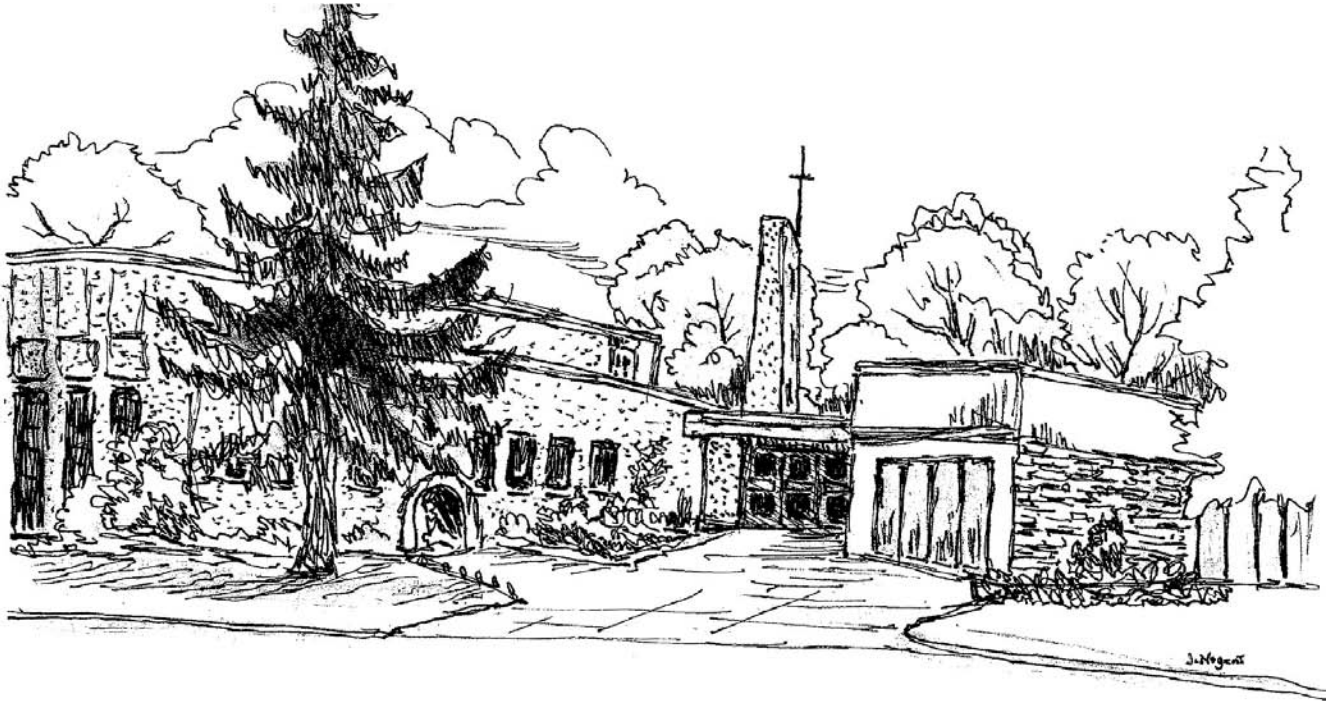


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Office Hours:

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.

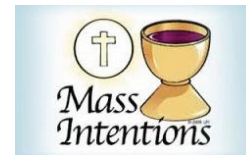
New to the Parish: Please register by completing a registration form (available online and in the Narthex). We also ask that you notify the office of any change in address or telephone number.

Schools:

St. Margaret Mary	905-383-8122
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	905-385-8212
St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186
St. Jean De Brebeuf Secondary	905-388-7020

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is: **John 3.16-18**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

May 17th, 2026 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,375.00
Loose Collection	\$ 850.00
Bldg. Fund	\$ 125.00
Mission Coop-HAITI	\$ 85.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 90.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 823.00

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

Thank you.....thank you..... to the amazing teachers, principals and parish volunteers under the direction of **Mary Mwalwanda and Carol Pearce** who coaxed, cajoled and brought great order to the preparation and celebrations of the sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and first reconciliation over the last number of months. Mary and Carol especially had the hard task of coordinating registration and immediate preparation for both sacraments, which is no small feat considering the numbers of children they had to manage. To everyone involved, a very sincere thank you for your time, effort and patience. Information for the sacraments for 2027 will be available in September after the new academic year calendar is finalized.

In the meantime, we encourage parents, grandparents and anyone involved in preparation for the sacraments for children to read the **Letter to Parents** which we made available last week (look for it on our website or in a hard copy in the information rack in the church). We plan to take some time during the summer to look at some new resources to support the religion programs in our schools for grade two and seven.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Anointing of the Sick Mass. We are especially grateful to all our volunteers who helped with registration, hospitality, food preparation, and the reception. Your generosity and kindness helped make this celebration a meaningful and welcoming experience for all. May God bless you abundantly for your service and support.

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

Tues., May 26 7:00 pm.	Intentions of Ava Delos Santos †Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joao, John & Maria Arruda †Daniel Flynn
Wed., May 27 9:00 am	†Robert Carson
Thurs. May 28 9:00 am	†Regina Bartninkas
Fri., May 29 9:00 am	†John Melo
Sat., May 30 5:00 pm	†Holy Souls in Purgatory †William J. A. Pickett

A MEDITATION FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

It is a quiet tragedy that the Holy Spirit can become an afterthought in the lives of many Christians. We profess belief, we attend Mass, we say our prayers, but too often there is little fire, little urgency, little transformation. We believe, yes, but sometimes only in a routine way. Our faith risks becoming something we “go through,” rather than something that truly lives within us.

This is why the Gospels speak so clearly of two baptisms: one with water, and another “with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11). Most of us received the first as infants, a beautiful and essential sacrament that made us children of God and members of the Church. Yet that baptism is not meant to remain only a past event. It calls for awakening. It calls for a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Until our baptism becomes personal, until we truly know Jesus, rely on Him, call upon Him, love Him, and share Him, we can find ourselves simply going along for the ride. The grace is real, but it lies dormant, like embers waiting to be stirred into flame.

We can recognize when the Spirit is alive in someone. There is a certain warmth, a generosity, a joy that cannot be manufactured. Such people desire to serve rather than be served. They forgive deeply and sincerely. They forgive their neighbors, their past, even themselves. They are not perfect, but they are alive in a way that points beyond themselves.

And here is the great truth of Pentecost: the Holy Spirit is not absent. The Spirit has already been given. Each of us, through Baptism and Confirmation, has become a temple of the Holy Spirit, truly, objectively, and permanently. The difference is not whether we have received the Spirit, but whether we are

aware of this gift, whether we rely upon it, whether we allow it to shape our lives.

Scripture uses vivid images for the Spirit: fire, wind, flowing water, a descending dove. All of these are dynamic. They move, they transform, they bring life. If our faith feels stagnant, if there is no movement toward love, no growth in service, no deepening in forgiveness, it may be a sign that we have not yet allowed the Spirit to take hold in a conscious and active way.

St. Paul urges us to “fan into flame the gift of God” (2 Timothy 1:6). The fire is already there. The question is whether we will tend it.

God does not give the Holy Spirit because we are worthy, none of us are. God gives the Spirit to those who desire Him, who open their hearts, who are willing to be changed.

So, on this Feast of Pentecost, the invitation is simple and profound: *you want the Spirit?* Ask for a deeper awareness of the gift you already possess. Rely on that presence in your daily life. Trust that God is already at work within you. Come, Holy Spirit, and awaken in us the fire that has been there all along.

SICK AND IN HOSPITAL..... I have just completed another week on-call for pastoral emergencies at the Juravinski Hospital. This is a part of the priest on-call system in Hamilton that provides a priest when someone is seriously ill and in need of a priest. It is very important that any patient who is seriously ill and needs a priest should be attended to early after admission to the hospital and not at the last moment. Sometimes (as happened last week when a patient was dying and I had a funeral at the church with burial afterwards), it can take time to get to the hospital which causes stress for family and the priest. **So, please call early and not at the last moment if it is a case of serious illness or imminent death.**

SAVE THE DATE: 1ST 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

PORKETTA ON A BUN



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta on a Bun after all masses on the weekend of May 30/31, 2026. Prices are \$ 6.00 each or 3 for \$ 15.00. Pre order sheets are in the Narthex of the Church. Last day for pre-orders is Tuesday, May 26, 2026.



🌸 CWL ANNUAL PLANT SALE 🌸

The CWL will be holding their Annual Plant Sale this weekend May 23rd and 24th. They are also accepting donations of perennials and annuals. If you would like to donate plants, please bring them to the church before Mass this weekend. Thank you for helping our community bloom! 🌻



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 IN SEOUL KOREA- DIOCESAN DELEGATION

The Diocesan Pastoral Offices are coordinating a delegation of young adults to attend the World Youth Days in Seoul, South Korea from July 31 – August 9, 2027. Spots are almost full for this pilgrimage of faith and unity with young people from around the world! If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, or wish to register, please visit www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com.

PLANTING SEEDS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING- GUATEMALA 2026: GIVE TODAY!

This July 2026, Christina Mines, our parish music minister, will travel to Guatemala with **Planting Seeds International** and **Catholic educators from across the Diocese**. Christina is seeking prayers and financial support to help provide music education to over 300 children in early childhood programs in Guatemala. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting this mission of faith, education, and service.

For donation information, visit:

<https://plantingseedsinternational.org/>

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE SUPPORT

GROUP Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings, held the 2nd & 3rd Friday of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Register here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> anytime the week of the session, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2026. Join us as we explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

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