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## All are to be welcomed as Christ

- Saint Benedict of Nursia -

### LORD'S DAY MASSES

(all Weekend Masses are held at  
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School  
709 Bolingbroke Drive in Milton L9T 6Z3)

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Please see inside bulletin for complete schedule and location of weekday Masses.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Anytime by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Celebrated the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Contact the parish office to arrange date and to arrange pre-baptismal course at least two months before preferred date.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF ADULTS

A period of preparation is necessary and it is imperative that individuals complete the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please see Father Jim for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Kindly contact the parish office at least a year prior to desired date of marriage. Preparation course is essential. All Weddings arranged through Saint Benedict Parish are celebrated at Holy Rosary Parish in Milton.

### CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family, please contact the parish office before contacting the funeral home, and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. All funeral masses are held at Holy Rosary Church in Milton. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton website is: [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

### PARISH STAFF

Father James S. Petrie, Pastor  
Reverend Mr. Joseph DiGrado, Deacon  
Mrs. Janis Asdrubolini, Parish Secretary

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday

9:30 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Office is closed on Mondays, weekends and public holidays.**

### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and your family to Saint Benedict Parish! Please introduce yourself to Father Jim. Registration forms are available on the table at the back of the gym.

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office if confinement to home or hospitalization, so sacramental care may be provided.

### PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information in discerning God's call to Church ministry contact our pastor, Father Jim Petrie or contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or visit the 'Vocations Services' website: [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

### PARISH SCHOOLS

Guardian Angels Elementary 905-876-2386  
Mrs. Rosanna LoPresti, Principal

Lumen Christi Elementary 905-636-9692  
Mr. Joe Jurus, Principal

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary 905-864-0720  
Mr. Kevin Brady, Principal

Saint Benedict Elementary 289-851-9353  
Mr. Josey Guerin, Principal

Jean Vanier Secondary 905-636-8799  
Mr. Gino Montanari, Principal

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
<b>Sunday, December 10</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
<b>Monday, December 11</b> <b>St. Damasus</b> Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 5:17-26	No Mass		Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
<b>Tuesday, December 12</b> <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Zechariah 2:10-13 Luke 1:39-47	Mass- Guardian Angels School 9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. Arthur Scidmore
<b>Wednesday, December 13</b> <b>St. Lucy</b> Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30	Mass- Lumen Christi School 9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
<b>Thursday, December 14</b> <b>St. John of the Cross</b> Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.  Mass – Birkdale Retirement 611 Farmstead Drive – 10:30 a.m.	Meniga Carcich  Walter Sawicki	Rev. Gary Schlack
<b>Friday, December 15</b> Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19	Mass- St. Benedict School 9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. Mervin Perera
<b>Saturday, December 16</b> Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17:10-13	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Francis Abreo  Sr. Blaze	Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.

### Rectory Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
 9:30 am – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:30 pm  
 Friday – 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

### SUPPORT REPORT

	<b>Dec 3</b>
Sunday Collection	\$2472
Loose Collection	1922
Building	180
Christmas Flowers	<u>545</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5119</b>



### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John the Baptist announced, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Does preparing a way for the Lord have priority in our lives? Often we spend more time preparing paths for ourselves rather than a path for God. Advent calls us to take the focus off ourselves and put it on God. We prepare a path for God by practicing and living the virtues, being holy and devoted, patient and repentant, and attentive and humble. We are asked to bring comfort and healing to people and to show others by the way we live our lives that we have a higher calling and purpose.



### WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict Parish invite all women from the age group of 18 years and above to join them in their monthly meeting which is on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima School staff room. Membership fees are \$35.00. For more information, contact: Lily Gall at cwlmilton@gmail.com

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus St. Benedict of Nursia Council of Milton will be selling the Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs to Parishioners after all weekend masses on December 2, 3, 9 and 10. Interested Parishioners can approach members of the Knights of Columbus after the mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to visibly show the true meaning of Christmas in the community.

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

I hope everyone is well as we continue our journey through the Advent Season!

I want to thank the parish building committee and Mr. Roberto Chiotti and Mr. Michael Nicholas-Schmidt (the architects from Larkin Group) for the thorough information sessions for the new church. I appreciate the hard work of the building committee to ensure that our new church is great testimony of faith in our community. Hopefully we are moving closer to groundbreaking!

This week we have our parish school Masses. It is always special for me to celebrate with the young people of our parish. The Mass times are as follows: Guardian Angels School (Tuesday @ 9:00 am) Lumen Christi School (Wednesday @ 9:00 am); Our Lady of Fatima School (Thursday @ 9:00 am) and Saint Benedict School (Friday @ 9:30 am). All Masses are held at the respective schools and all parents/families/parishioners are invited.

Effective last weekend, we are now having two intentions at the Saturday afternoon Mass at 5:00 pm. As the parish continues to grow, we are running out of times for individuals to offer Masses. Hence this was a way to deal with the increased demand in Mass intentions. Mass intention donations remain at \$10.00 per Mass. Have a great weekend!

Father Jim Petrie

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**PROLIFE FUNDRAISER**

"Campaign Life Coalition is launching its annual fundraiser for PROLIFE with the sale of Christmas fruitcakes. These fruitcakes come from the *Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey* in Quebec and are scrumptious, rich and exquisitely delicious. The traditional bar cakes weigh 600g for \$18.00, while the larger deluxe cakes weigh 1000g at \$25.00

The monks have added an "Abbey Gift Basket" composed of 2 boxes of premium chocolates (maple and caramel-filled) a mini fruitcake and a jar of Oakaramel Maple Spread for \$30.00.

They make wonderful gifts for family and friends or corporate gifts. They will be on sale after every Mass.

To place an order, you may contact Ivan Dsouza at 647-899-6478 or email [ivandsouza2001@yahoo.com](mailto:ivandsouza2001@yahoo.com)

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*The annual Advent Hymn Festival with the Diocesan Choir will take place on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 7 p.m. Special guest choir: St. Michael Spanish Choir (Oakville). All are welcome!*

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

***Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Dublin*** – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the ***World Meeting of Families*** in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place Aug. 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, or *The Joy of Love*. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, but registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tullaght, go to [hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018](http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018) or call 905-528-7988 ext.2250 (Teresa Hartnett) Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.

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**THE LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary at St Benedicts & Holy Rosary parishes is pleased to announce that they will bring the Pilgrim Virgin statue to homes of families who would like to welcome Mary into their homes as a way of increasing family prayer & bring blessings to families. The Legionaries will accompany the statue to the home & will pick up the statue in a week at an appointed date & time. These visits normally take place in the evenings. To arrange a home visitation please contact Cherry Muller (647-470-0385) or Lorna Dsouza (905-864-6489).



The Knights of Columbus Order has launched a new rosary program to foster greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to strengthen the faith of the members and others in the parish community.

All are welcome! The Knights will lead the rosary and have rosary kits available for participants.

The next date is: December 31st at 7:30 pm at Holy Rosary Chapel.



The Saint Benedict Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will meet Tuesday, December 12th in the Staffroom of Our Lady of Fatima School at 7:15pm.

All members are asked to attend.

Parishioners interested in the work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society please contact Father Jim or call 905-875-7995.



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