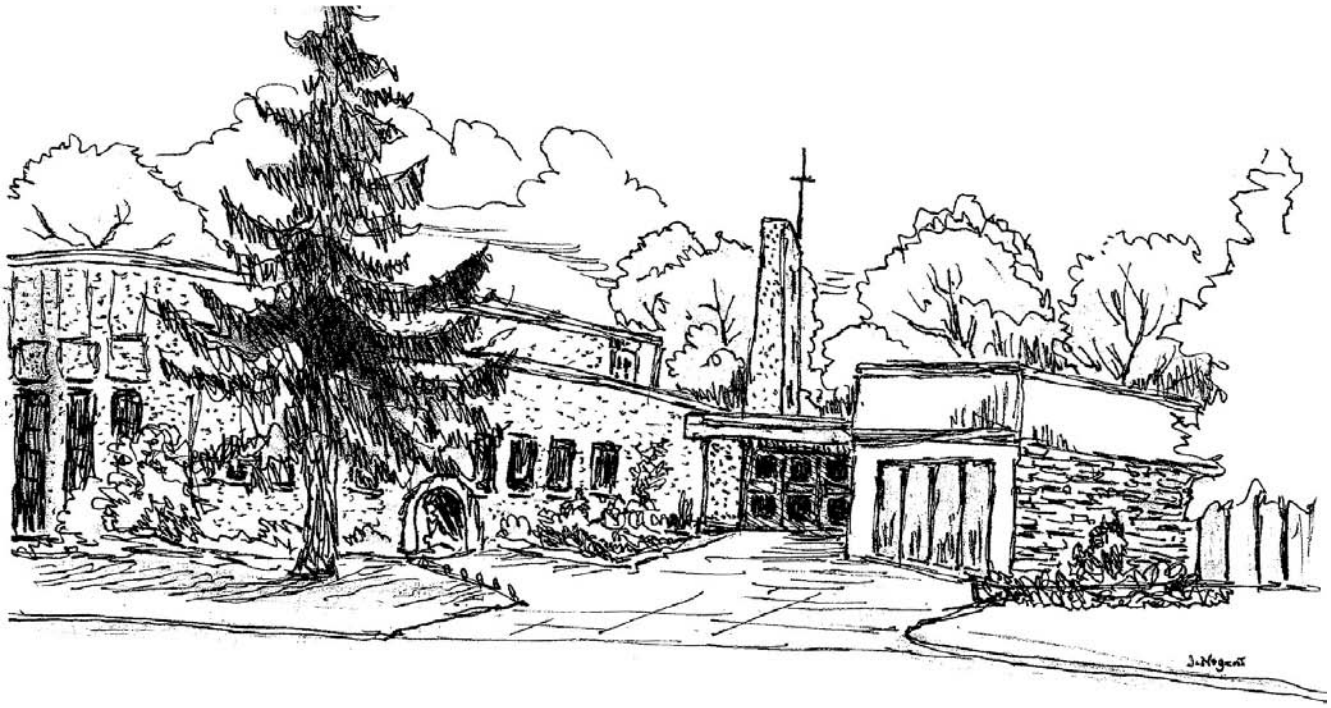
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Office Hours:
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-5:00 pm
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Weekday Mass:
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

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.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:
Matthew 25.31-46

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

November 7-8, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	$ 5,486.00
Building Fund	$ 1,090.00
Loose Collection	$ 1,145.00
STMM Outreach	$ 515.00
Mission Coop- HAITI	$ 3,195.00

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Please be advised that the Church Office will be **closed on Wednesday, November 18th**, as Divine will be attending a Diocesan Workshop at the Chancery Office. Thank you for your understanding!



PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the beautiful celebration of our Parish Memorial Mass on Thursday, November 12th. Our Parish is truly blessed to have so many people who generously come forward to offer their time and help. A special THANK YOU to Msgr. Con, Deacon Rene, our many volunteers and bakers, and especially to everyone who attended. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Parish community to come together in remembrance, prayer, and support for one another during a time of healing. Thank you for making this celebration so meaningful and special!

PORCHETTA BUNS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porchetta on a Bun after all Masses on November 28/29. Prices are 1 for $6.00 or 3 for $15.00. Pre-order sheets can be found in the narthex of the church. The last day to order will be Tuesday, November 24. Porchetta Buns are supplied by Genuine Bakery.

Pledge envelopes to help raise funds for the roof renovations are available in the information racks in the Narthex.



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

Tues., Nov. 17 7:00 pm	†Antonio & Luisa Mare †Joao, John & Maria Arruda †Ann & William Mascarenhas
Wed., Nov.18	†Jeff Toole
Thurs., Nov. 19	†Anne Cupido
Fri., Nov. 20	†Brianne Marie Formoso
Sat., Nov. 21 5:00 pm	Intentions of Leonie Guinto †Holy Souls in Purgatory †James Hugo †Gerardo & Consolatriz Salem †Mary-Elizabeth Rowles †Adele & Franco Pagliccia

Remembering Those Who Suffer for Their Faith.

One of the great blessings of living in Canada is the freedom we enjoy to practice our faith. We gather for Mass, celebrate the sacraments, educate our children in Catholic schools, and speak openly about our religious convictions. We may sometimes take these freedoms for granted, forgetting that for millions of people throughout the world, the simple act of professing one's faith can bring discrimination, imprisonment, violence, or even death.

On Wednesday, November 18, we observe **Red Wednesday**, an international initiative promoted by ***Aid to the Church in Need***, a Catholic organization dedicated to supporting Christians who suffer persecution and oppression. Churches and public buildings around the world will be illuminated in red, the color of martyrdom, as a visible reminder of those who suffer because of their religious beliefs. It is an opportunity for us to become more aware of a disturbing reality that receives far too little attention.

The findings of ***Aid to the Church in Need's Religious Freedom in the World Report 2025*** are deeply troubling. According to the report, more than 5.4 billion people, nearly two-thirds of the world's population, live in countries where serious violations of religious freedom occur.

The report identifies 62 countries where religious freedom is seriously compromised. In 24 of these countries, the situation is classified as persecution, involving systematic repression, violence, imprisonment and intimidation. Another 38 countries experience significant religious discrimination, where believers face restrictions on worship, expression and equal treatment under the law. Perhaps most disturbing is that in three-quarters of the countries experiencing the worst forms of persecution, conditions have deteriorated further. Behind these statistics are human lives, families and communities.

In Nigeria, Christian villages have been attacked, churches destroyed, clergy kidnapped and families forced to abandon their homes. In China, religious communities experience extensive government surveillance and restrictions on their

activities. In India, religious nationalism has contributed to increasing hostility and violence against minority communities. Across parts of Africa and the Middle East, extremist movements have displaced entire communities, destroying places of worship and centuries of religious heritage.

The report also draws attention to the particular vulnerability of women and girls belonging to religious minorities. In countries such as Pakistan and Egypt, cases of abduction, forced conversion and coerced marriage continue to be documented. Some victims are children. And persecution is not confined to distant countries. The report identifies growing incidents of antisemitism, hostility toward Muslims, and attacks against Christian churches and institutions in Europe and North America, including Canada. These realities remind us that **religious freedom is not simply a Christian concern. It is a fundamental human right belonging to every person.**

Article 18 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes the freedom of thought, conscience and religion, including the freedom to practice one's beliefs individually or in community with others. The Catholic Church has consistently affirmed this principle. The Second Vatican Council, in its declaration ***Dignitatis Humanae***, taught that the human person has a right to religious freedom, a right rooted in the dignity of every human being. This means that our concern must extend beyond persecuted Christians to include Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and other religious communities whose freedom and dignity are threatened. As followers of Jesus Christ, we cannot defend our own freedom while remaining indifferent to the suffering of others.

There is, however, another important finding in the report that deserves our attention. Despite persecution, religious communities continue to demonstrate extraordinary courage and resilience. In some of the world's most troubled regions, churches and other faith communities remain centers of education, humanitarian assistance, reconciliation and peacebuilding. They remind us that faith, even under terrible pressure, can become a remarkable source of hope.

Red Wednesday is not intended to leave us discouraged. Rather, it invites us to recognize that we belong to a human family whose members are bound together by a common dignity. When one community suffers because of its faith, something of our shared humanity is diminished. **May our prayer and solidarity remind those who suffer that they are not forgotten.**

Thanks to the profound generosity of a donor, our Parish has received a gift in the amount of **$ 50,000.00**. towards the work being done on our roof. This gift is part of a significant bequest left to the Diocese of Hamilton by a parishioner whose intent was to support Parishes and charities within the greater Hamilton area. This transformational gift will provide much-needed funds over the next ten years - a profound testament to what is possible through the generosity of legacy giving. Have you ever considered an estate gift to the Church in your Will? For more information, please call 905-528-7988 ext. 2235 or email give@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.**

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 three weeks ago and will conclude this Wednesday. The seconds series begins in February. Pick up a brochure with more information and dates on the information rack.**

COFFEE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 15TH!

Join us for Coffee Sunday after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Enjoy some coffee, treats, and fellowship with our Parish community! Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

CWL – SAVE THE DATE!

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites all women of the Parish to their **Annual Potluck Supper on Monday, November 23rd, at 6:00 PM!** Bring your favourite dish or dessert and enjoy an evening of fellowship, entertainment, and prizes! As part of our evening, we kindly invite you to bring a donation of **new hats, mitts, or gloves for Out of the Cold**, or **canned goods and non-perishable food items for The Good Shepherd**. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated!

Not a CWL member yet? This is a wonderful opportunity to come out, have fun, meet other women in our Parish, and learn more about joining.
We look forward to seeing you there!



OUR PARISH BAZAAR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped make this event happen! To the fantastic volunteers (adults & students), generous donors, enthusiastic supporters, St. Margaret Mary School....you made a difference & we are truly grateful! The list of winning ticket numbers is included in this week's bulletin. Penny Sale ticket winner numbers will be displayed on a poster in the narthex and on the parish website. Prizes can be picked up at the Church from 5:00pm-7:00pm on Monday, Nov. 16th and Thursday, Nov. 19th. Financial results will be shared once available.

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