

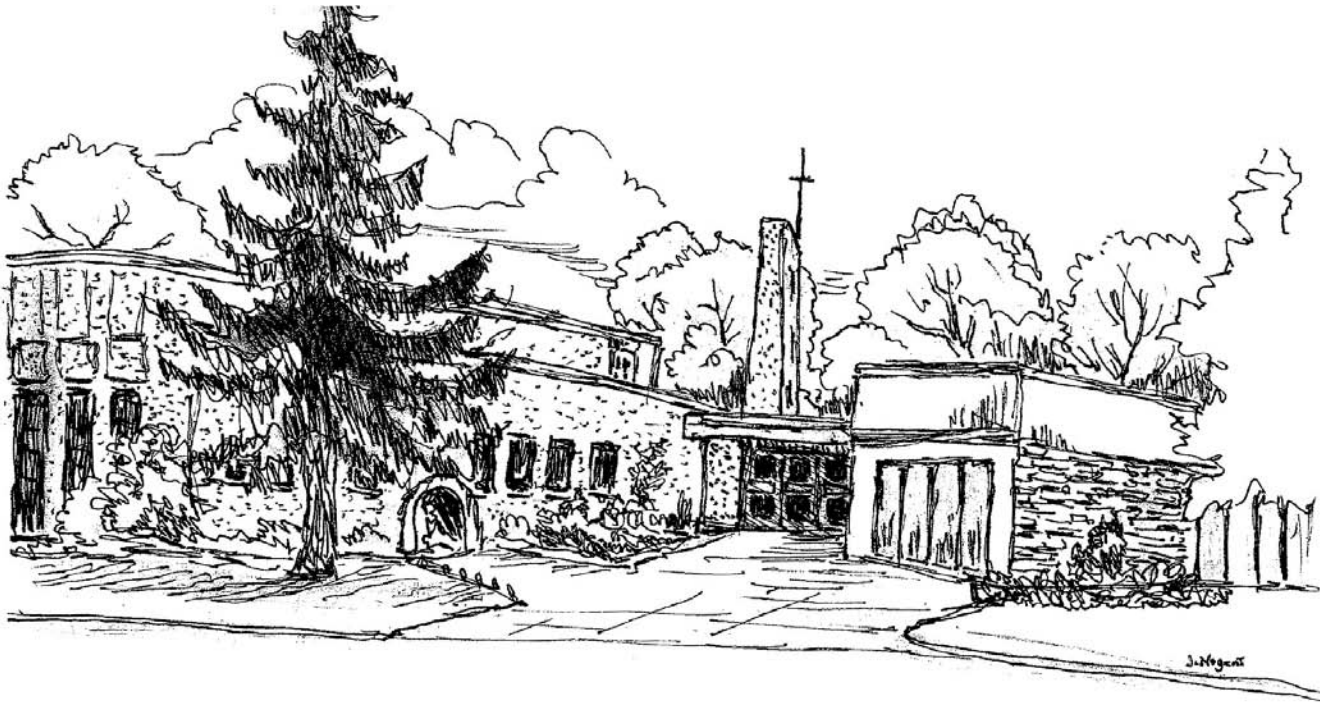


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Office Hours:

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: Tuesday's - 12:00 noon-6:45 pm

Every First Friday of the month: 9:30 am-12:00 noon

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
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St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186
St. Jean De Brebeuf Secondary	905-388-7020

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 21.33-43

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

September 19-20, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,322.00
Loose Collection	\$ 688.00
Building Fund	\$ 152.00
STMM Outreach	\$ 220.00

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.

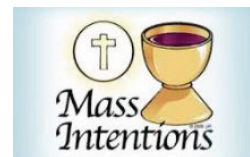
PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

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@stmargaretmaryparish.ca. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.

The family room is now open for parents with young children attending Mass and for parents (or grandparents) who would like to make a visit to the church during the week with children. The room has been designed as a welcoming and comfortable space for children and care has been taken to provide resources, especially for children with special needs. It is important to remember, however, that children are always welcome into the heart of the community when we gather for Mass. When a case of the wiggles comes on and distraction is needed, please do not hesitate to move to the room, this will not distract us. To our adult parishioners, please remember that this is space for children and their parents, especially at Mass on Sunday morning.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 12 noon to 6.45. Benediction on Tuesday evening at 6.45. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday from 9.00 am to noon.



7:00pm on Tuesday

9:00am Wednesday to Friday

Tues., Sept. 29 7:00 pm	†Pietro Ferrelli †Carmine Porco †Kamila Grace Angielczyk †Daphne & Ernesto Sandoval †Emilio & Maria Cesarini †Manuel & Maria Isabel Oliveira
Wed., Sept. 30	†Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joan, John & Maria Arruda †Cipriano & Shirley Jucaban
Thurs., Oct. 1	†Flora Richardson
Fri., Oct. 2	†Betty Ann Simon
Sat., Oct. 3 5:00 pm	†Shlemon Hanna Osi †Elizabeth Re †Gerardo & Consolatriz Salem †Steve & Stephanie Dushko †Jeff Toole †Nacario Ico †Tammy Hendsbee

Dear Parents,

There are few things in the life of a parish that give us greater joy than when parents come to us asking that their children receive the sacraments of the Church. Whether you are presenting your child for **Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation**, please know that your request is received with gratitude and joy. You are asking for something very important.

You are asking for a sacrament that draws your child, and you, as parents, into a deeper and more intimate relationship with **Jesus Christ and with the Christian community**. The sacraments are not simply beautiful family occasions, although we certainly hope they will be that. They are moments of grace in which Christ meets us, strengthens us and draws us more deeply into his life. But asking for a sacrament also means accepting a responsibility.

At Baptism, parents are reminded very clearly of this. The priest or deacon asks whether you understand the responsibility you are undertaking: to raise your child in the practice of the faith, to help your child come to know and love God, and to grow into the person God is calling them to become. Those words are important because they remind us that Baptism is not simply something we **do for a child**. It begins a journey that we undertake **with a child**.

The same is true when your child comes to the table of the Lord for the first time in the Eucharist, and again when a young person prepares to celebrate Confirmation. These sacraments are not destinations at which we arrive and then say, "That is finished." They are moments along the journey of Christian discipleship.

We need especially to resist an idea that has sometimes entered our culture: that **Confirmation is somehow a graduation from the Church**. It is precisely the opposite.

Confirmation calls a young person into a more mature participation in the life and mission of the Christian community. The celebration may conclude a period of formal preparation, but the life of faith is only beginning to unfold.

And this brings us to something very important, the most significant preparation for the sacraments and the most important follow-up after their celebration is **participation in the life of the Christian community, especially the gathering of the parish for Mass on Sunday.**

Sunday Eucharist is where we learn, week after week, what it means to be disciples of Jesus. We gather with others who are also trying to follow him, sometimes faithfully, sometimes imperfectly, always needing God's grace.

There we are fed from two tables. From the **table of God's Word**, Scripture is placed upon our hearts and upon our lips. We hear again the story of God's love for us and are challenged to allow that Word to shape the way we live.

Then we approach the **table of the Lord**, where we receive the Bread of the Eucharist. Christ feeds us with himself so that we might have the strength to continue the journey as his disciples in our families, our schools, our workplaces and our world.

For this reason, sacramental preparation cannot simply be a matter of attending a few meetings, completing a workbook or fulfilling certain requirements. **Preparation is not an obstacle. It is not a hoop through which families are expected to jump before the parish will celebrate a sacrament.**

Rather, it is an opportunity to stop, to listen, to pray and to reflect honestly together upon what we are asking of God and of the Church, and upon what God may be asking of us.

We know that family life today is enormously busy. Parents carry many responsibilities, and children and young people have schedules filled with school, sports, activities and friendships. We understand those pressures, and our desire is not to add another burden. Our hope is to **walk with you.**

We want sacramental preparation to be an experience in which parents, children, young people and parish can speak honestly with one another about faith: about what we believe, what we struggle with, what we hope for, and how we can help our children discover a relationship with Jesus Christ that can sustain them throughout their lives.

And so, if you are asking the parish to celebrate these sacraments with your child, we ask something of you in return: **Please be prepared to work with us. Please be prepared to pray with us. Please be prepared to walk with us.**

We are delighted that you have come to us. We will do everything we reasonably can to make this preparation and celebration the best experience it can be for your child and your family. But most of all, we hope that together we can help our children understand that receiving a sacrament is

not the end of something. **It is the beginning, or the deepening, of a life with Christ.** And that is a journey we are privileged to make together.

With every good wish and prayer for you and your family,

Msgr. Con



EXCITEMENT – OUR BAZAAR IS COMING!!

In today's bulletin you will find a flyer outlining the details of our upcoming Bazaar, November 6 & 7. Please keep the flyer for reference in the coming weeks. We greatly welcome your participation! Capital prize ticket distribution will begin before & after all masses in the narthex starting next weekend, October 5 & 6. Please consider picking up a book or 2 to sell to family & friends, especially over Thanksgiving weekend. Each book has 10 tickets for \$2 each. Attic Treasures will begin receiving donations at the rectory garage 1 hour prior to all masses October 5 & 6 as well. There will be no ticket distribution or collections over Thanksgiving weekend. May God bless us all!

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone such as providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS MADE AN EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Award for Distinguished Service to Catholic Education recognizes, on an annual basis, an individual and/or group who has made an extraordinary contribution to publicly funded Catholic education. Any teacher (elementary or secondary), trustee, administrator, employee, parent, priest, religious leader, or Catholic ratepayer within the community whose name is placed in nomination is eligible for the award.

Completed nomination packages must be submitted no later than **Friday, October 2, 2026, at 12:00 noon**. Nomination forms and full details are available on the Board website at www.hwcdsb.ca. The Awards Liturgy and Presentation Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**.

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