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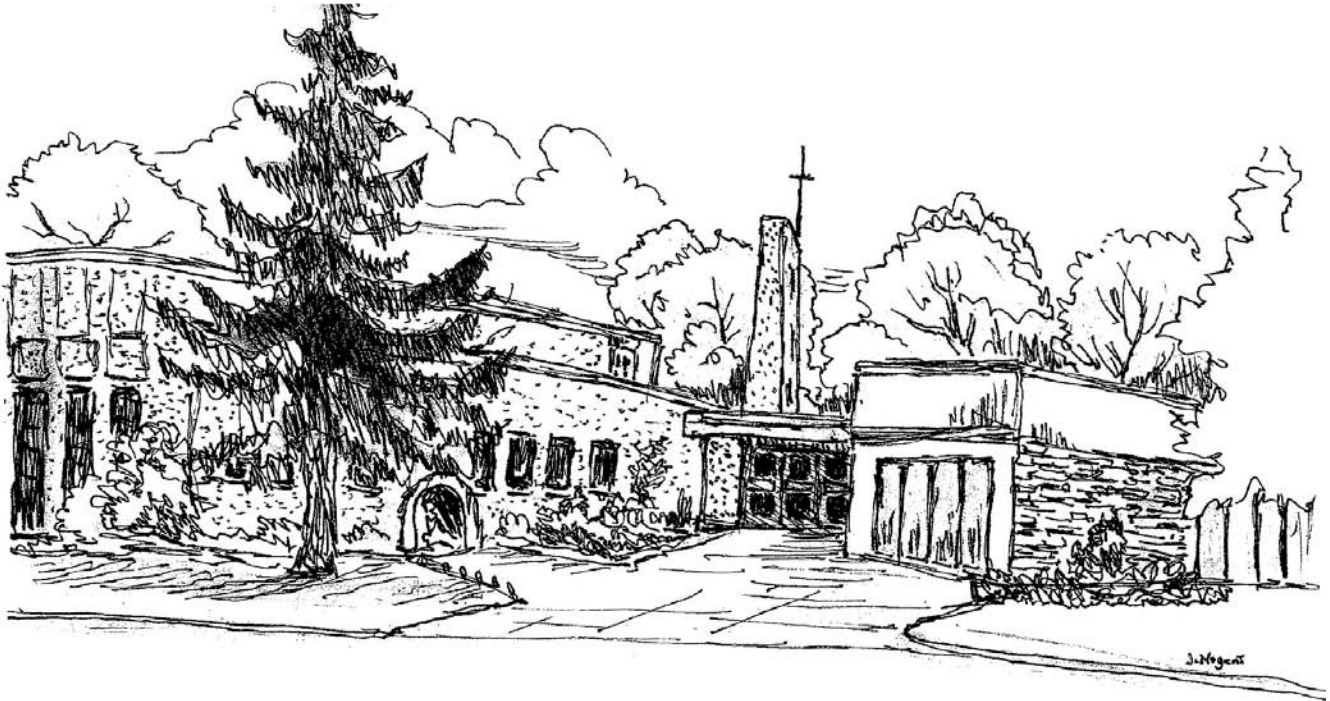
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Office Hours:

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:

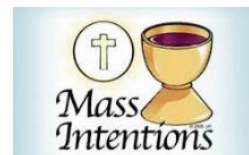
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St. Kateri Tekakwitha 905-385-8212

St. Anthony Daniel 905-389-5186

St. Jean De Brebeuf Secondary 905-388-7020

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4, 2026



7:00pm on Tuesday
9:00am Wednesday to Friday

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Matthew 22.1-14

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

September 26-27, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 5,257.00
Loose Collection	\$ 477.00
Building Fund	\$ 373.00
Mission Coop-Haiti	\$ 500.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 932.00

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

Tues., Oct. 6 7:00 pm	Intentions of Vincent Francis Intentions of Noel Santos †Kevin Beattie †Thankam Paul †Jessie Cabugawan †Segundina Acorda Y Ramos Fortun †Souls in Purgatory †Mr. & Mrs. Jose Monesterial Sr.
Wed., Oct. 7	†Flora Richardson
Thurs., Oct. 8	†Grace D'Ariano
Fri., Oct. 9	†Flora Richardson
Sat., Oct. 10 5:00 pm	Intentions of Monesterial & Abesamis Families †Mafalda Trifone †Gerardo & Consolatriz Salem †Rocco Della Nebbia †Phyllis Smith Trafford †Harold Trafford Sr. †Lynn Trafford

When Did We Become Used to This? I lived for five years, in the late 1980s and early 1990s downtown at St. Patrick's Church. Those years gave me a particular affection for the downtown and for the people who lived there. We certainly had our problems. Poverty was real. There were people who struggled with addiction, mental illness, unemployment and inadequate housing. There were people who came to the church door looking for food or some other kind of help, but I do not remember anything quite like what I saw last week.

I was driving from St. Margaret Mary to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington, a journey I have made many times, through communities that we generally think of as safe and stable. But this time I found myself paying closer attention.

Over several blocks, I saw men and women lined up waiting for food. I saw people carrying their belongings with them. I noticed others resting or sleeping in spaces just off the street, trying to find some small measure of shelter, privacy or safety. Men and women under the influence of heavy drugs. The sheer visibility of the distress was shocking. And perhaps even more troubling was the realization that none of this seems particularly unusual anymore.

When did this become normal? When did we become accustomed to seeing people sleeping outside? When did food banks and meal programs become essential parts of the landscape of our communities? When did we begin passing people whose lives are clearly in distress without being shocked by what we were seeing?

Pope Francis once spoke about precisely this danger. Looking at the contrast between prosperity and poverty existing side by side, he said simply: **"We have a tendency of getting used to this."**

That may be one of the great spiritual dangers of our time. We do not necessarily become uncaring people. We simply become accustomed to what we see. What once disturbed us becomes part of the scenery. We drive past. We avert our eyes. We tell ourselves that the problems are complicated, which, of course, they are, and gradually the extraordinary becomes ordinary. But the Gospel does not allow us that luxury. The story of the Good Samaritan begins with someone lying wounded beside a road. Several people see him. The difference is not in what they see; the difference is in what they do after seeing.

Pope Francis put it very plainly: **“Whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away.”** The Good Samaritan, he reminds us, “continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives.” Pope Leo In his message for this year’s **World Day of the Poor** (November 14), writes: **“The Christian community cannot remain indifferent to the many who today stand at the door but remain invisible.”** He reminds us that the Church is called not simply to speak about the poor, but **“to be poor and a refuge for the poor.”** That is much more demanding.

Our response cannot end with feeling badly about what we see. Nor can poverty simply become someone else’s responsibility, government, social agencies, food banks, shelters or charities. All have an indispensable role, but the Gospel asks something personally of us as well.

Perhaps the first thing it asks is that we **see again**. See the person rather than the problem. See someone’s son or daughter, brother or sister. See a human being whose life has a history we do not know. And then ask what we can do.

For some, that may mean volunteering. For others, supporting organizations serving people in need. It may mean advocating for adequate housing, mental-health care, addiction services and dignified employment. It certainly means asking difficult questions about why so many people are being left behind in communities with so much. But perhaps it begins even more simply.

The next time we see someone sleeping on a sidewalk, standing in a food line, or carrying ever thing they own in a few bags, resist the temptation to look away. Allow yourself to be troubled. Because the day such suffering no longer troubles us may be the day that we need to ask what has happened not only to our society, but **to our hearts**.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **ST. MARGARET MARY’S** **OKTOBERFEST EVENING**

The Knights of Columbus at St. Margaret Mary’s 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!



HOW WOULD YOU SPEND **\$1000????**

Your chance of winning would be enhanced if you picked up 1 or 2 books of tickets for the Bazaar Capital Prize!

When? Starting this weekend before or after weekend masses excluding Thanksgiving weekend until our Bazaar draw - November 7- 2 pm.

Where? church narthex

Cost? 10 tickets per book at \$2 a ticket
SELL TO FAMILY & FRIENDS especially over Thanksgiving weekend. Wishing a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** to you & your dear ones!!

Thanksgiving Monday, October 12: Mass for Thanksgiving Day at 9.00 am. in the church.

SACRAMENTS 2027

CONFIRMATION

Celebration

- Saturday, April 17, 2027
 - **11:00 a.m. – St. Kateri and St. Anthony Daniel School**
 - **2:00 p.m. – St. Margaret Mary School**

Schedule

- Wednesday, January 13, 2027, 7:00 p.m. – First meeting for parents and confirmandi
- Friday, February 12, 2027 – Registration deadline and submission of forms
- Sunday, March 7, 2027, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses – Enrollment for Confirmation
- Sunday, March 7, 2027, 10:00 a.m. – Meeting for parents and confirmandi
- Saturday, April 3, 2027, 1:00–4:45 p.m. – Confirmation Retreat (Church)

FIRST COMMUNION

Celebrations

- Sunday, May 2, 2027 – **11:00 a.m.- St. Margaret Mary School**
- Sunday, May 16, 2027 – **11:00 a.m. – St. Kateri & St. Anthony Daniel School**

Schedule

- Wednesday, February 3, 2027, 7:00 p.m. – First meeting for First Communion parents (parents only)
- Friday, March 12, 2027 – Registration forms submission deadline
- Sunday, April 11, 2027, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses – Enrollment for First Communion
- Sunday, April 11, 2027, 10:00 a.m. – Meeting for parents and candidates
- **TBD** – First Communion Retreat

Retreat Note:

The First Communion Retreat will be held either at the school or at the church. If possible, it will take place during the week of **April 19–23, 2027**.

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