

Holy Rosary Parish

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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him



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

Tuesday, Dec 26, 2023 – St. Stephen

No Masses

Wednesday, Dec 27, 2023 – St. John

No Masses

Thursday, Dec 28, 2023 – The Holy Innocents

No Masses

Friday, Dec 29, 2023 – St. Thomas Becket

No Masses

Saturday, Dec 30, 2023

5:00 p.m. †Richard Linklater; †Shane Hackett;
†Harold Cohen; In thanksgiving

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



Sanctuary Lamp – Week of Dec 24th, 2023

In Loving Memory of Manuel Monico

Readings for Sunday, Dec 31st, 2023:

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3.12-21
Luke 2-22-40

“The Lord is our God, mindful of his covenant forever.”



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.

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.

**LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR
FRAGRANCE & PERFUME USE**



Some people in our congregation are allergic to perfume and after shave lotion. In order that people do not become ill, or even worse, go into anaphylactic shock, we ask that you please refrain from using scents of any kind when attending Mass or the chapel. Thank you for your consideration.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:
Dec 25 – Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord
Dec 26– Chancery Staff
Dec 27 – Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne
Dec 28 – The Holy Innocents
Dec 29 – Rev. Edward Hinsperger
Dec 30 – Rev. Phillip Cook

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are 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 Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses. Cash and credit/debit card donations will also be accepted.



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

JOIN THE BAPTISM MINISTRY TEAM



Our baptism ministry members work in teams to prepare parents for the baptism of their children using a PowerPoint presentation, plus assist the presiders at the baptisms. Are you willing and available to become a part of this fulfilling ministry? Please contact the parish office at **(905) 878-6535** or reception@holyroscopyparish.ca.

2024 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

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



2023-2024 SUNDAY MISSALS



The new **2023-2024 "Living with Christ" Sunday Missals** have arrived! The missals were effective on the first Sunday of Advent, Dec 3rd, 2023. They can be purchased at the Parish Office. Cost is \$10.00 each. A portion of the proceeds will go towards our new hymnals.

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**.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish office will be closed from 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.



THANK YOU!



Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for hosting Coffee Sunday after the Masses on Sunday, Dec 17th.

All donations received went to support local charities.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK IN ALLENDALE LIFE CARE CENTRE & MARTINDALE GARDENS



Volunteers in this Ministry provide a Saturday or Sunday Service and distribute Holy Communion to residents at Martindale Gardens or Allendale Life Care Centre. Time commitment is a minimum of 2 hours per month. Confidentiality is essential. Volunteers must be comfortable portering and being around the elderly. Training is provided. Application, Screening and a Vulnerable Sector police check is required. Volunteers **must** provide **their own** transportation to/from the homes.

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Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to **Come Home for Christmas?**

Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – for more information, visit: <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.



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