

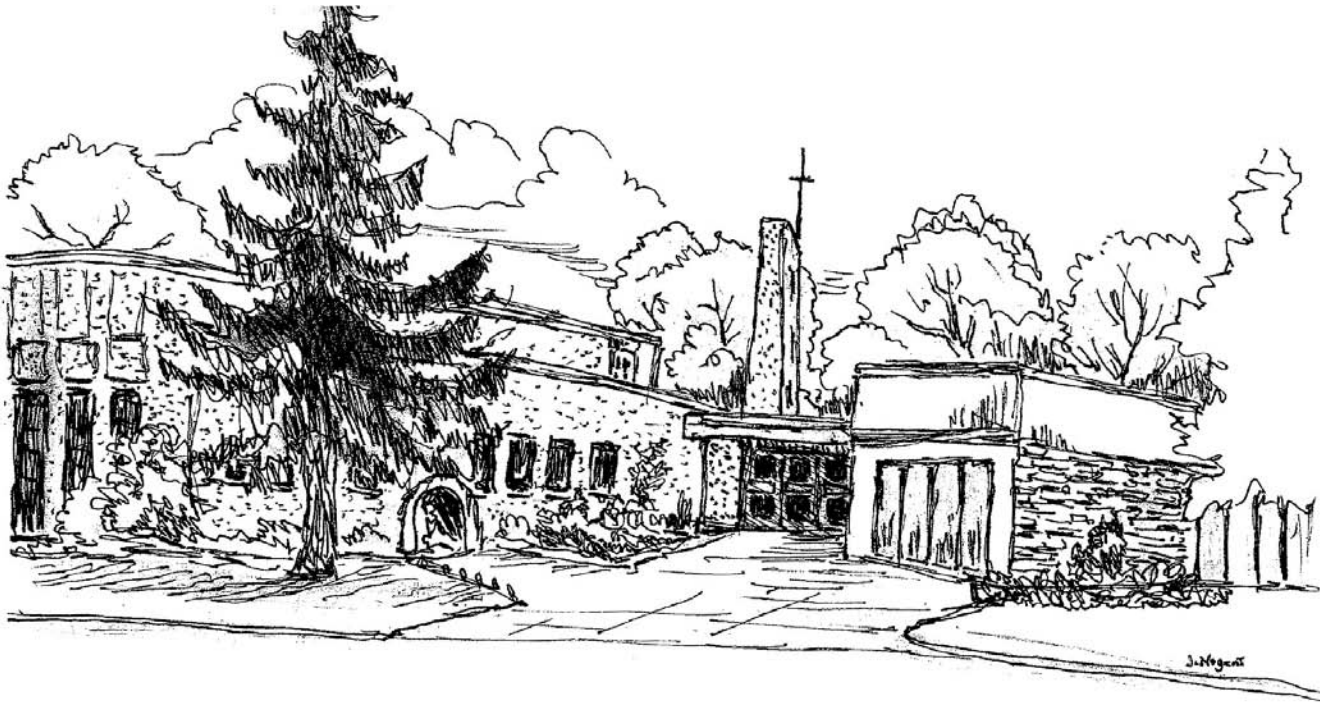


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Office Hours:

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 18.21-35

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

August 29-30, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,217.00
Loose Collection	\$ 727.00
Building Fund	\$ 276.00

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

Blessing for a new Academic Year

Next 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

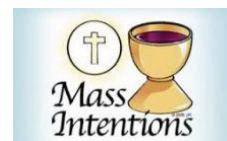
If you would like to support St. Margaret Mary Parish through **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**, we warmly invite you to enroll in this convenient program.

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** on the weekend of **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!



7:00pm on Tuesday

9:00am on Wednesday – Friday

Tues., Sept. 8 7:00 pm	No Mass Priest Seminar
Wed., Sept. 9	No Mass Priest Seminar
Thurs., Sept. 10	No Mass Priest Seminar
Fri., Sept. 11	No Mass Priest Seminar
Sat., Sept. 12 5:00 pm	†Robert & David Marques †Antoni Nguyen †Jerome Dingman †Jeff Toole †Steve & Stephanie Dushko †Trinidad Rosal †Emilia Lopes

PLEASE REMEMBER

All of the priests working in Parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton are at the bi-annual Clergy Seminar this week from Tuesday afternoon until Friday afternoon. For that reason, we will not have our regular weekday Masses from Tuesday, September 8 to Friday, September 11. The weekday Mass schedule will resume on Saturday, September 12 at 5:00 p.m. Thank you for your understanding.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the **Labor Day Holiday**, the Church Office will be **closed Friday, September 11th**. The office will **reopen on Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m.** Thank you for your understanding and have a safe and blessed holiday weekend!

TRIUMPH OF THE HEART @ MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HAMLTON

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 ashleynet@gmail.com **All are welcome!**

We have a visitor to our parish.....Fr. Felix Newatu from Enugu, Nigeria will be visiting me for two months beginning tomorrow Monday. He was my associate for seven years when I was pastor in Oakville.

Welcome Back: A New Pastoral and Academic Year..... September always feels like a new beginning. Summer has not quite disappeared, but already our routines are changing. Schools reopen, parish activities resume, calendars begin to fill, and families settle again into the rhythm of another academic and pastoral year.

As we begin, there are two particular things I would like to highlight in the life of our parish.

First, next weekend, we offer a special **blessing for all who are returning to our schools**: students of every age, teachers, administrators and support staff. Education is never simply about classrooms, textbooks, examinations or grades. At its best, it is about helping people grow, intellectually, socially, spiritually and humanly. We pray especially for those who carry the responsibility of educating and caring for our young people. May this new school year be marked by curiosity, patience, kindness and a renewed awareness that every person who enters a classroom carries gifts, hopes and struggles that may not always be visible.

Our second beginning is much quieter, but I believe equally important.

This week, we will once again make opportunities available for people to come into the church during the day simply to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.

When I was in Paris in June, I had the opportunity to visit **Sacre Coeur**, the church associated with our patron, **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque** and her promotion of the Sacred Heart. What impressed me was not simply the beauty of the church, but the number of people who were there and the remarkable silence among them.

Outside was Paris: traffic, crowds, conversations, movement and noise. Inside, people sat quietly before the tabernacle. Some were praying. Some were reading. Others simply sat in silence. They brought with them, I am sure, their worries, their gratitude, their families, their questions and their hopes.

And there, in the midst of everything, was the small flickering sanctuary lamp. It drew the eye gently toward the tabernacle and offered a simple assurance: **the Lord is here**. That is something worth rediscovering.

The tabernacle has an important place in our Catholic tradition. It is a focus for personal prayer because Christ is present in the Eucharist reserved there. But it also reminds us why the Eucharist is reserved. From that tabernacle, Holy Communion is taken to parishioners who are sick, elderly or unable to join us for Mass. And from there the Eucharist is

carried to those approaching death, so that Christ may accompany them as food for their final journey home. There is something very beautiful in that connection. The same Eucharist before which we sit quietly in prayer is carried through the doors of our church into hospital rooms, nursing homes and family homes. **The presence we adore becomes the presence we carry to one another.**

Having the church open for prayer also says something important about who we are as a parish. Even when there is no Mass being celebrated, no meeting taking place and no activity underway, **the Church is still praying.**

Someone may be sitting quietly before the tabernacle praying for a sick spouse. Someone else may be praying for a child who is struggling, for peace in the world, for a decision that must be made, or simply because they need ten minutes of silence in a busy day. In ways we may never know, those prayers hold up the life of our whole parish. Perhaps that is a good image for the year ahead.

We begin September with schedules, plans, programs and responsibilities. All of these matter. But at the centre must be something quieter: the presence of Christ.

Like that small flickering light I saw in Paris, the sanctuary lamp reminds us that through everything, success and disappointment, joy and sorrow, light and darkness, **Jesus remains with us.**

May that quiet assurance accompany our students and educators, our families and parishioners, and all of us as we begin another year together.

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.

ENVELOPE #793

If you are still using **Envelope #793**, please **stop using this envelope number**, as our envelope numbers have changed and we now only have **500 official envelope numbers**. If you do not have an official envelope number, please make sure to **write your full name and address on the envelope** so that we can properly record your donation under your name. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

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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