

# Holy Rosary Parish

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# Christmas



the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

Luke 2:10

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, December 27, 2016 – St. John, Apostle**

8:00 a.m. †Marg Robillard

**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**

– *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. †Manuel & Maria Jorge; †Jose Ramon Weeden; †Reynaldo Mababangloob Jr.; Helen Borschke; In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadeloupe

**Thursday, December 29, 2016**

8:00 a.m. †Lorraine Petsche

**Friday, December 30, 2016**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

**Saturday, December 31, 2016**

– *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

5:00 p.m. †Bill Vanderheyden & Son Joe; †Jean Kilty; †Umesh Rao; †Dec. Mem. Brillhante Family; †Aidan Fitzpatrick; †Gladys & Henry Wood; †Jose Inacio DaSilva; †Leo Morlin; Ocol Family; In Thanksgiving



**Sanctuary Lamp – Week of December 25, 2016**

In Loving Memory of Teresa Thompson

**Readings for Next Sunday:**

Numbers 6.22-27

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.16-21

*“God sent his Son, born of a woman.”*

† † † † †

## 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!

## PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that through Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

**Dec. 26 – Rev. Paul Boucher**

**Dec. 27 – Rev. Felix Nwatu**

**Dec. 28 – Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)**

**Dec. 29 – Rev. Tony O’Dell, O.M.I.**

**Dec. 30 – Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.**

**Dec. 31 – Rev. Roshan D’Souza, O.C.D.**

## THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED TO MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS LITURGIES SO BEAUTIFUL

I am sure all will agree that the church looked very beautiful for Christmas and that our Christmas liturgies were truly inspiring. It takes a lot of work and many generous people to make this happen. We wish to thank all of those who contributed time and talent to help make our Christmas liturgies prayerful and joyful.



Thanks to our ushers, music ministers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, gift bearing families and our Infant bearing families.

Thank you to Dennis Herrero, our property manager, our office staff and Danielle McBride, our decorator, for their hard work in preparing our church for the celebration of Our Saviour's birth.

May God, through the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, keep you and your loved ones in His love.

## PARKING

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 and in the schoolyard.

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

## 2017 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES



The new Offering Envelopes for 2017 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.

## A PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Father and Mother of God, Your Spirit first went forth at the beginning of time, creating life out of chaos, light out of darkness, and humankind from the dust of the earth. When the proper time had arrived, you sent your Son into our world. You blessed him with a mother and a father, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. Together, they formed a family. Many times, he gathered with his family, the people He loved. Bless us as we do the same. Pour out your abundant grace upon us, fill us with hope, bring us together, and keep us strong in love. Bless the food that we share. Let it be for us a pledge of your love and promise of your salvation. Amen.

## OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Paul Bondin, Dorothy Houle and Josephine Ceelen, whose funerals were held last week. We especially want to pray for their families in this time of loss. May God console them and help them to draw strength from their faith to continue along life's journey.



## YOUTH ALIVE Confirmation Students share their faith walk

“These confirmation classes have changed my faith, by making me believe in God more and trust Him more.”  
“God has taught me how to open up my heart.”

## PRISON MINISTRY



Holy Rosary Church has an active prison ministry. Volunteers from the parish regularly visit both Maplehurst and Vanier correctional facilities which are located in Milton. Maplehurst is one of the largest prisons in the province. Maplehurst is a prison for men and Vanier is for women.

We have just completed the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the Gospel of Matthew (25:34-40) and include giving food to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming a stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and coming to see those in prison.

If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry and perhaps joining our dedicated group of volunteers please call Mike Darling at 905-876-2997 or Oliver Turley at 905-864-6188.



We welcome **Father Mike King** to Holy Rosary Parish the weekend of January 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## VOCATION VIEW

“Have you had any desire to be apostles of Jesus? Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave! Be brave, ask him!”

- Pope Francis.

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister.

Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

## PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Parish Office is **CLOSED** during the coming week. **Regular Office Hours resume on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

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