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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

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

Lumen Christi Elementary 905-636-9692
Mr. Patrick Mayne, Principal

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

Saint Benedict Elementary 289-851-9353
Mrs. Victoria Hogan, Principal

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, December 14 St. John of the Cross Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 Matthew 21:23-27	No Mass		Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Tuesday, December 15 Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21:28-32	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Aziz and Kapalka Children	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka, O.F.M. Conv.
Wednesday, December 16 Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 Luke 7:19-23	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Benedictines
Thursday, December 17 Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Matthew 1:1-17	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Nalepa and Rak Families	Rev. Niaz Toma
Friday, December 18 Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Arend and Pam Librande	Rev. Gary Schlack
Saturday, December 19 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Luke 1:5-25	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Daniel DeCunha	Rev. Piotr Jurzyk

Rectory Office Hours

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

Mass Intentions

At St. Benedict's, we accept intentions for our weekday Masses and our Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass. You may arrange for a Mass Intention by visiting the rectory. (The customary offering is \$10.00)

PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES FUNDRAISER

'TIS THE SEASON! Christmas is around the corner and Campaign Life is once again launching its annual fundraiser. The cakes are rich, delicious and moist, made with the finest fruits soaked in brandy, pecans and quality ingredients, blended according to a traditional recipe and slow baked. They come in two sizes: Regular 1.5 lb. bar cake is \$15.00 and the Deluxe 2 lb. round cake in a tin is \$25.00. The cakes will not be sold at all the masses due to time conflicts but can be ordered by phoning Ivan D'Souza at 647-899-6478. Ivan will deliver the cakes within Milton. Those outside of Milton may order online at www.Campaignlifecoalition.com or call 1-800-730-5358/416-204-9749. Please support this important cause.



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict's Parish invites 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 will be \$35.00 annually. The next meeting will be: January 5th, 2016. For more information, please contact: Lily Gall – 289-878-9909



The Knights of Columbus will be selling the *Keep Christ in Christmas* signs the weekends of December 5/6 and 12/13 after each mass.



Sunday offering envelopes for 2016 are available for pick-up in the gym. We also have Pre Authorized Debit forms for those interested. If you are interested in using envelopes or pre authorized debit, please call Janis at the rectory office, 289-878-3118; or e-mail her at stbenedictmilton@gmail.com.



DECEMBER 13, 2015
3rd Sunday of Advent

"I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals." So said John the Baptist in

reference to Jesus. Tax collectors, soldiers, and countless other people gathered to hear John preach. There was an excitement in the air as they were all "filled with expectation." For generations upon generations they had been waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah--the Christ. And now, John the Baptist had appeared with such a striking message and such a powerful presence that "all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ."

But he wasn't. John's mission was to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. In the process, however, people began to think that John was the main attraction. He set the record straight though, when he emphasized that "one mightier than I is coming." And then he made the remark about not being worthy to do even the most humble act of service--loosening sandal straps--for the Lord.

Imagine what the people must have been thinking. They all found John to be such a remarkable man, and yet he declared that he wasn't worthy? If this great prophet was so humble, how much more should they humble themselves in preparation for the coming of the Messiah? And shouldn't we do the same?

As we meditate upon the coming of Christ this Advent season, we would do well to make our approach towards Christmas with humble hearts. What have we done to deserve this incredible gift of a Savior? Are we worthy of his incarnation and his saving death? The fact is that nothing we could ever do would possibly earn our redemption. May we be humble enough to acknowledge that our salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

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PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The word family by its very definition is a collective term, one that unites those associated with a particular family on many levels, during many different shared moments and occasions. Investing time with your family is hands down the best investment you will ever make. You will reap the benefit of children who have stronger bonds with their families, have better academic success, are more mentally and emotionally stable and who will ultimately learn the skills needed to be better parents themselves. Pope Francis recently encouraged parents to "waste time with their children," specifically, I believe, because time with your children is anything but wasted!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext.

The Board of Directors of Catholic Family Services of Hamilton is seeking the next EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR to lead our agency forward following the retirement of our current Executive Director. The successful incumbent we seek is a proven leader who is highly engaging and leads for our community health and social services offerings from a spiritual and values based perspective. Detailed information on this leadership opportunity may be found at www.cfshw.com

Interested and qualified applicants may submit their letter of interest and current resume by December 16, 2015 to cfsrecruit@mccgroup.ca.

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on Sunday, December 13th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Life is not perfect and neither are we, which means that in every relationship there will be moments when things go wrong. When these times occur we can discuss what is wrong and find a solution to the situation, or we can tap into the "blame game" by attributing the problem to our spouse's behaviour, a character weakness within them, or one of their so called "flaws." This type of behaviour never resolves problems or issues, but leads to defensiveness and anger in both spouses. When you make solving the issue or problem your common goal, you will look together at what needs to be done to make the situation better. When that happens you can unite in a solution, instead of isolating yourselves from the one you love.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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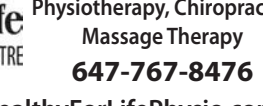


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