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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)

> <u>Saturday:</u> 5:00 pm <u>Sunday:</u> 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. 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

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 Mr. Patrick Mayne, Principal	905-636-9692
Our Lady of Fatima Elementary	905-864-0720
Mr. Kevin Brady, Principal	000 001 0720
Saint Benedict Elementary	289-851-9353
Mrs. Victoria Hogan, Principal	

905-636-8799

Jean Vanier Secondary

Mr. Gino Montanari, Principal

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 20	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima	Our Parish Community	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	School	·	
Micah 5:2-5	9:00 a.m.		
Hebrews 10:5-10	11:00 a.m.		
Luke 1:39-45			
Monday, December 21	No Mass		Rev. Mark Morley
St. Peter Canisius			
Zephaniah 3:14-18			
Luke 1:39-45			
Tuesday, December 22	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima	Thanksgiving	Rev. Miro Grubisic,
1 Samuel 1:24-28	School		O.F.M.
Luke 1:46-56	9:00 a.m.		
Wednesday, December 23	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima	Deceased members of the	Consecrated Men
St. John of Kanty	School	Legion of Mary	and Women
Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6	9:00 a.m.		
Luke 1:57-66			
Thursday, December 24	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima		Rev. Gabriel
Isaiah 62:1-5	School		Morais Catarino
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25	5:00 p.m.	Frank Duff	
Matthew 1:1-25	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving	
	10:00 p.m.	Our Parish Community	
Friday, December 25	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima	Aloma Ferns	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny,
The Nativity of The Lord	9:00 a.m.		C.R.
Isaiah 62:11-12	11:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory and	
Titus 3:4-7		Deceased members of the	
Luke 2:15-20		Pereira & D'Souza Families	
Saturday, December 26	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima	Josephine Aynikal	Rev. Lech Wycichowski,
St. Stephen	School		C.R.
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	5:00 p.m.		
Matthew 10:17-22			

Rectory Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:30 pm Office Closed Thursday and Friday

SUPPORT REPORT			
December 6			
Sunday Collection (177) Envelopes	\$ 2033		
Christmas Flowers	529		
Christmas	180		
New Year's Offering	100		
Loose Collection	488		
Building Fund	<u>55</u>		
Total	\$3385		
Pre-Authorized Debit for Nov	\$3560		
Building Fund Pre-Authorized	<u>705</u>		
_	\$4265		



<u>CHRISTMAS EVE – THURSDAY DECEMBER 24th</u>

5:00 pm; 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – FRIDAY DECEMBER 25th

9:00 am and 11:00 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE – THURSDAY DECEMBER 31^{st*} 5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY – FRIDAY JANUARY 1st, 2016*
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
9:00 am and 11:00 am

** In Canada, January 1st, the Feast of Mary the Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are OBLIGED to attend Mass on this day

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.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St. Benedict Parish and Holy Rosary Parish for their generous support of our Christmas food drive. With your donations we delivered

over 3,600 pounds of food to the local food bank. Also your support of various Knights of Columbus functions has meant that we were able to donate \$1,500 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at each Parish this Christmas. With your ongoing support The Knights of Columbus can continue to donate to worthy local charities, organizations and those less fortunate. The Knights of Columbus wish all families in St Benedict Parish a joyful and Blessed Christmas.

<u>CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – CHCH</u>

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass is preceded by Carols from the Cathedral beginning at 11:30 p.m. on December 24th. The Carols, and the Midnight Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Children thrive on routine because it gives them a sense of control and security in their lives. As parents we can offer great benefits to our children by providing routines, setting limits and ensuring there is structure to our family commitments and obligations. When we model these actions to our children they learn organizational skills that will help them as they move into adulthood and take control of their own lives.

If you have pre-authorized debit and do not want the envelopes for 2016, please phone Janis at the office. Some people have requested keeping the envelopes for special collections. Please let us know your preference. Thank you!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Life sometimes throws so much "stuff" at us that we feel we are running on a treadmill that just won't stop. Down time seems non-existent, and experts tell us that most adults are not at their best because they are constantly sleep deprived. If you see yourself in that statement, then it is time to stop for a moment and ask how this busy life is impacting your married relationship. Do you make your spouse a priority, or do they get the leftovers, of which there are often none? Do you find yourself impatient with the one you love because you are stressed and tired? Marriage is a commitment to the other made in love – are you putting your spouse first, or last? It is an important question to resolve if you want a connected, loving, joyful marriage.

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

MERCY: A STUDY IN SCRIPTURE

A Senior Adult Workshop Series 7 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 6, 2016 1:30-3:30pm

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By exploring the theme of Mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of Mercy in our lives today. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler.

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Please register by Dec.18.

For further information please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528 7988 ext. 2238 or check the website, www.hamiltondiocese.com.

HEAL YOUR HEART

Broken hearts are painful - don't get stuck in the pain of conflicting emotions.

Are you dealing with a loss in your life? (Death of spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home; health; a pet; culture; infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents) There is help – you are invited to join us for a series of Group Bereavement Workshops intended to assist you in coping with the feelings associated with loss. The goal of the workshops is to provide definitive actions that will mend conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. Join us for this 6 week course being held Wednesdays Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 at St. Michael Parish, 181 Sewell Drive, Oakville. The evening session will run from 7-9 pm. For more information call Ilse 905-338-1778; register www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and includes material.

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