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## ALL ARE TO BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST

( Rule of Saint Benedict #53 )

### LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
and 4:00 p.m. (en Français)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Please see inside bulletin for complete schedule

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Anytime by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Celebrated the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 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.

### 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. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton website is: [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

### PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information in discerning God's call to Church ministry, contact our pastor, Father Jim Petrie or contact Bishop Lobsinger, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or visit the Vocations Services' website: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations>

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

### PARISH STAFF

Father James S. Petrie, Pastor  
([jpetrie@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:jpetrie@hamiltondiocese.com) or Twitter: @jimpe47)  
Rev. Mr. Leonard Gallant, Deacon  
Mrs. Janis Asdrubolini, Office Administrator  
Mrs. Alma Paje, Office Receptionist  
Mr. Massimo Corrado, Custodian

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*Office is closed on 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 church entrance or from the website.

### PARISH SCHOOLS

<u>Guardian Angels Elementary</u> Mr. Christopher Hawken, Principal	905-876-2386
<u>Lumen Christi Elementary</u> Mr. Joe Jurus, Principal	905-636-9692
<u>Our Lady of Fatima Elementary</u> Mrs. Viviana Varano, Principal	905-864-0720
<u>St. Benedict Elementary</u> Mr. Josey Guerin, Principal	289-851-9353
<u>St. Scholastica Elementary</u> Mrs. Erin Sweeney-Hurd	905-864-0344
<u>St. Francis Xavier Secondary School</u> Ms. Katharine Stevenson, Principal	905-636-8799
<u>St. Kateri Tekakwitha Secondary School</u> Mr. Kevin Wong, Principal	289-337-5316

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
<b>Sunday, December 19</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45	Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 noon	Our Parish Community	
<b>Monday, December 20</b> Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10d Luke 1.26-38	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Aliexo Fernandes	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
<b>Tuesday, December 21</b> <b>St. Peter Canisius</b> Zephaniah 3.14-18a or Song of Songs 2.8-14 Luke 1.39-45	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Jack Hughes Seraphel & Sylvia Retoriano	Rev. Ronald Voisin
<b>Wednesday, December 22</b> 1 Samuel 1.24-28 Luke 1.46-56	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Sircula & Bart Noronha Maria Sultana	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v. Dei.)
<b>Thursday, December 23</b> <b>St. John of Kanty</b> Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6 Luke 1.57-66	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Agnita & Henry Devaux Percival Togade	Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M.
<b>Friday, December 24</b> 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12, 16 Luke 1.67-79	Masses 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. 12:00 a.m.	Jeanette Marleau Alvito Fernandes Marek Kowalewski Fernando Manas	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
<b>Saturday, December 25</b> <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-16++	Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 noon	Our Parish Community Ferdie Pimenta Deacon Joe Digrado	



### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

- Pope Francis, March 2020

### ST. BENEDICT LIVESTREAMED 5:00 P.M. MASS:

**Fourth Sunday of Advent:** <https://youtu.be/iDjCWS3ZwVw>  
(Please see website for schedule of Christmas mass livestream)

### VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY

December 19, 2021: <https://bit.ly/3cB3eFN>

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your generous support of this year's Angel program. You were part of a larger effort that gave our neighbours in need a sense of being loved by their community. Through the generous financial support of our parishioners and schools we were able to provide each family with gift cards for them to purchase Christmas dinner and a few presents for under the tree. Your support means so much to these families and to all of us at the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We are always looking for people to walk alongside our neighbours in need to help them move towards a brighter future. If you are interested in joining SSVP please contact [ssvp.stbenedictsconference@gmail.com](mailto:ssvp.stbenedictsconference@gmail.com). Thank you again for helping us help our neighbours celebrate Christmas. We wish you all a healthy and happy new year!



His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by ticket only – a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at (905) 522-5744.

## From the Pastor's Desk

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."*

This quote is an appropriate reflection as we celebrate this great feast of the Birthday of Our Lord – Christmas. During this holiday season, we remember that the Lord Jesus entered this world as a small child – a baby. He became a vulnerable person to begin his mission on earth. Jesus came to bring peace to the earth and to create a new society of love. When we look on our earth we see that the presence of Jesus still needs to be brought to many people. We pray for peace on earth. We especially pray for those areas experiencing war and violence at this time.

We pray for peaceful solutions in the Middle East, the birthplace of Jesus and Mary. We pray for the people of Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, North Korea, Palestine and Ukraine. We ask that Jesus, the Prince of Peace bless these areas. We also pray for the vulnerable of our society – the poor and the marginalized. We pray for the elderly and unborn. We pray for those who struggle to provide for their families while living in poverty. We pray for those whose lives are scarred by abuse and violence, especially women and children. We pray for those who suffer physically and mentally. We pray for those individuals who are rejected by family and society. Jesus' birthday is a reminder that we have much to do in God's Kingdom here on earth.

This season is also about reflecting on the blessings we have received. As pastor of Saint Benedict Parish, I too, have many people that I am thankful for. I thank Father Patrick Ohl, who has just come to the parish but is making his mark on the parish! I wish to publicly thank my staff: Deacon Leonard Gallant and his wife Lorraine, Janis Asdrubolini, Alma Paje and Massimo Corrado. All of these individuals give much more than is expected of them. I thank them for their hard work in our parish community. I want to thank the liturgical ministers: our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ministers of hospitality (ushers), greeters, sanitizers, baptismal preparation team and sound/video technicians. Their commitment to the parish is deeply appreciated. I want to thank the musicians of our parish. They have made our liturgies more special by their talents. I want to thank the service organizations of our parish: the Legion of Mary for the wonderful outreach they provide to ensure that the sick and elderly are part of our parish community. I want to thank the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League for their social and financial support of our parish. I also want to thank the administration and staffs of our school communities for their hard work in preparing our children for the sacraments of reconciliation, first Eucharist and Confirmation. On the same note, I thank Mrs. Pilar Dimaculangan for her hard work in preparing our public school and home-schooled students for the sacraments as well. Finally I want to thank the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of our parish, who all year round provide assistance and compassion to individuals and families in our community. This year has been a challenging one and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society rose to the challenge to ensure that no one fell through the cracks and be forgotten. To anyone I may have forgotten, I apologize and I am truly grateful to

EVERYONE who gives of their time, talent and treasure to our parish. We truly are the Body of Christ in our community.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we marked the opening of the new church and on November 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the blessing and dedication of the church. Many are to be thanked for this achievement but I thank our parish building committee for their time, vision and dedication to this project in a special way. They sacrificed many evenings from their families to put together this new church. May our church always be a visible sign of the presence of God in our community.

Father Patrick and I would like to thank all of you for the cards, goodies and gifts that you have given to us for Christmas. We are overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

It is my prayer, and of Father Patrick, that all of you and yours have a truly blessed Christmas and may the prayers of our Mother Mary, and the graces of the Christ-child come upon all of you.

Merry Christmas!

*Father Jim Petrie*

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### SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021

ALL MASSES ARE ON  
"FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVE" BASIS

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m., 12:00 midnight

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day  
Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus Christ  
9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Holy Family  
9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God  
Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve  
5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day  
9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Solemnity of the Epiphany  
9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Confessions will be heard from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Reconciliation rooms at St. Benedict Parish to provide additional opportunities for parishioners to celebrate this beautiful sacrament.

*Merry Christmas*

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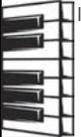
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