

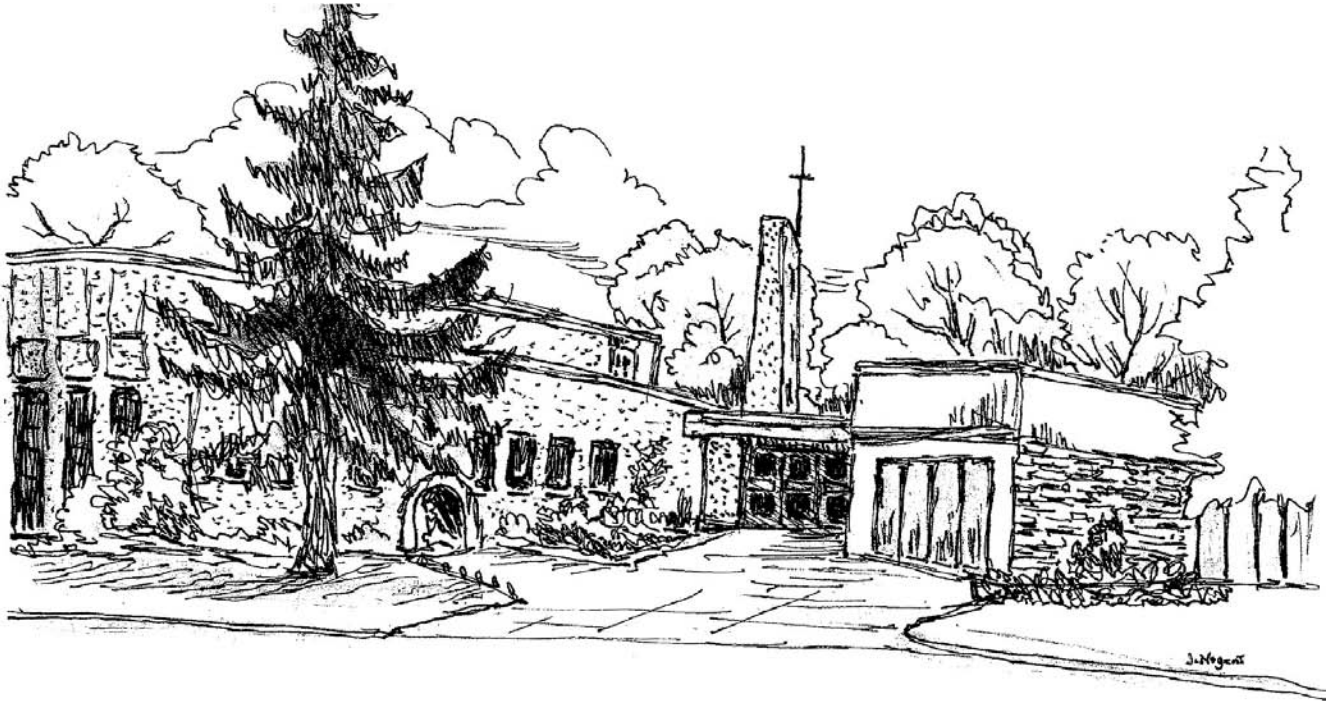


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Office Hours:

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.

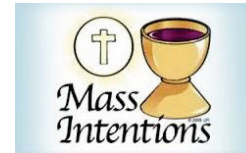
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Schools:

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026



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

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Sixth Sunday of Easter is:
John 14.15-21

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

April 26th, 2026 Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 6,040.00
Loose Cash	\$ 620.00
Bldg. Fund	\$ 460.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 300.00

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Copies of the May 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.



PARISH 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.

Tues., May 5 7:00 pm.	†Eduardo Allanigue
Wed., May 6 9:00 am	†Giuseppina Di Placito †Samuel Agapay †Gerardo & Conolatriz Salem
Thurs. May 7 9:00 am	†Christine Sieminski
Fri., May 8 9:00 am	†Luigi Gabriele
Sat., May 9 5:00 pm	Intentions of Mai Lalane Hernandez †Shlemon Hanna Osi †Lourdes B. Villaranda †Paul Bordi

MEDITATION FIVE FOR THE EASTER SEASON: On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we are invited into a moment that is both intimate and urgent. The Gospel places us at table with Jesus and his disciples, just after Judas has left to carry out his betrayal. What appears, at first glance, to be a continuation of a farewell conversation is, in truth, a profound revelation. Jesus speaks not simply to comfort his disciples, but to prepare them and us for the meaning of what is about to unfold.

"Now is the Son of Man glorified." These words are striking. We might expect Jesus to speak of sorrow, fear, or even warning. Instead, he speaks of glory. Yet this is not the glory we so often recognize or pursue. In our world, glory is associated with success, recognition, and victory. It is measured in achievement and admired from a distance. But Jesus turns this understanding on its head. For Jesus, glory is revealed in the Cross.

The betrayal is underway. The suffering is imminent. And yet, Jesus declares that this is the very moment when God's glory will be made known. In his self-giving love, freely offered, even in the face of rejection, Jesus shows us who God truly is. God is not distant or self-protective. God is love poured out completely. The Cross, then, is not a defeat, but a revelation: of mercy stronger than sin, of love stronger than death.

Jesus also speaks of the deep unity between himself and the Father. *"God is glorified in him,"* and *"God will glorify him."* This mutual glorification is not about status or power, but about love given and received. The Son gives himself entirely in love, and in that very act, the Father's love is made visible. It is a relationship of total self-gift, and it becomes the pattern for our own lives as disciples. This is where the Gospel becomes deeply personal and deeply challenging.

Jesus does not simply explain his mission; he entrusts it to us. *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I*

have loved you, so you also should love one another.” This is not a general call to kindness or goodwill. It is a specific and demanding invitation: to love as Jesus loves. To love with patience, with forgiveness, with generosity. To love even when it costs us something.

In a society that often glorifies independence, success, and self-promotion, this commandment can feel countercultural. We are taught to seek recognition, to protect our own interests, to measure our worth by what we achieve. But Jesus points us in a different direction. True glory is not found in what we gain, but in what we give. It is revealed in quiet acts of service, in hidden sacrifices, in the daily choice to put others before ourselves.

This kind of love is not always easy. It requires humility. It asks us to let go of pride, to forgive when we would rather hold on to resentment, to serve when we would rather be served. Yet it is precisely this love that reveals God’s presence in the world.

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Not by our words alone, not by our accomplishments, but by our love.

As we continue our Easter journey, we are reminded that the Resurrection does not erase the Cross, it gives it meaning. The risen Christ still bears the marks of his sacrifice. And he calls us to follow him, not only in joy, but in love that is willing to be given, even to the end.

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 .

MOTHER’S DAY SALE



The Knights of Columbus will be selling flowers for Mother’s Day at \$3.00 per stem on Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10, after all Masses. Buy one for your loved ones! ❀

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS



Our Anointing of the Sick Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 23rd @ 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. See the insert in this week’s bulletin.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST 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. The final group of children will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday, May 9th, during the 5:00 PM Mass.

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/>

HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Change for Life Mother’s Day to Father’s Day:



Our church is once again partnering with Hamilton Right to Life through their 2026 Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. Baby Bottles will be available to take after all Masses on Sunday May 10th, and you are asked to return them on Sunday June 21st. Please take a bottle and fill it up with your coins, paper money or cheque. Hamilton Right to Life needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion, MAiD and other life-threatening issues. Please pray for families affected by abortion and euthanasia today. You can learn more about Hamilton Right to Life at www.HamiltonRightToLife.org or by calling 905-528-3065.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 3, 2026. During this time, Catholic schools in our parish will celebrate the

gift of publicly funded Catholic education through various events. We encourage families to learn about and take part in these celebrations. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841, forming generations of students who continue to serve Canada with faith and generosity.

This year’s theme is: **“Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness.”** Inspired by the Jubilee Year, the witness of Blessed Carlo Acutis, and the call to grow in holiness, we are reminded to live as people of hope, guided by the Holy Spirit. **Biblical Theme:** *“As God who called you is holy, be holy yourselves.”* (1 Peter 1:15–16)

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