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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 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 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 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, December 25 Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		
Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22	No Mass		Rev. Roshan D’Souza, O.C.D.
Wednesday, December 27 St. John 1 John 1:1-4 John 20:2-8	No Mass		Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
Thursday, December 28 The Holy Innocents 1 John 1:5 – 2:2 Matthew 2:13-18	No Mass		Rev. Lawrence Parent, O.F.M.
Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket 1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35	No Mass		Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Saturday, December 30 1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.

Rectory Office Hours

The Office will be closed from Tuesday to
Friday this week.
We will reopen Tuesday, January 2nd

SUPPORT REPORT

	Dec 10
Sunday Collection	\$2734
Loose Collection	496
Building	5
Christmas Flowers	30
Total	\$3265



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Mary said: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” A simple trust in God’s word allowed the Mother of God to do incredible things. As a humble servant and listener, she embraced her mission and invested herself wholeheartedly in doing what God had asked. Do we know and trust that we are being led? Often, we can feel very much alone and without

a source of inspiration, guidance, and love to enlighten our path. God is with us. This is the essential message of Advent and the truth revealed to us at Christmas. We are never alone. There is no need to fear. We too, with God’s help, can do incredible things.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Sunday December 24th – Christmas Eve

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

Monday December 25th – Christmas Day

Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus Christ

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 31st 9:00 am and 11:00 am

New Year’s Eve – Sunday, December 31st

5:00 pm

New Year’s Day – Monday, January 1st

9:00 am and 11:00 am

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 continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Venezuela, Syria and North Korea. 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 who 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 wish to publicly thank my staff: Deacon Joe and his wife Cathy, Janis Asdubolini, our parish secretary and Alma Paje, who provides office and rectory help. 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, ushers and altar servers. Their commitment to the parish is deeply appreciated. I want to thank the Children's Liturgy Leaders who strive to instill a sense of faith in our young people. I want to thank the musicians of our parish. They have made our liturgies more special by their talents. I want to thank our set up crew, who decorate and setup "our Church", not just at Christmas, but every weekend of the year, to ensure that our spiritual home is a place of beauty and reverence for God. 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 Catholic Women's League for their social and financial support of our parish. 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. 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.

Personally, I would like to thank all of you for the cards, goodies and gifts that you have given me for Christmas. I am humbled by your kindness and generosity.

I want to also thank the hard work and dedication of the building committee working with Mr. Roberto Chiotti and Mr. Michael Nicholas-Schmidt of Larkin Group Architects. We are moving ever closer to the building of our new church and the dedication of these men and women is deeply appreciated.

It is my prayer 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!

Fr. Jim Petrie

All registered parishioners should receive a copy of our Advent and Christmas Reconciliation and Mass schedule. If you did not receive this mailing, it may mean that you are not registered or your address is incorrect. If you are not registered, please complete a Parish Registration Form, available on our website or on the side table in the gym at Our Lady of Fatima School and return it to the office.

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.

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. 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

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