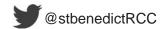
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- Saint Benedict of Nursia -

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 prebaptismal 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. 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 the Diocese of Hamilton website www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

PARISH STAFF

Father James S. Petrie, Pastor Reverend Mr. Leonard Gallant, Deacon Mrs. Janis Asdrubolini, Parish Secretary Mrs. Alma Paje, Parish Rectory Assistance

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

PARISH SCHOOLS Guardian Angels Elementary Mr. Christopher Hawken, Principal	905-876-2386
<u>Lumen Christi Elementary</u> Mr. Joe Jurus, Principal	905-636-9692
Our Lady of Fatima Elementary Mrs. Viviana Varano, Principal	905-864-0720
Saint Benedict Elementary Mr. Josey Guerin, Principal	289-851-9353
Saint Scholastica Elementary Mrs. Erin Sweeney-Hurd, Principal	905-864-0344
Jean Vanier Secondary	905-636-8799

Ms. Katharine Stevenson, Principal

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 15 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 16 Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 Matthew 21:23-27	No Mass		Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.
Tuesday, December 17 Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Matthew 1:1-17	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel – 8:55 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
Wednesday, December 18 Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel – 8:55 a.m.	Special Intentions of Armendo Viera	Youth Ministers
Thursday, December 19 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Luke 1:5-25	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel – 8:55 a.m.	Francisco Viera and Deceased members of the Viera Family	Rev. Tim Hingston
Friday, December 20 Isaiah 7:1-14; 8:10 Luke 1:26-38	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel – 8:55 a.m.	Intentions of Sr. Roseanne Logel, C.S.J.	Rev. David Avila
Saturday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius Zephaniah 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-45	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Daphne Sandoval Joseph D'Souza & Wing DeAbreu	Rev. Jerzy Tomon

Rectory Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:30 pmFriday -9:30 am - 12:30 pm

SUPPORT REPORT DECEMBER 8		
Sunday Collection	\$ 2806	
Christmas Flowers	140	
Diocesan Collection	25	
Building Fund	\$ 710	
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 565</u>	
Total	\$ 4246	



If your family member is in NOTICE the hospital, please contact the parish office. For

confidential reasons the hospital will not release names of those who are Catholic. Fr. Jim also offers the Sacrament of the Sick. If we do not know of your relative being in the hospital we cannot attend to their spiritual needs. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confessions)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday afternoon from 4:00 – 4:30 pm in the Prayer Chapel by the front doors of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (709 Bolingbroke Drive in Milton).

On **December 14th and 21st**, Confessions will be heard from 3:30 - 4:30 pm to provide additional opportunities for parishioners to celebrate this beautiful sacrament.

There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** after December 21st. Please do not wait till the last minute to celebrate the sacrament. Reconciliation is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of our Lord.



St. **Benedict Parish** The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Coffee Sunday

after the 9 am and 11 am masses on December 15, 2019. Everyone is invited to a short fellowship over coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cookies to meet and greet members of the Parish and the Knights, and to thank you for your generous support to the activities of the Knights of Columbus Council and the Parish of St. Benedict.



SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday December 24th – Christmas Eve 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm

<u>Wednesday December 25th – Christmas Day</u> <u>Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus Christ</u>

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28th 5:00 pm Sunday, December 29th 9:00 and 11:00 am

New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31st 5:00 pm

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1st 9:00 and 11:00 am

All Masses take place at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School located at 709 Bolingbroke Drive in Milton. There are NO AFTERNOON or EVENING MASSES celebrated on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton.



RECIPE BOOK VENTURE

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict's Parish is planning to have a recipe book printed. Our parish has a very diverse community and we would love for our parishioners to take part in this venture. We request that you send us your traditional recipes for this

book; which can vary from appetizers, soups, entrees and desserts. Please send in your recipes along with your name, nationality and the name of the dish to cwlmilton@gmail.com. We will compile this book and have it ready for sale before Christmas. All proceeds from this sale will be donated towards the Church Building Fund. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary at St. Benedict & Holy Rosary parishes 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 & bringing blessings to families. The Legionaries will accompany the statue or image to the home & will pick up the statue or image 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 D'Souza (905-805-0752).



HALTON ALIVE CANDY CANES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Help spread good cheer through the *Halton Alive Candy Canes for Life campaign!* Throughout December we will distribute

5000 postcards with a positive, life-affirming message and candy canes.

Volunteers needed: Participate as a family, friend group, youth group or church group. Each kit will have all the materials and instructions you need. Sign-up for your free kit today!

Sign-up online www.haltonalive.ca/ccflvolunteers or contact Tawnya Stanus 905-632-3232

As you make your year-end donations please consider the pro-life educational work of Halton Alive that guides our youth and community to make life-affirming choices.

50^{TH} ANNIVERSARY OF THE HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB). HCDSB invites all members of our parish community to join in the celebration of our journey in faith as a Catholic education community. There are a number of the events and activities planned to commemorate this milestone. For details, visit the HCDSB website at: http://bit.ly/HCDSB50

HEALING IS POSSIBLE

We are all in need of healing from wounds caused by past experiences, relationships or wounds caused by our own sinfulness. Join us for a day filled with hope as we look at a holistic approach to healing.

Save the Date: February 1, 2020

From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish

The conference includes Mass, lunch, and speakers such as: Tima Borges, Author of "Leaving Bitterness Behind: A Catholic Approach to Healing Past Hurts"; Dr. Wendy Hofman, Program Director at Hamilton Diocese; William Stanus, Physchotherapist with a focus on EMDR and

Fr. Louis de Vaugelas, LC.

To register visit:

http://regnumchristiontario.org/event/healing-is-possible/or contact Ester at 416-990-3136.

MEN'S ADVENT REFLECTION

The "Priorities as Catholic Men" Advent Reflection will take place on Wed Dec 18th 7-9pm in the Holy Rosary Parish Hall. The Knights Of Columbus invite all men to attend this evening of preparation and reflection for the Christmas season led by Fr. Louis DeVaugelas, LC and Deacon Bob Grynol.

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