

# Holy Rosary Parish

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

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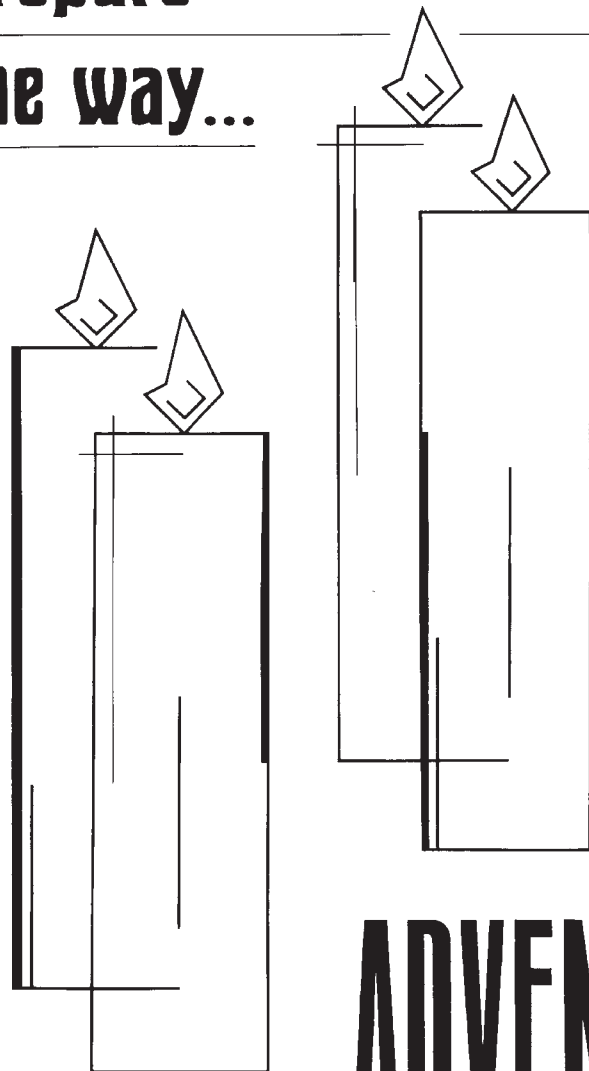
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**ADVENT**



**Tuesday, Dec 26, 2017 – NO MASS**

**Wednesday, Dec 27, 2017 – St. John the Apostle**

8:00 a.m. †Thomas & Bertha D'Souza; †Floriberto Brilhante; †Stanislaw Betto; †Jean Bowls; †Romulo Gabriela; †Jeanette Bouchard; †Thomas Ferguson; S/I Elengikal Family; S/I Brenda Holtkamp; S/I Sarah Watson

**Thursday, Dec 28, 2017 – The Holy Innocents**

8:00 a.m. †Helen Borschke

**Friday, Dec 29, 2017**

8:00 a.m. †Mary-Lou Versteegh

**Saturday, Dec 30, 2017**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

5:00 p.m. †Joseph D'Souza; †May Harkin; †Sean Tuite; †Mario De Luca; †Domingo Mangiardi; †Frank Halk; †Mariano Cabral; S/I Sarah Watson; In Thanksgiving

**Sanctuary Lamp – Week of December 24, 2017**

In Loving Memory of Joe Deoni

**Readings for Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3.12-21

Luke 2.22-40

*“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.”*

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Please contact the Parish Office if your family member is in the hospital and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion. For confidential reasons the hospital will not release names of those who are Catholic. We have faithful volunteers who go to the hospital each Sunday and throughout the week. If we do not know of your relative being in the hospital we cannot attend to their spiritual needs. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

*Sr. Kathleen*

### PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

**Dec 25 – Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord**

**Dec 26 – Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.**

**Dec 27 – Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)**

**Dec 28 – Rev. Lawrence Parent, O.F.M.**

**Dec 29 – Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski**

**Dec 30 – Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.**

### HEARTFELT THANKS

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank the Parishioners of Holy Rosary for their generous contributions of cash, gift cards, fresh fruit and vegetables to our Christmas Program. Through your generosity, we were able to lighten the burden for 46 families and make their Christmas a little brighter. The families expressed great delight with the Gift Cards enabling them to choose their own children's gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated and we pray that Our Dear Lord will shower you with His many graces and blessings throughout the coming year.



### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office hours during the Christmas Holidays are as follows:

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – **CLOSED**

Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – **CLOSED**

Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> – **CLOSED**

Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – **CLOSED**

Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – **CLOSED**

Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – **CLOSED**

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – **CLOSED**

Messages will be checked daily, especially those left in the General Mailbox. **Regular Office Hours resume on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

Refer to our website: [www.holyrosaryparish.ca](http://www.holyrosaryparish.ca) for additional events and information!

*Jesus is  
The Reason for the Season*

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



**Christmas Vigil Masses**  
**Sunday, December 24, 2017**  
**Masses at Holy Rosary Church**  
 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**Solemn Midnight Mass**  
**Sunday, December 24, 2017**  
 Carol Service – 11:45 p.m.  
 Solemn Midnight Mass – 12:00 a.m.

**Masses During Christmas Day**  
**Monday, December 25, 2017**  
 8:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.\*\*; and 11:30 a.m.

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**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
 (Holy Day of Obligation)  
**Sunday, December 31, 2017**  
 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 1, 2018**  
 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.\*\*  
 \*\* Interpreted for the Deaf

**Please Note:** There will not be an 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## 2018 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available in **ALPHABETICAL ORDER** on the tables in the outer foyer of the Church.



## BIRTHRIGHT



Birthright of Milton is hosting a **PaintNite Fundraiser** at **Ned Devine's Pub** in Milton on **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. When you buy a ticket to this event, \$15 will be donated to Birthright of Milton. Feel good about giving as a local artist guides you and your friends through two hours of painting. 35 tickets **MUST** be sold by December 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid cancellation of the event. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [PaintNite.com](http://PaintNite.com), Birthright of Milton's Facebook page or email [milton@birthright.com](mailto:milton@birthright.com) for assistance.

## PRAYING ANGEL

The Bobbing Angel will be in the Christmas display, by the crèche. Place a coin in the angel and say a prayer. All proceeds will go to Chalice, a Catholic organization providing educational support, nutrition, medical care and other basic necessities to children around the world.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Milton Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual food drive. Help support families in need by bringing non-perishable food items to mass. The Knights of Columbus will be at the back of the church or in the parking lot collecting donations after every mass. The drive will run every weekend from **December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please donate an item or a few, with your support we can all make a difference in our community.

The Knights of Columbus will continue with the 5th Sunday Rosary on **December 31<sup>st</sup>** and will gather at **7:30 pm**, in the Chapel at Holy Rosary Parish. The purpose of this program is to bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary. All are welcome!



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The Catholic Women's League extends its heartfelt gratitude to Holy Rosary Parish and the Milton community for your exceptional support throughout 2017. Many local, provincial, national and international charities will benefit from your generosity of time and financial support. We wish you a blessed Christmas and peace in 2018.

## WELCOME HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome home all of the students who are studying at various colleges and universities outside of the area. It is always joyous to see so many of our parish youth during the Christmas season. Please pray for the safety of these students and all who travel over the Christmas holidays. Welcome!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

**PARKING:** Please respect the **NO PARKING** and **FIRE ROUTE** signs.

In order for emergency vehicles to enter the Marian Courtyard, the Parish Rectory or Holy Rosary School, we must keep the main routes open at all times, including during Mass. This is most important at Christmas when we have more visitors to our Parish. There is additional parking behind the Courtyard, in the schoolyard and at the Martin Street Public School, at the corner of Martin and Woodward.



In Christ, *Fr. Peter Meyer*



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