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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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St. Jean De Brebeuf Secondary	905-388-7020

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 22.34-40

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

October 10-11, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,562.00
Loose Collection	\$657.00
STMM Outreach	\$ 413.00

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

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 With PAG, your weekly or monthly offertory donation is automatically withdrawn from your bank account, ensuring your regular support of the parish even when you are away or unable to attend Mass.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.



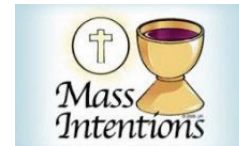
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. MARGARET MARY'S OCTOBERFEST EVENING

The Knights of Columbus at St. Margaret Mary invite everyone to their **Oktoberfest Evening on Wednesday, October 21st**. Doors open at **6:00 p.m.**, with dinner at **6:30 p.m.** Tickets are **\$10 per person**, and everyone is welcome! Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday. **The last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, October 18th.** Hope to see you all there!

PORKETTA ON A BUN

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta on a Bun after all Masses on October 24/25. Prices are 1 for \$6.00 or 3 for \$15.00. Pre order sheets can be found in the narthex of the church. Last day to order will be Tuesday, October 20. Porketta Buns are supplied by Genuine Bakery.

Catholic Cemeteries invites you to join for their **Annual Fall Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** at **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington**. The Mass will be celebrated by **Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, Bishop of Hamilton**. **All are welcome.**



7:00pm on Tuesday

9:00am Wednesday to Friday

Tues., Oct. 20 7:00 pm	†Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joao, John & Maria Arruda
Wed., Oct. 21	†Muzzin Plinio
Thurs., Oct. 22	†Jeff Toole
Fri., Oct. 23	†Nacario & Virginia Ico
Sat., Oct. 24 5:00 pm	†Holy Souls in Purgatory †Michelino Ciancone †Maria Nguyen †Segundina Fortun †Gerardo & Consolatriz Salem †Antonio Jose Raymundo Ornelas †Arthur Samaniego

Turning Another Bend in the Road - The Journey Toward Home:

As we turn another bend in the road with Jesus on his journey toward Jerusalem, we find ourselves approaching the final weeks of the Church's liturgical year. It is a remarkable journey, one that will bring us to the celebration of Christ the King on November 22. Along the way, we pause at the beginning of November to celebrate two feasts that speak profoundly to the meaning of our Christian lives: All Saints and All Souls.

There is something wonderfully appropriate about their place in the Church's calendar. As the liturgical year draws to a close, our attention turns increasingly toward the final things: the mystery of death, the promise of resurrection, the communion of saints, and our ultimate home in the embrace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And all of this unfolds against the extraordinary beauty of autumn.

Everywhere we look, creation seems to be offering one final, glorious expression of its beauty. The trees are clothed in colour, the harvest has been gathered, and the earth displays something of the generosity and wonder of God. Yet beneath that beauty, another mystery is unfolding. Leaves are falling, gardens are becoming still, and the natural world is preparing for the long silence of winter. What appears to be an ending is also a preparation for something new.

Perhaps creation itself is preaching the Gospel to us. Jesus understood this mystery when he spoke of the grain of wheat that must fall into the earth and die if it is to bear much fruit. There is a dying that makes possible a rising. There is a letting go that opens the way to new life. And there is a love, revealed most completely in the death and resurrection of Jesus, that assures us that nothing entrusted to God is ever finally lost.

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls invite us to contemplate that promise, not as a distant theological idea, but as something deeply personal. On All Saints Day, we celebrate the countless men and women whose lives have reflected something of the goodness, compassion and holiness of God. Some are known to us through the Church's calendar, but many more are the ordinary people whose lives

have touched our own: parents and grandparents, teachers, neighbours, friends, and people whose quiet goodness has helped us discover something of God's presence in the world.

On All Souls Day, our thoughts turn especially to those whom we have loved and lost. We remember their faces, their voices, their laughter, and the countless ways in which they became part of our lives. We remember, too, the sorrow of saying goodbye and the emptiness that death sometimes leaves behind.

But Christian remembrance is never simply an exercise in looking backward. It is also an act of hope. We pray for the dead because we believe that the bonds of love are not destroyed by death. In the communion of saints, we remain connected to one another in the great mystery of God's love. St. Paul reminds us that we are not to grieve as those who have no hope. He does not tell us not to grieve. Grief is the natural expression of love. Rather, he invites us to recognize that our sorrow is held within a greater promise: that the God who raised Jesus from the dead will also bring us into the fullness of life.

And so our journey continues toward the feast of Christ the King. What an extraordinary King we encounter! Not one seated upon a throne of earthly power, but one whose kingship is revealed most completely upon a Cross. His kingdom is built not upon domination or fear, but upon mercy, forgiveness, compassion and love.

This is also the mission entrusted to the Church as we journey through history: to make that kingdom visible in the world through the lives we live, the people we welcome, the burdens we share, and the hope we offer one another.

As autumn gives way to winter, perhaps we might take a little time to reflect upon our own journey. What are we being asked to let go of? What needs to die within us so that something new might be born? And how might we become more attentive to the presence of God in the ordinary circumstances of our lives?

The falling leaves remind us that life is changing, but the Gospel reminds us that life is not ending. Beyond every winter lies the promise of spring. Beyond the Cross stands the empty tomb. And beyond every bend in the road, Christ continues to walk with us, leading us toward that place where, at last, we shall be at home in the love of God.

Work begins on the roofs of the church, parish centre, offices and rectory this week. We are not expecting any major disruptions but ask everyone to be careful while on our property especially during weekdays.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin from October 2026 to December 31, 2027. The advertising will begin in December 2026 & support the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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! Please register so that we can prepare for lunch and invite a friend or neighbor. Brochures are available on the information rack.

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.**

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.

Pick up a brochure with more information and dates on the information rack.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

"One in Christ, united in mission"

Today the whole Catholic world keeps the 100th World Mission Sunday. The psalm sings, "Tell his glory among the nations" (Ps 96). Pope Leo XIV reminds us that no baptized person is exempt from mission, and that if unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence.

A second collection is taken up today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your gift, joined to those of Catholics everywhere, supports seminarians, catechists, chapels, healthcare, and the poor in young Churches. Pray also for new missionary vocations.

Father, make us one in Christ, united in mission. Amen.



HELP WANTED!

Many hands make the task lighter! We need volunteers to help with our Parish Bazaar, including greeting visitors, setting up, taking down, and more. There is a job for everyone! Please consider signing up on the volunteer sheet posted in the Narthex for our Bazaar, **November 5–7.** Don't forget to pick up your Capital Prize tickets and drop off your Attic Treasures donations, Penny Sale prizes, and craft donations. All contributions and helping hands are truly appreciated! May God bless us all!

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