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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

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
Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton
905-528-7988 or visit the 'Vocations Services' website:
www.hamiltonvocations.com

PARISH SCHOOLS

<u>Guardian Angels Elementary</u> Mrs. Rosanna LoPresti, Principal	905-876-2386
<u>Lumen Christi Elementary</u> Mr. Patrick Mayne, Principal	905-636-9692
<u>Our Lady of Fatima Elementary</u> Mr. Kevin Brady, Principal	905-864-0720
<u>Saint Benedict Elementary</u> Mr. Josey Guerin, Principal	289-851-9353
<u>Jean Vanier Secondary</u> Mr. Gino Montanari, Principal	905-636-8799

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Zechariah 2:10-13 Luke 1:39-47	No Mass		Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Tuesday, December 13 St. Lucy Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21:28-32	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. Michael Downey
Wednesday, December 14 St. John of the Cross Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 Luke 7:19-23	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Gloria Genciana	Benedictines
Thursday, December 15 Isaiah 54:1-10 Luke 7:24-30	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m. Mass – Birkdale Retirement 611 Farmstead Drive 10:30 a.m.	Deacon Gerry Guinto Eleanor Smith	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
Friday, December 16 Isaiah 56:1-3, 6-8 John 5:16-17, 33-36	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Saturday, December 17 Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Matthew 1:1-17	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Jack Hughes	Rev. Peter Ciallella, c.s.



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



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday, January 19th – Chili and Zumba Night.

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!
 Ladies – It is Membership renewal time! Please remember to renew your CWL membership for 2017. We also invite all ladies of our parish to join us as new members to help in serving our Parish community. Our annual dues remain at \$35. If you are an envelope holder, the blue CWL envelope is in with the January 2017 envelopes and can be put in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the parish office.

SUPPORT REPORT	
Sunday Collection (144) Envelopes	\$2107
Loose Collection	753
Christmas Flowers	522
Building Fund	180
Total	\$3562

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

SACRAMENT
 of
RECONCILIATION

On **Thursday, December 15th**, there will be a communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation for both parishes in Milton. It will take place at **Holy Rosary Parish (139 Martin Street in Milton)**. It will begin at **7:00 pm**. Several priest confessors from the region will be available for the celebration of individual confessions at that time.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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. Home visitations started in May, to arrange a home visitation please contact Cherry Muller (647-470-0385) or Lorna D'souza (905-864-6489)

2016 WHITE MASS – DEC. 12

7 p.m. at St. Gabriel Parish

Consistent with the white coats and uniforms formerly worn by physicians and nurses, the **WHITE MASS** is celebrated annually for the spiritual support of healthcare professionals, clergy, chaplains and all caregivers.

Join ACTheals, Hamilton Region (formerly the Association of Christian Therapists) as we welcome **Fr. Ted Slaman**, who will celebrate this year's **WHITE MASS** on the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Monday, December 12th at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church, 2261 Parkway Dr., Burlington.**

Refreshments and video of Our Lady of Guadalupe to follow. A good will offering would be appreciated to help cover expenses. For more information please call 905-335-6902.

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 \$15.00, while the larger deluxe cakes weigh 1000g at \$25.00

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

Free delivery within the parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Milton Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual food drive. As our community continues to grow there is an increasing demand on our local food bank. 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 November 26th to December 18th. Please donate a item or a few, with your support we can all make a difference in our community.

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED – DID YOU KNOW?

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics

A Senior Adult Workshop Series

6 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 11, 2017 1:30-3:30pm Chancery Office - Hamilton

This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new & creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine ValtersPaintner. Please register by Dec. 22 2016. For further information please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-52807988 ext. 2238 or check the website, www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On **February 18th** join **Fr. Larry Richards** and **Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine** for Serviam Ministries' 2nd annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place.

Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/>, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

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