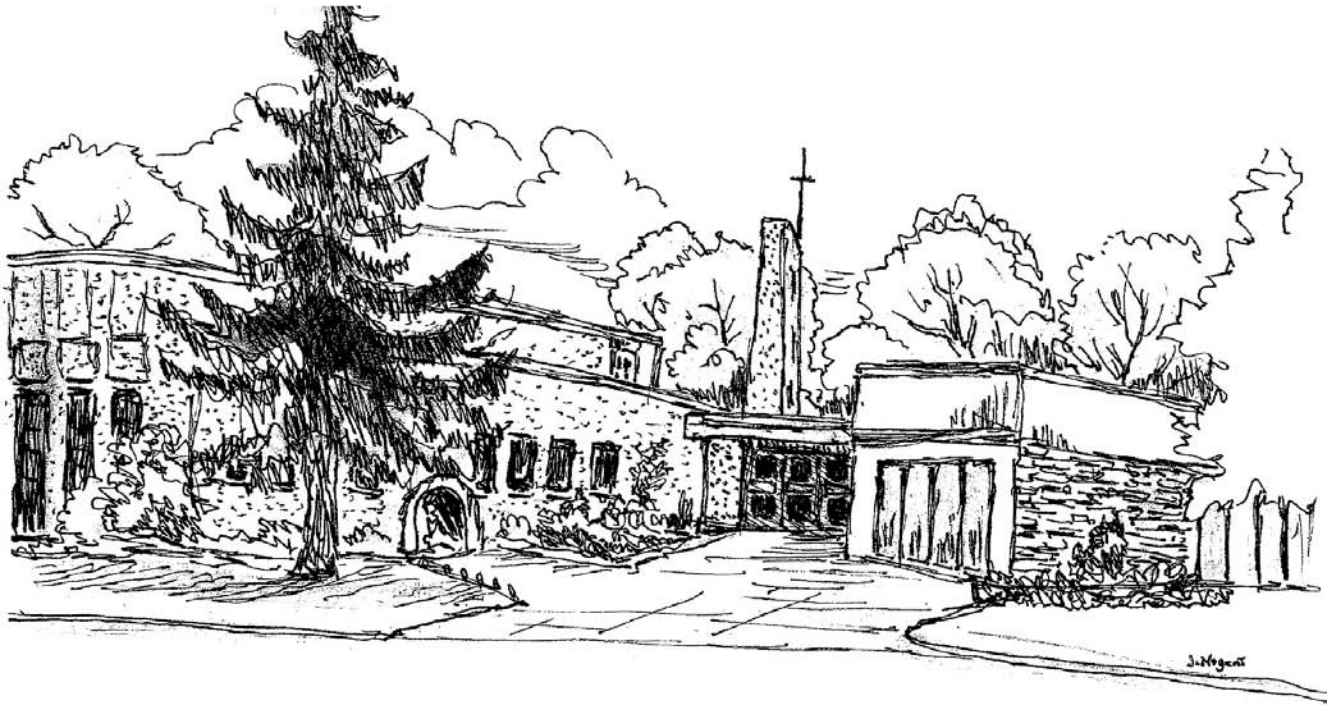
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Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-5:00 pm
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Weekday Mass:
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

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Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Available Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or by appointment.

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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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
First Sunday of Advent
is: **Mark 13.33-37**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

November 14-15, 2026

Regular Sunday Env.	$ 4,955.00
Building Fund	$ 75.00
Loose Collection	$ 1,527.00
STMM Outreach	$ 83.00

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 With PAG, your weekly or monthly offertory donation is automatically withdrawn from your bank account, ensuring your regular support of the parish even when you are away or unable to attend Mass.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

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.

You will notice that the chair in the sanctuary that the presider sits looks different this weekend. **This is a temporary move** as we have some work to do to support the back on the original one. Sixty years of priests sitting against it have made it increasingly lose and noisy complicated by the fact that it is made of concrete which has aged. The metal supports for the back also need some major surgery and a new solution to make the chair more stable is found.

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. 24 7:00 pm	†Anne Cupido †Exequel, Amanda & Arcadio Toreja †Nancy Romyn †Effye Lobo
Wed., Nov.25	†Jeff Toole
Thurs., Nov. 26	†Ezio Settimi
Fri., Nov. 27	†Amelia Agnes
Sat., Nov. 28 5:00 pm	†Anne Cupido †William & Aurola Menezes †Conrado de Guzman Abesamis †George Robinson

The River, the Ocean, and the Journey of Faith:

There is a beautiful reflection, often attributed to the poet **Kahlil Gibran**, about a river approaching the ocean. After a long and winding journey, the river finally reaches the sea. Looking out across the vast expanse of water, it is filled with fear. Behind it lie the mountains where it began, the valleys through which it travelled, and the familiar landscapes it has come to know. Ahead lies something immense, mysterious and unknown. The river hesitates. It wonders whether it can turn around and return to the safety of the journey it has known. But it cannot go back. No river can. It must find the courage to enter the ocean. And when it finally does, something extraordinary happens. The river discovers that it has not disappeared into the ocean. It has become part of something far greater than itself.

What a wonderful image for our celebration this weekend of the **Feast of Christ the King!** For almost an entire year, we have been travelling with Jesus, accompanied by Matthew, our Gospel guide. Like the river, our journey has taken us through many landscapes, from the hills of Galilee to the shores of the Sea of Tiberias, through villages and towns, and finally along the road to Jerusalem.

Along the way, we have met extraordinary people: fishermen who left their nets, tax collectors who discovered a new purpose, women and men searching for healing, forgiveness and hope. We have listened to parables, witnessed miracles, encountered suffering and experienced moments of astonishing grace. Through it all, Jesus has been teaching us something about God, ourselves and the extraordinary possibilities of a life rooted in faith. Now, on this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we arrive at the ocean.

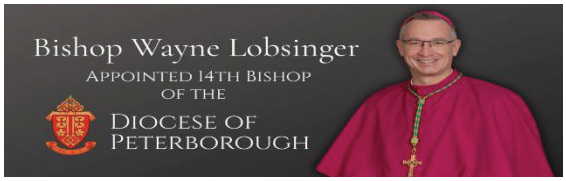
The Feast of Christ the King gathers together everything we have experienced and reminds us of the great truth at the heart of the Gospel: **the Kingdom of God is a kingdom of justice, love and peace.** It is not a kingdom built on power, privilege or domination, but one revealed in compassion, mercy, forgiveness and service. Its King wears a crown of thorns. His throne is a cross. His victory is the triumph of love over hatred, life over death, and hope over despair. And

perhaps, like the river, we are invited to recognize that something has happened to us along the way. We are not quite the same people we were when this journey began. At least, we hope not.

Perhaps we have become a little more patient, compassionate or willing to forgive. Perhaps we have learned to recognize Christ in people we might once have overlooked. Perhaps some experience of sorrow or uncertainty has opened our hearts to a deeper trust in God. These are the quiet transformations of faith, happening gradually, almost unnoticed, as grace works within us. And there is no going back. Not because the past has been forgotten, but because **faith is always an invitation to move forward.** To grow. To discover. To trust.

Next Sunday, remarkably, we begin the journey all over again. Advent opens before us, inviting us into the ancient story of waiting, longing and hope. Another Gospel guide will accompany us as we listen once more for God's voice in our lives. But we will not be beginning in quite the same place. We bring with us everything we have learned, experienced and received along the way. The river cannot go back. Neither can we.

Christ our King has been walking beside us all along, inviting us into the fullness of life God has prepared. And so, with gratitude for the journey behind us and hope for the journey ahead, we stand once again at the edge of something new. **The ocean is not something to fear. It is an invitation to become more fully who God has created us to be.**



BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER APPOINTED BISHOPE OF THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. The announcement was made on Friday, November 13, at 12:00pm in Rome (6:00am local time).

Bishop Lobsinger commented on the announcement: "*It is with humble gratitude that I accept the appointment of the Holy Father, Pope Leo, to be the Bishop of Peterborough. It will be hard to leave the Diocese of Hamilton, having lived and served in this Diocese my entire life, however I look forward to my new ministry in Peterborough with excitement and joy*."

The faithful are invited to join in a Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate Bishop Lobsinger's appointment on **Sunday, November 29, at 11:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King (714 King Street West, Hamilton). We give thanks for Bishop Lobsinger's generous service to the Church and ask the faithful to keep him in their prayers as he prepares to begin this new chapter of ministry. May the Lord bless him with wisdom, strength, and joy, and may Mary, Mother of the Church, accompany him as he shepherds the people entrusted to his care.

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. The seconds series begins in February. Pick up a brochure with more information and dates on the information rack.**

MISSION COOP-HAITI
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We were blessed to have Monsignor Philippe join us for World Mission Sunday and inspire us with his love and concern for our sisters and brothers of St. Gabriel Parish in Beau-Sejour, Haiti. And we are overwhelmed by your response to his appeal in donating $11,995 to our sister parish. Because of your kindness and generosity, in addition to honoring our commitment to education, we will be able to send Father Jude an additional $3,000 to feed the hungry children of his parish. The Twinning Committee extends our heartfelt gratitude to you all. May God continue to bless you always for your ongoing generous response to His beloved poor.

CWL – SAVE THE DATE!

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites all women of the Parish to their **Annual Potluck Supper tomorrow, Monday, November 23rd, at 6:00 PM!** Bring your favorite 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!

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT — Saturday, December 5, 2026 – Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all young adults in their 20s and 30s across the Diocese of Hamilton to an evening of prayer, fellowship, and praise music. Come meet other young adults and find encouragement as you discern and live out God's call. Join us at St. Basil's Church, 50 Palace St, Brantford, ON N3T 3Y6. [Holy Hour**: 6:30–7:30 p.m.**; Social with food**:** Praise music and vocation testimony**: 7:30–8:00 p.m.**; Night Prayer**: 8:00–9:00 p.m.**; **9:00 p.m.**). Bring a friend—all young adults are welcome! Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. Visit https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/. For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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