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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:

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ALL SAINTS NOVEMBER 1, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 25.1-13

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

October 24-25, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 5,238.00
Loose Collection	\$ 756.00
Building Fund	\$ 576.00
Mission Coop- HAITI	\$ 7,165.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 115.00

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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 With PAG, your weekly or monthly offertory donation is automatically withdrawn from your bank account, ensuring your regular support of the parish even when you are away or unable to attend Mass.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 us at: office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.



PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Our Annual Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m.** We will remember in a special way those who have passed away during the past

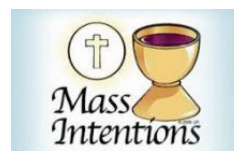
year. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in remembering their deceased family members and friends. Please feel free to invite your family and friends to share this special evening of prayer and remembrance. A reception will follow in the Hearth Room after the Mass.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

BAKING REQUEST

ANNUAL PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Our Annual Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 12th, at 7:00 p.m.**, followed by a reception in the Hearth Room. We are expecting a large turnout and would greatly appreciate your help! If you are able to bake a tray of squares or cookies to share, your contribution would be sincerely appreciated. Baked goods may be dropped off at the Hearth Room on **Thursday, November 12th, any time after 1:00 p.m.** Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you!



7:00pm on Tuesday

9:00am Wednesday to Friday

Monday, Nov. 2 9:00 am	Mass for the Feast of All Souls
Tues., Nov. 3 7:00 pm	†Anne Cupido †Pietro Carducci †Joseph & Angela Campanella †Deceased members of Calogero & Salvatrici Vitello Families
Wed., Nov. 4	†Deceased members of Minicucci & Venditti Families
Thurs., Nov. 5	†Carmela Arena
Fri., Nov. 6	†Anina & Guerrino Piedimonte
Sat., Nov. 7 5:00 pm	†Deceased members of Tiberi & D'Amico Families †Alfonso De Luca †Steve & Stephanie Dushko †Gerardo & Consolatriz Salem †Antonio Jose Raymundo Ornelas †All Souls in Purgatory

Remembering the Dead: There is something particularly beautiful about the Church's celebration of All Saints and All Souls at the beginning of November. As the days grow shorter, the leaves fall from the trees, and the earth prepares for its winter rest, we are invited to pause and remember. We remember those who have gone before us, those whose lives have touched our own, and those whose presence, even in death, continues to shape who we are.

The late **Fr. Henri Nouwen**, whose writings have offered so much wisdom and consolation over the years, once wrote: **"As we grow older, we have more and more people to remember, people who have died before us. It is very important to remember those who have loved us and those we have loved."** He concludes his beautiful reflection with a sentence that I find particularly moving: **"Remembering the dead is choosing their ongoing companionship."**

What a wonderful way to understand these November feasts! Remembering is not simply looking backwards with nostalgia or sadness. It is an intentional act of love. It is choosing to allow those who have gone before us to remain part of our lives, to continue teaching us, encouraging us, and accompanying us on the journey.

I suspect that as we grow older, we understand this more deeply. The number of people we carry in our hearts grows with the passing years. Parents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, children, friends, teachers, and others who have shaped our lives become part of that great community of memory and love. Their physical presence may be gone, but their influence remains. We hear their voices in our memories, recognize their wisdom in decisions we make, and sometimes find ourselves smiling at something they once said or did. In ways that are both mysterious and wonderfully ordinary, they remain close.

All Saints and All Souls also invite us to look further back, beyond those we have personally known, to the generations who came before us. The first great blessing for which we can give thanks is the gift of life itself. Whatever our family circumstances, whatever struggles or disappointments may have marked our histories, we are here because others came before us. Their lives, their sacrifices, and their hopes have made our own lives possible.

Many of our ancestors lived through circumstances we can scarcely imagine. They endured wars, poverty, disease, displacement, and economic uncertainty. Many worked long hours for little reward, raising families and struggling simply to provide the necessities of life. They rarely enjoyed the opportunity to pause and reflect upon the meaning of their experiences. And yet, through their struggles, something was handed on to us. Courage. Resilience. Faith. Perseverance. The capacity to begin again when life becomes difficult. These are gifts we may have inherited without even realizing it. Sometimes the strength we discover within ourselves has been quietly shaped by generations of people whose names we may never know.

Of course, our family histories are not always simple or happy. There may be wounds as well as blessings, disappointments as well as gratitude. Remembering does not require us to pretend otherwise. Christian remembrance allows us to acknowledge the whole story, trusting that God's mercy is greater than human weakness.

And this brings us to the heart of these two feasts. On All Saints, we celebrate the great communion of holiness, the countless women and men, known and unknown, whose lives reveal something of God's goodness. On All Souls, we remember our beloved dead, entrusting them to the mercy and tenderness of God. Together, these feasts remind us that **death does not have the final word. Love does.**

Our Christian hope rests in the promise of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life." The relationships that have given meaning to our lives are not simply erased by death. They are held within the eternal love of God.

Perhaps this November we might take a little time to remember someone who has died. Speak their name. Recall a story. Give thanks for something they taught us. Offer a prayer for them. And perhaps, in doing so, we will discover the truth of Henri Nouwen's beautiful words: remembering the dead is indeed choosing their ongoing companionship.

For in the communion of saints, we are never entirely separated from those we have loved. We remain connected in the great mystery of God's love, until that day when, by God's grace, we shall all be gathered together again.

[The quote above is from: Henri J. M. Nouwen, Bread for the Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith, meditation for August 29]

ADVENT RETREAT – LOVE FROM BETHLEHEM

Join us for a special Advent Retreat with **Fr. Michael Mascarenhas** on **Saturday, December 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Journey with **Mary and St. Francis of Assisi** as we reflect on God's love in the Incarnation and the true meaning of Christmas. Come and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ and rediscover the joy and wonder of His birth! **Pick up a brochure with more information and dates on the information rack.**

RESPECT LIFE FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Annual Hamilton Right to Life Respect Life Fundraising Dinner is set for Wed. Nov. 4 at Marquis Gardens on Rymal Road. Tickets are \$70 each. This year's theme is "Life is Precious at Every Stage". Besides an amazing meal and a incredible keynote speaker, there will be raffle prizes, a silent auction and a bakery table. Find out more and purchase tickets on their website at hamiltonrighttolife.org or call 905-528-3065. Get your tickets before they are gone!



BAZAAR - 1WEEK AWAY!!!

Nov 6 & 7

We are overjoyed & grateful for the wonderful response of your many donations to our Parish bazaar! Thank you so very much!! Now we just need the crowd! Bring your family, friends & neighbors Friday Nov 6th from 4:00pm-7:30pm, Saturday Nov 7th from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Come out & enjoy the many treasures we have in store for you! Our burgers & jumbo wieners are top notch! Don't forget to bring your baking & return your capital prize tickets or maybe even sell a few more! May God bless us all!

At Mass on Sunday, after the final blessing, you may notice that Deacon Rene or I move to the altar as a small group of parishioners come forward to receive a pix which contains a host that will be taken to a family member, a parishioner or a friend who is ill and/or unable to be with us for Mass. This is one of the most ancient acts of the church that dates back to the time of the Acts of the Apostles. Today, we continue the practice and encourage family and friends who care for the sick continue this practice on Sunday after Mass. If you would like to participate, please speak to Deacon Rene who will provide you with what you need to make this a meaningful and spiritual experience that brings comfort and support to the sick.

Faith is something we receive, but it is also something we continue to explore throughout our lives. There are always new questions to ask, new insights to discover, and new ways of understanding what it means to follow Christ.

Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ is a series of three four-week opportunities to explore **faith, spirituality, and our life in the Christian community which began last week and will continue for the next three weeks.**

The invitation is open to everyone. Perhaps you have been part of the Church all your life and would simply like an opportunity to revisit some of the foundations of your faith. Perhaps you would like to deepen your spiritual life or think more carefully about what it means to belong to a Christian community. Or perhaps you are simply curious and would like to know more.

This year, rather than beginning primarily with presentations or teaching, we will begin with **people and their stories**. Throughout the series we will encounter the witness and testimony of men and women, young and old, some well-known and others less familiar, who speak honestly about their experiences and their own journeys of faith. Their stories will become a starting point for our own reflection, conversation and questions.

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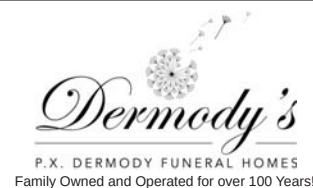
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