

Holy Rosary Parish

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Parking & Access
Church, Parish Hall

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Interpreted Mass: 11:00 a.m. 

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 7:40 p.m.

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE: For more information or assistance, you may contact your parish priest or Rev. Mark Morley, the Diocesan Vocation Director at 905-528-7988, ext. 2223 or www.vocationsinfo.ca

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Blessed Sacrament is available for adoration 24 hours per day. For adoration outside regular office hours, please register at the office for the door code. Adoration is offered for Vocations on the First Friday of every month.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Administration Office as soon as possible after the birth of your baby.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Administration Office, generally, one year in advance. At least one party to the marriage must be Catholic and living within the territory of the parish or a parishioner of Holy Rosary Parish.

MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Rosary Parish is a Catholic Community rooted in Faith, Hope and Love. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spread it to our growing and diverse community. We welcome and reach out to individuals and families through Worship, Evangelization, Christian Formation and Service to all God's people.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. John Van Hees, Pastor

Fr. Nishil Varghese, CMI, Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr. James Whittaker, Deacon

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Corina Thomas, Parish Secretary

Angela Cumming, Parish Secretary

Karina Morales, Parish Secretary

Dennis Herrero, Property Manager

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE 905-878-6535

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(Summer Hours: Office closes at 3:30 p.m.)

Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

OUR SCHOOLS

Bishop Reding Secondary 905-875-0124

Our Catholic Elementary Schools

Our Lady of Victory 905-876-4379

Holy Rosary 905-876-1121

St. Peter 905-878-4626

St. Anthony of Padua 905-864-8272

Queen of Heaven 289-851-9329

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please take time to tell us about yourself. Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church. These may be completed and placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please email your announcement to the Parish Office at reception@holyrosaryparish.ca by Monday at 9:00 a.m.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton website is www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Tuesday, Dec 12, 2023 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. †Juana & Emiliana Ancheta

7:00 p.m. †Dec. Memb. Arpa & Gaetan Families;
†Nabil Houry; †Vincent Racic, Michael &
Marinka Vutchajnk; S/I Eymard Bello

Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023 – St. Lucy

8:00 a.m. †Eugene Gallagher

7:00 p.m. No Evening Mass

**** Advent Evening of Reconciliation will be celebrated at
St. Benedict's Parish starting at 7:00 pm****

Thursday, Dec 14, 2023 – St. John of the Cross

8:00 a.m. †Souls in Purgatory

Friday, Dec 15, 2023

8:00 a.m. †Stephanie Butler

Saturday, Dec 16, 2023

5:00 p.m. †Enzo Mustillo; †Gilda Vieira; †Enoia
Mendonca; †Edgardo De Ocampo;
†Giuseppe Pedulla

Sanctuary Lamp – Week of Dec 10th, 2023

In Loving Memory of Dec. Memb. Pasqualino & Pedulla
Families

Readings for Sunday, Dec 17th, 2023:

Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
John 1.6-8, 19-28

“My soul shall exult in my God.”

† † † † †

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY LAY CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women called to seek God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. Our next meeting is on **Friday, Dec 15th at 7:00 pm.** Contact: **Noreen D'Souza** at (905) 693-8702 or **Aga Mizgala** at (905) 693-1166.

2024 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available in ALPHABETICAL ORDER on the tables in the outer foyer of the Church.



- Please ensure that you take the envelopes with your name and address on them.
- If you did not use envelopes last year and wish to contribute to the Parish, or if you have changed your address, please come to the Parish Office during the week.
- We ask you to please recycle all old Church envelopes from previous years.
- We appreciate it when you put your name on the outside of the first couple of envelopes to ensure accurate posting of your donation to your name.

ADVENT EVENING OF RECONCILIATION



You are invited and encouraged to participate in our Evening of Reconciliation. It will be held on **Wednesday, Dec 13th at 7:00 pm** at St. Benedict's Parish. There will be guest confessors available.

This evening is a time for personal prayer and an opportunity for Individual Confession. We must prepare ourselves to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas. Come and spend time with our Lord during Advent.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual **Food Drive** during Advent. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Knights trailer in the Church parking lot before or after the weekend Masses. Cash and credit/debit card donations will also be accepted.



Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs will be available for \$10.00 each. Food Drive donations can also be made online at <https://www.HolyRosaryKnights.ca>. Thank you for your generosity.



The Knights of Columbus welcome all parishioners to **Coffee Sunday** held in the Parish Hall after all Masses on **Sunday, Dec 17th.** Hope to see you there!

Refer to our website: www.holyrosaryparish.ca for additional events, information, & updates.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Christmas Vigil Masses

Sunday, December 24th, 2023
Masses at Holy Rosary Church
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm

Please note that caroling takes place 30 minutes prior to each mass.

Masses During Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th, 2023
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st, 2023
5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 1st, 2024
9:00 am and 11:00 am

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return. For more information, visit: <http://hamiltondiocese.com>



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish office will be closing at noon on **Friday, Dec 22nd** and will remain closed between Christmas and New Year's. Regular office hours will resume on **Tuesday, Jan 2nd, 2024**. General mailbox messages will be checked daily.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

- Dec 11 – Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk**
- Dec 12 – Married Couples**
- Dec 13 – Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer**
- Dec 14 – Rev. Wallace Metcalf**
- Dec 15 – Rev. Charles Galea**
- Dec 16 – Rev. Robert Kiffman**



2024 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2024 Catholic Missions in Canada Calendars are available for purchase in the main foyer or at the parish office for \$3. Stop by to pick up yours this week!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DECEMBER 12, 2023

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec 12th, be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join our Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This ministry gathers in the Parish Hall **every Thursday** afternoon from **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. All are welcome to join. Sponsored by the CWL, this ministry knits and crochets loving, prayer centered shawls for anyone in need of comfort. If you wish to obtain a Prayer Shawl for someone in need, please contact the parish office at **(905) 878-6535**.



TAX DONATIONS

Thank you so much for your support in all the many ways you give. It's getting close to year end, and this is a reminder to all that financial donations for the 2023 tax year should be received by the parish office by **Monday, Dec 25th**. At this time, the parish books will be closed and all donations for 2023 will be deposited to the parish bank account. Any donations that come in after this date will be applied to the year 2024.



OUR SUNDAY BULLETIN



Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in **February 2024** and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at **1-800-268-2637**.



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