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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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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 25, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

All Saints is:

Matthew 5.1-12a

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

October 17-18, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 4,609.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,200.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 923.00

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 With PAG, your weekly or monthly offertory donation is automatically withdrawn from your bank account, ensuring your regular support of the parish even when you are away or unable to attend Mass.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



PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

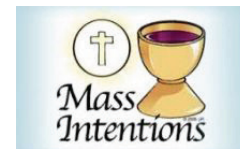
Our Annual Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m.** We will remember in a special way those who have passed away during the past

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.

Work on the roof is expected to begin tomorrow, Monday. If you are a weekday Mass goer, please be careful especially this week as the company will be setting up for the work. We will try to keep the noise to a minimum but we ask for your patience it is not possible to ask the workers to stop every time we have an activity in the church.

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. 27 7:00 pm	†Antonio DiPaolo †Brian Mascarin †Dom Fernandez
Wed., Oct. 28	†Marjory & John Biller
Thurs., Oct. 29	†Jeffrey Toole
Fri., Oct. 30	†Tim McLean
Sat., Oct. 31 5:00 pm	†Anne Cupido †Joseph Thi †Joseph Dang †Evelyn Kostka †Gerardo & Consolatriz Salem †Elsa Pietra †Antonio Jose Raymundo Ornelas Deceased members of Amores & Hernandez Families

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER: It is hard to believe that we have arrived at the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Once again, the Church's liturgical year is drawing to a close. Next weekend, we celebrate the great feast of All Saints, followed by the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls. A few weeks later, on November 22, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, and then, on November 29, the First Sunday of Advent, we begin the journey all over again.

There is something wonderfully reassuring about this rhythm of the Church's year. We come to the end of one journey only to discover that we are being invited to begin another. We have travelled with Jesus through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, and through the long weeks of Ordinary Time. We have listened to his teaching, witnessed his compassion, struggled with his challenges and, hopefully, allowed his words to find a deeper home in our hearts.

Now, as the year draws to a close, the Church invites us to bring it all together. What have we learned? How have we grown? What has changed in us because of our encounter with Jesus? And perhaps most importantly, what are we being asked to carry forward into the next chapter of our journey?

There could hardly be a more appropriate Gospel to accompany these questions than the passage from Matthew in which Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest. His answer is both wonderfully simple and profoundly demanding: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." And then, without hesitation, he adds a second: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus tells us that on these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets. In other words, everything comes back to love. Not simply the love that we speak about so easily, or the love that asks little

of us, but the love that changes how we see the world, how we treat one another, and how we respond to the needs and suffering of others.

Throughout this liturgical year, we have been reminded that justice, love and peace are not optional additions to the Christian life. They are at its very foundation. We cannot claim to love God while remaining indifferent to our neighbor. We cannot pray for peace while contributing to division. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist and then turn away from those who are hungry, lonely, frightened or forgotten.

Our faith must find expression in the ordinary circumstances of our lives: in our families, our workplaces, our parish community and in the wider world. It is revealed in the kindness we extend, the forgiveness we offer, the dignity we recognize in others and the courage we find to stand alongside those who suffer injustice. And this is where the approaching feasts of All Saints, All Souls and Christ the King offer us something particularly beautiful.

All Saints reminds us that holiness is possible in every age and circumstance. All Souls reminds us that love reaches beyond death and that our final home is in God. Christ the King reminds us that the kingdom toward which we journey is not built upon power, wealth or privilege, but upon truth, mercy, justice and peace. Together, these celebrations gather up the great themes of our Christian faith and point us toward the promise that lies ahead.

As we prepare to begin another Advent and a new journey through the Gospel, perhaps we might resist the temptation simply to start again as though nothing has happened. We are not the same people we were a year ago. Life has touched us in ways both joyful and painful. We have celebrated, struggled, grieved, hoped and prayed. Through it all, God has been present, often in ways we may only now be beginning to recognize.

The liturgical year is not a circle that simply brings us back to where we started. It is more like a spiral, returning us to the great mysteries of faith, but inviting us each time to enter them more deeply. And perhaps that is the invitation of these final weeks: to look back with gratitude, to look forward with hope, and to recognize that the heart of everything we believe and celebrate is found in the simple, demanding command of Jesus: Love God. Love your neighbour. And allow that love to shape the person you are becoming. For in the end, that is what the journey has always been about.

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!

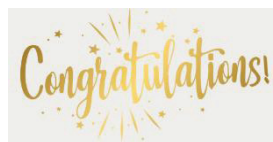
CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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.



FINAL STRETCH -BAZAAR NOV. 6-7!

Did you receive your Bake table card notice when you arrived today? If not, please pick up at the Capital Prize table as you leave! Have you picked up or returned your Capital prize tickets? Are you a greeter, face painter, ticket seller? We have many different jobs & would be most grateful if you could contribute a couple of hours of your time to help out. Please contact Betty at 905-383-0360. We are still accepting donations for the Penny Sale & Gift card Wreaths. With sincere gratitude!



Sincere Congratulations to

Mike Trafford, one of our trusty volunteers who received the ***Bernie Morelli Lifetime achievement Award*** at the recent

Hamilton Senior of the Year Awards. For more than 30 years, Mike Trafford has dedicated his time, energy, and heart to supporting children, youth, and families in Hamilton through the Eastmount Park Softball & Community Council. His commitment to community service has helped create opportunities for thousands of young people to learn, play, and grow. As President and Sports Director, Mike has helped build one of Hamilton's largest youth softball programs, serving more than 500 children every year. He has always believed that every child deserves the chance to participate, regardless of their family's financial situation, and has worked hard to ensure no child is ever turned away.

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.

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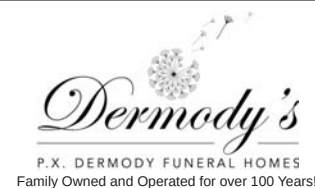
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