

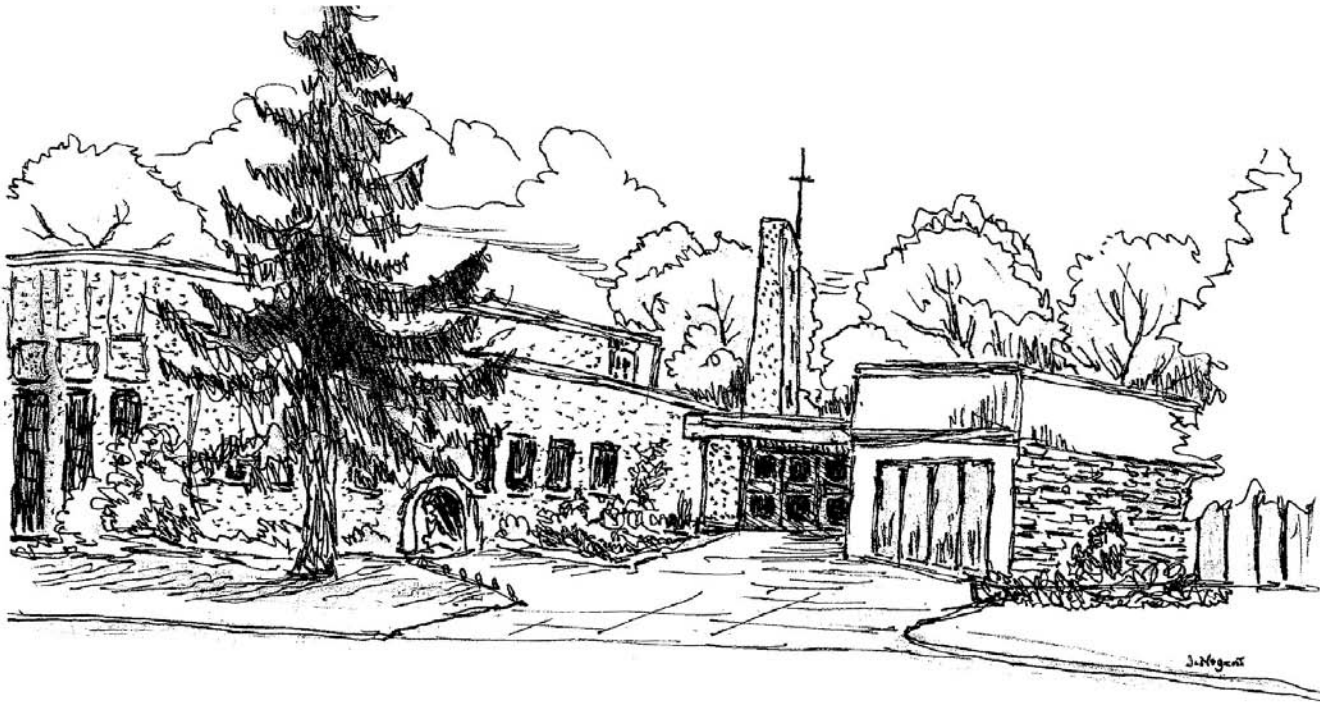


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Office Hours:

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 20.1-16

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

September 5-6, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,038.00
Loose Collection	\$ 341.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00
STMM Outreach	\$ 402.00

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

Blessing for a new Academic Year

This Sunday at each Mass we will pray for Students, Teachers, Administrators and Support Staff after the Homily.

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.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If you would like to support St. Margaret Mary Parish through **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**, we warmly invite you to enroll in this convenient program. With PAG, your weekly or monthly offertory donation is automatically withdrawn from your bank account, ensuring your regular support of the parish even when you are away or unable to attend Mass. You may choose the amount and frequency of your donation, and you can change or cancel your contribution at any time by contacting the parish office. Registration forms are available at the parish office.

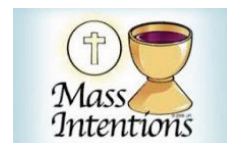
If you have any questions or would like assistance with enrolling, please contact the parish office during regular office hours by calling 905-388-2200 or email at office@stmargaretmmaryparish.ca. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.

ICE CREAM SUNDAY!

Join us for **Ice Cream Sunday** today and tomorrow, **September 12-13!** Ice cream will be served **after every Mass**. Come and enjoy a sweet treat while spending time together as a parish community. **Everyone is welcome!** We look forward to seeing you there!



We have a visitor to our parish.....Fr. Felix Nwatu from Enugu, Nigeria is visiting me until November.



7:00pm on Tuesday

9:00am Wednesday to Friday

Tues., Sept. 15 7:00 pm	Intentions of Sara & James Angelo †Marianna Guidi †Giuseppe Minicucci †Sharon Fotheringham †Regina Bartninkas
Wed., Sept. 16	†Ester Santos
Thurs., Sept. 17	Intentions of Angelo Josh Hernandez †Flora Richardson
Fri., Sept. 18	†Teresita Dela Cruz
Sat., Sept. 19 5:00 pm	Intentions of Patricia & Allison Lagan Intentions of Kruz Naguit Holy Souls in Purgatory †Anne Lagan †Rolando Bergantinos †Muzzin Plinio

A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.....Last weekend, as our children, youth and young adults prepared to return to school, college and university, we prayed together: *"That the days ahead bring a bright awakening within our children, youth and young adults who are returning to school, college and university: may those entrusted with the art of teaching be inspired by the example of Jesus the teacher and the prompting of the Holy Spirit."*

I have found myself returning to those two words: **bright awakening**. They seem to capture something of what education, at its best, is meant to accomplish. Education is about much more than acquiring information, passing examinations or preparing for a career. A good teacher awakens something within another person: curiosity, imagination, confidence, compassion, a desire to understand and, perhaps most importantly, a hunger to keep learning.

Many of us can remember a teacher who did that for us. They saw something in us that we had not yet discovered ourselves. They asked a question that stayed with us. They introduced us to a book, an idea, a subject or a possibility that changed the direction of our lives.

I know that this is certainly true in my own life. When I look back, I realize how much I owe to teachers. It was because of them that I acquired a curiosity about the world and its people, a love of reading and learning, and the conviction that there is always something more to discover. Some of those teachers also helped me, perhaps without ever knowing it, to recognize and respond to my own vocation. Their influence reached far beyond the classroom and has remained with me throughout my life. Perhaps that is why Jesus was so often called **Teacher**.

Jesus did not simply give people answers. He awakened them. He told stories. He asked questions. He invited people

to look again at God, at themselves and at one another. He noticed people whom others overlooked. He challenged assumptions. He opened possibilities.

And so, as another academic year begins, we pray especially for those entrusted with this extraordinary vocation of teaching: teachers, educational assistants, administrators, chaplains, support staff, professors and all those who create places where young people can learn and flourish. May they have patience on difficult days, wisdom when decisions are complicated, and the grace to recognize the tremendous influence they may have upon a young person's life.

But September marks more than the beginning of another **academic year**. It is also the beginning of another **pastoral year** in the life of our parish. Perhaps the prayer we offered for our young people might become a prayer for ourselves as well: **Lord, bring about a bright awakening within us.**

Over the coming months, we will gather again around the altar. We will listen to the Scriptures. Children will prepare for First Communion; young people will prepare for Confirmation. We will baptize children, celebrate marriages, accompany families through sickness and death, reach out to those in need, welcome new parishioners, and continue celebrating sixty years of faith here at St. Margaret Mary. But simply doing these things is not enough.

The beginning of a new pastoral year invites us to ask whether something new might awaken within us. Can we listen to the Gospel with fresh ears? Can we notice someone we have overlooked? Can we deepen our prayer? Can we become more generous? Can we welcome someone who has been away? Can we allow Jesus the Teacher to challenge something within us that has become comfortable or routine? One of the great dangers in both education and faith is believing that we have finished learning. **We haven't.**

The Christian life is a lifelong school of discipleship, and Jesus remains our **Teacher**. At every age and every stage of life, the Holy Spirit continues to teach, surprise, challenge, encourage and awaken us.

So, as backpacks are filled, classrooms reopen, and parish activities begin again, perhaps this can be our prayer for the year ahead:

May there be a bright awakening among us. May our children grow in wisdom and wonder. May those who teach them know how deeply we value their vocation. May our parish continue to become a place of welcome, prayer and service. And may all of us remain humble enough, curious enough and open enough to discover that God still has something new to teach us.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Every Tuesday, we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar from noon until Benediction at 6.45 (before Mass at 7.00 pm.) and every first Friday after the 9.00 am. Mass until noon.

TRIUMPH OF THE HEART @ MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HAMILTON

Join us for a special **Movie Night** featuring *Triumph of the Heart*, a powerful film about the life and faith of **St. Maximilian Kolbe**.

 **Saturday, September 26**

 **1:00 p.m.**

 **Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall**

 **Admission: \$10**

 **Run time: approximately 2 hours**

Following the movie, there will be an **optional discussion** for those who would like to stay and reflect together on the film, St. Maximilian Kolbe's witness of faith, and its message for us today. For more information, please contact Ashley Neto at ashleyneto@gmail.com **All are welcome!**

ENVELOPE NUMBERS #793 & #73 (2024)

If you are still using **Envelope #793 or #73 from 2024**, please stop using these numbers, as our envelope numbers have changed. We now have only **500 official envelope numbers**, and **#73 has been reassigned to another family**. If you do not have an official envelope number, please write your **full name and address** on your donation envelope so we can properly record your donation. **Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!**

PARISH MEN'S GROUP SEASON STARTS SEPTEMBER 19

Men 18 years of age and older are invited to experience the St. Margaret Mary chapter of Be A Man. This is an opportunity to deepen your Faith and experience the fun, fellowship and support we provide each other. There is no cost to attend, and food and refreshments are served. We meet in the Hearth Room weekly each Saturday Morning from 7:15 to 8:30. For more information, contact Randy Andrejciw at 905-928-9949. No matter where you are on your Faith journey, all men are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PORKETTA SALE



The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling **Porketta on a Bun** after all Masses on **September 26 & 27**. Prices are **\$6.00 for 1** or **\$15.00 for 3**. Pre-order sheets are available in the **narthex of the church**. **The last day to place your order is Tuesday, September 22**. Thank you for your continued support!

MULTICULTURAL MASS All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!

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