

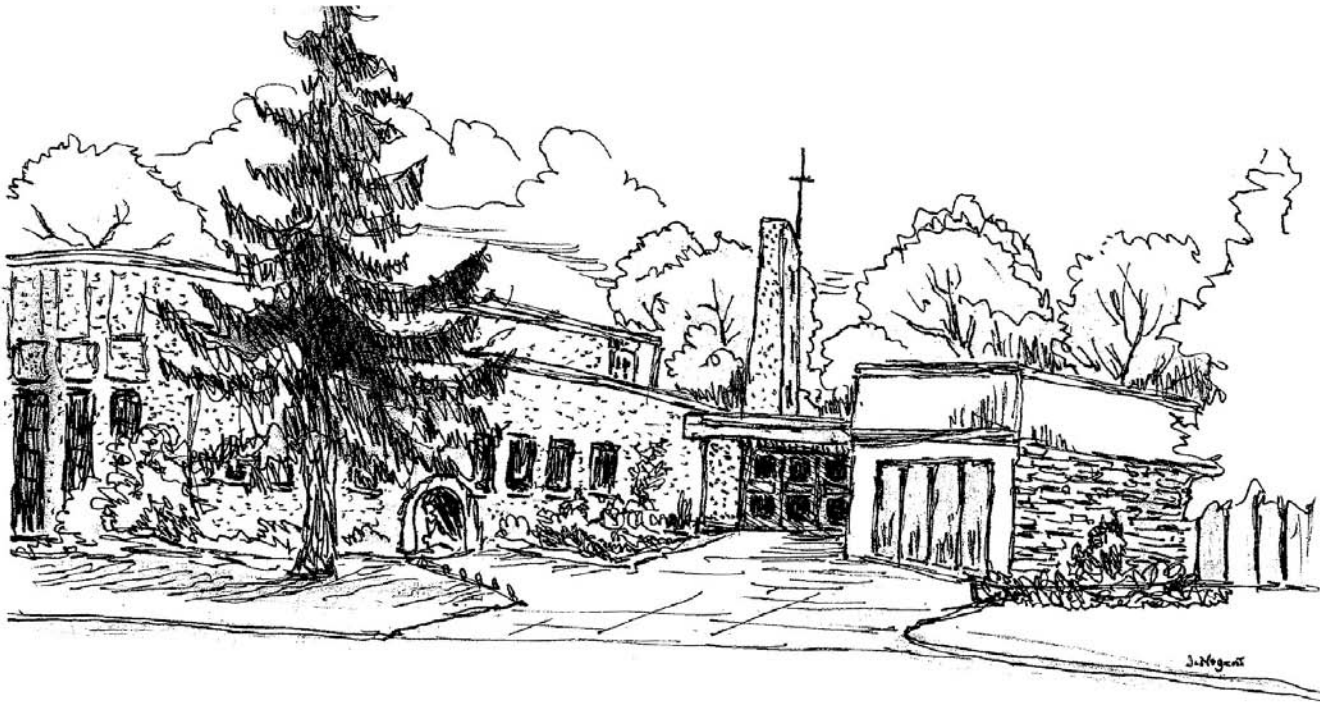


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Office Hours:

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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 2, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is: **Matthew 14.22-33**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

June 28th -July 19th, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 19,410.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2,699.00
Building Fund	\$ 827.00
St.M.M. Parish Outreach	\$ 1,109.00
Mission Coop- HAITI	\$ 235.00
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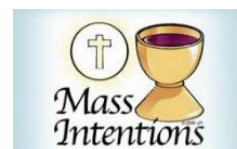
If you have any questions or would like assistance with enrolling, please contact the parish office during regular office hours by calling 905-388-2200 or email at office@stmargaretmmaryparish.ca. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.

**This is the only bulletin for the month of August.
Regular weekly bulletin will resume on September 6th.**

We need your help

On Saturday, August 15th, we would like to do a tidy up/clean up of the grounds around the church and some help would be greatly appreciated. The bushes need a trimming, and the flowerbeds need some tender loving care. If you can help please join us in the Hearth Room at 9.30 for coffee, muffins and doughnuts, and instructions will be give out. Bring your garden gloves and the gardening tool you like to use. If you can help, it would be helpful for know that you will be joining us.

Msgr. Con



7:00pm on Tuesday

9:00am on Wednesday – Friday

Sat., Aug. 1 5:00 pm	†Shlemon Hanna Osi †Ester Santos †Christine Levy †Dang Tru †Dang Hoa †Dang Van
Tues., Aug. 4 7:00 pm	†Genowefa Klukowska †William Pickett
Wed., Aug. 5	†Rosaria & Tino Patricelli
Thurs., Aug. 6	†Ester Santos
Fri., Aug. 7	†Doug Warden
Sat., Aug. 8 5:00 pm	†David & Roberto Marques †Jose Roque †Dorothea Lamb
Tues., Aug. 11 7:00 pm	†Anna, Josef Piwowar †Manuel & Nelson Arruda †Alberto Cimdamore
Wed., Aug. 12	†Ester Santos
Thurs., Aug. 13	†Desmond Ottey
Fri., Aug. 14	†Lamberto Nery Jr.
Sat., Aug. 15 5:00 pm	†Michael Denny †Giuseppina Ciancone †William Lawson
Tues., Aug. 18 7:00 pm	†Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joao, John & Maria Arruda †Rosaria & Tino Patricelli †Joseph Campanella
Wed., Aug. 19	†Doug Warden
Thurs., Aug. 20	†Frank Ferko
Fri., Aug. 21	†Ester Santos
Sat., Aug. 23 5:00 pm	†Nunzio & Gino Crimeli †George & Domenica Saturnino †Giuseppe & Grazia Crimeli
Tues., Aug. 25 7:00 pm	†Peitro Carducci
Wed., Aug. 26	†Oscar Urquico
Thurs., Aug. 27	†Oscar Urquico
Fri., Aug. 28	†John & Feliciano Ramadori
Sat., Aug. 29 5:00 pm	†Holy Souls in Purgatory †Rosa Carvalho

There are some stories that never seem to grow old. Like thousands of other curious moviegoers, I went to see Christopher Nolan's *The Odyssey* last week. I left the theatre amazed, puzzled, educated, and carrying more questions than answers. What struck me almost as much as the film itself was the audience. At two o'clock on a weekday afternoon the

theatre was filled with teenagers, young adults, parents, and seniors, all drawn together by the dramatization of a poem written nearly three thousand years ago by the Greek poet Homer, eight hundred years before the birth of Christ.

The great stories endure because, although the world changes, the human heart changes very little. Why would a story that old continue to captivate people today? Perhaps because, beneath its mythology and larger-than-life characters, *The Odyssey* tells a profoundly human story.

Odysseus has been away from home for more than twenty years. After the Trojan War, instead of returning immediately to his wife Penelope and the son who has grown up without him, he embarks on a long and painful voyage. Along the way he encounters storms, monsters, temptations, disappointments, and unexpected companions. At first glance, it appears to be the story of a man trying to find his way home.

But the real journey is not across the seas. It is the journey within. Every challenge strips away another illusion. Every setback teaches Odysseus something about pride, courage, humility, patience, love, and what truly matters. Before he can return home physically, he must first become the man capable of living there wisely and gratefully. That insight is one reason why this ancient story still speaks to us.

Every culture has its great stories, but for Christians the Scriptures are the greatest story of all, the story in which God reveals both who we are and who we are called to become.

The Bible is filled with journeys. Abraham leaves everything familiar to follow God's call. Moses leads his people through the wilderness. Elijah walks into the desert. The disciples leave their nets to follow Jesus, and after the Resurrection the disciples on the road to Emmaus discover that their greatest journey is not measured in miles but in transformed hearts.

Faith has always understood that life is not simply about arriving somewhere. It is about becoming someone. Every one of us is on such a journey.

Some of us are beginning new chapters in life. Others are adjusting to retirement, carrying grief, living with illness, facing uncertainty, or making difficult decisions. We often wish that life was a straight road, but more often it resembles the winding voyage of Odysseus, full of unexpected detours and questions we never imagined asking. Yet God quietly accompanies us through every stage of the journey.

Another theme running through *The Odyssey* feels especially relevant today: the terrible cost of violence. Although the Trojan War is over, its consequences continue to shape every part of the story. Families remain broken. Lives are scarred. The wounds linger long after the fighting has ended.

As we look around our own world, we do not have to search very far to see the same reality. Too often we forget the dignity of those who differ from us. We begin to see others not as neighbors but as enemies. Once respect disappears, peace becomes increasingly difficult to imagine.

Driving home after the film, I found myself thinking about **Pope Leo XIV's** recent reflection on artificial intelligence. While addressing one of the newest developments of our age, he continually returns to something much older and much deeper: the dignity of every human person. Technology can accomplish remarkable things, but it can never replace wisdom, compassion, or our moral responsibility for one another. Progress that forgets the human person ultimately leads us away from, rather than toward, our true humanity.

That message reaches far beyond technology. It speaks to every conversation we have, every disagreement we face, every decision we make, and every person we encounter. Whether in our homes, our workplaces, our parish, or among nations, we are called to recognize one another as sisters and brothers, each created in the image and likeness of God. Perhaps that is why ancient stories continue to matter.

Like the Scriptures, they remind us that humanity has always struggled with pride and humility, war and peace, remembering and forgetting. They ask timeless questions: *What kind of person am I becoming? What does it mean to live well? Where is my true home?*

For Christians, our true home is not ultimately Ithaca but the Kingdom of God. Christ is both our companion on the journey and the one who leads us home. He walks beside us through every storm, every disappointment, and every unexpected detour, gently shaping us into the people God created us to be.

Every journey eventually asks us the same question: not merely, "*Where am I going?*" but "*Who am I becoming along the way?*" May we have the courage to let God shape that answer until, one day, we finally arrive at the home for which every human heart has always been searching.

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The blessing for the new academic year for students and school staff takes place at the Mass for the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13.

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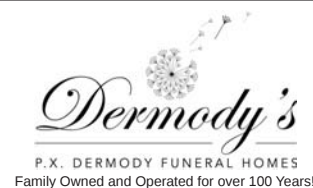
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