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The Nativity of the Lord

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, Dec 27, 2022 – St. John

No Masses

Wednesday, Dec 28, 2022 – The Holy Innocents

No Masses

Thursday, Dec 29, 2022

No Masses

Friday, Dec 30, 2022 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

No Masses

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Saturday, December 31st, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st, 2023

8:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; and 11:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Lamp – Week of Dec 25th, 2022

In Loving Memory of Joe Deoni

Readings for Sunday, January 1st, 2023:

Numbers 6.22-27

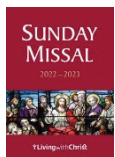
Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.16-21

“May God be gracious to us and bless us.”

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2022-2023 SUNDAY MISSALS



The new 2022-2023 “Living with Christ” Sunday Missals have arrived! The missals became effective on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th, 2022. They can be purchased at the parish office. Cost is \$10.00 each. A portion of the proceeds will go towards new hymnals.

Merry Christmas!



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 our parish youth during the Christmas season.

Please pray for the safety of these students and all who travel over the Christmas holidays. Welcome!



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>

2023 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new offering envelopes for 2023 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.



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish office will be closing at noon on Friday, December 23rd and will remain closed between Christmas and New Year's. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023. General mailbox messages will be checked daily.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

How blessed we are to be here with you at Holy Rosary Parish. The entire parish staff are very grateful to the many people who were so kind and gave us cards, Masses, and gifts this Christmas. We are always heart-warmed by the kindness of so many who take the time to make our Christmas special. Your generosity and goodness are always a sign to us of God's love. Showers of blessings on all of you!



OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Denise Ghesquiere, Geraldine Labine, Ines Durante, Pierina Giurissevich** and **Josephine Agbaneje** whose funerals were held recently. 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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our parish is offering a day retreat for women on **Saturday, January 14th** from **9:30am to 3pm**. It is organized by Fr. Pierre and a team of collaborators. If you feel that life is busy and you need to reconnect with the Lord, this retreat is for you! Women will deepen in their identity as daughters of God and reflect on the experience of Mary Magdalene. See the parish website for more information. Space is limited. To register: <https://www.regnumchristiontario.org/event-details/womens-day-retreat-2>



PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, or religious, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988.

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

- Dec 26 – Feast of the Holy Family**
- Dec 27 – Rev. Jerry Punnessery, C.M.I.**
- Dec 28 – Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)**
- Dec 29 – Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.**
- Dec 30 – Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.**
- Dec 31 – Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.**

LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary at Saint Benedict and Holy Rosary Parish is pleased to announce that they will bring the **Pilgrim Virgin Statue** or **The Divine Mercy Image** to the homes of families as a way of increasing family prayer and bringing blessings to families. The Legionaries will accompany them to the home and will pick up the statue or image at an appointed date and time. These visits normally take place in the evenings. To arrange a home visitation please contact **Cherry Muller (647-470-0385)** or **Ivan D'Souza (647-899-6478)**. The Legion of Mary meets at St. Benedict Parish on **Tuesday evenings at 7 pm**. All interested are welcome to join.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Ontario Knights of Columbus are holding a **50-50 Raffle**. While the lottery has adapted to our new social distancing reality, it remains committed to use the money raised to help its traditional charities. Local Knights of Columbus subordinate councils participating in the sale of tickets will continue to receive a portion of the funds to help support local charities in their area.

For tickets, select Milton Holy Rosary 6777 at: <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=6777>.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN AT HCDSB



Parents and guardians who are interested in registering their child for kindergarten are invited to visit the HCDSB website for more information:

<https://hcdsb.info/KindergartenRegistration>

TAX DONATIONS



Thank you so much for your support in all the many ways you give! The year end is fast approaching and this is a reminder to all that financial donations for the 2022 tax year should be received by the parish office no later than **Monday, December 26th**. At this time, the parish books will be closed and all donations for 2022 will be deposited to the parish bank account. Any donations that come in after this date will be applied to the year 2023.



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