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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
<b>Sunday, December 17</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
<b>Monday, December 18</b> Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24	No Mass		Rev. Junghyuk Choi
<b>Tuesday, December 19</b> Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Luke 1:5-25	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Jack Hughes	Rev. Allen Varlaki
<b>Wednesday, December 20</b> Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Luke 1:26-38	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Rose Porkolab	Missionaries
<b>Thursday, December 21</b> <b>St. Peter Canisius</b> Zephaniah 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-45	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Aynikal Family	Rev. James Malone
<b>Friday, December 22</b> 1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Thankgiving to St. Joseph	Rev. Stephen Csiszar
<b>Saturday, December 23</b> <b>St. John of Kanty</b> Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6 Luke 1:57-66	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Joe Pereira  Josephine Aynikal	Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.

### 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

the freedom that a life in God brings. May we take our task of being joyful witnesses to the good news seriously as the celebration of Christ's birth fast approaches.

### SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am and 11:00 am

#### Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm

#### Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus Christ

9:00 am and 11:00 am

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am and 11:00 am

#### New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm

#### New Year's Day – Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am and 11:00 am



### 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 [cwlilton@gmail.com](mailto:cwlmilton@gmail.com)

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK




John the Baptist came to testify to the light, who is Jesus Christ. Like John, we are called to testify to that same Light. We do so by living lives of faith and bringing the joy of the Gospel to everyone we meet. We are people of joy who rejoice at his birth and eagerly await his coming again. We share that joy by tending to the needs of the poor, helping those who are broken, and witnessing to

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***There are NO AFTERNOON or EVENING MASSES celebrated on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton***

All of our Christmas Masses are appropriate for children and families. To avoid large crowds and congested parking, you may wish to consider attending Mass on Christmas morning at 9:00 am or 11:00 am.

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**SACRAMENT**  **Of RECONCILIATION** On Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

\*On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, Confessions will be heard from 3:30 – 4:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima School in the Chapel to provide additional opportunities for parishioners to celebrate this beautiful sacrament.

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On **February 24<sup>th</sup>** join **Hector Molina** and **Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie** along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>, [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

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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)  
*Free delivery within the parish.*

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### **PRIESTS AND CONSECRATED BROTHERS AND SISTERS DINNER**

Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our Priests and Consecrated Brothers and Sisters. The event takes place on May 2, 2018 at Liuna Station, Hamilton beginning with cocktails at 6:30. Tickets: \$65.00 Contact: Margaret at 905-628-5682 or [celebrationprl@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationprl@gmail.com). website: [celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner](http://celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner)

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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.

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### **THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION**

If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then you should join us for The Bible Timeline Study. By being a part of this study, you will not only benefit personally but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. Join us at Our Lady of Fatima School (Library) at 7:30 on the following Monday dates:

January 15 & 29    February 12 & 26

March 12 & 26    April 9 & 23

May 7 & 21        June 4 & 18

For More Information Contact:

Tima Borges [borgestima@gmail.com](mailto:borgestima@gmail.com) 647-227-0682

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### **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 Tallaght, 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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