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# SAINT BENEDICT ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 Wojciech Kuzma, 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

<u>Guardian Angels Elementary</u> Mrs. Rosanna LoPresti, Principal	905-876-2386
<u>Lumen Christi Elementary</u> Mr. Patrick Mayne, Principal	905-636-9692
<u>Our Lady of Fatima Elementary</u> Mr. Kevin Brady, Principal	905-864-0720
<u>Saint Benedict Elementary</u> Mr. Josey Guerin, Principal	289-851-9353
<u>Jean Vanier Secondary</u> Mr. Gino Montanari, Principal	905-636-8799

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
<b>Sunday, December 25</b> <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
<b>Monday, December 26</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22	No Mass		Rev. Paul Boucher
<b>Tuesday, December 27</b> <b>St. John</b> 1 John 1:1-4 John 20:2-8	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Alfred & Margaret Thompson	Rev. Felix Nwatu
<b>Wednesday, December 28</b> <b>The Holy Innocents</b> 1 John 1:5 – 2.2 Matthew 2:13-18	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Olga Sciarra	Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
<b>Thursday, December 29</b> <b>St. Thomas Becket</b> 1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Donald Gibbons	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
<b>Friday, December 30</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Rowena Herrera	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
<b>Saturday, December 31</b> <b>St. Sylvester I</b> 1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Leo & Cynthia Soares	Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.

### Rectory Office Hours

The Office will be closed from Tuesday to Friday  
this week.  
We will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd

### SUPPORT REPORT

#### December 11

Sunday Collection (136) Envelopes	\$1920
Christmas Flowers	100
Loose Collection	614
Building Fund	<u>120</u>
Total	\$2754



### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Chili and Zumba Night.**

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend! Ladies – It is Membership renewal time! Please remember to renew your CWL membership for 2017. We also invite all ladies of our parish to join us as new members to help in serving our Parish community. Our annual dues remain at \$35. If you are an envelope holder, the blue CWL envelope is in with the January 2017 envelopes and can be put in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the parish office.

### THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary at St Benedicts & Holy Rosary parishes is pleased to announce that they will bring the Pilgrim Virgin statue to homes of families who would like to welcome Mary into their homes as a way of increasing family prayer & bring blessings to families. The Legionaries will accompany the statue to the home & will pick up the statue in a week at an appointed date & time. These visits normally take place in the evenings. Home visitations started in May, to arrange a home visitation please contact Cherry Muller (647-470-0385) or Lorna D'souza (905-864-6489)

**CHRISTMAS DAY – SUNDAY DECEMBER 25th**  
**9:00 am and 11:00 am**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE – SATURDAY DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**5:00 pm**



**NEW YEAR'S DAY – SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 1st, 2017**  
**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy**  
**Mother of God**  
**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 pray for the people of Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq 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 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 wish to publicly thank my staff: Deacon Joe DiGrado and his wife Cathy, Janis Asdrubolini and Alma Paje. 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) 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 the setup crew, under the direction of Bill Aziz and Francis Paje, who 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 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 Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School and Jean Vanier

Catholic Secondary School for allowing the parish community to use their facilities for the celebration of our Masses. 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.

As you may have seen, we have signs indicating the site of the new parish church at the corner of Yates Drive and Louis St. Laurent Avenue. We continue to move forward in our building project.

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

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

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### PRISON MINISTRY

Holy Rosary Church has an active prison ministry and have been running Roman Catholic programs at the prisons in Milton for a number of years. We are inviting members of St. Benedict's Parish to join us. Volunteers regularly visit both Maplehurst and Vanier correctional facilities which are both located in Milton. Maplehurst is one of the largest prisons in the province. Maplehurst is a prison for men and Vanier is for women.

We have just completed the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the Gospel of Matthew (25:34-40) and include giving food to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming a stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and coming to see those in prison. In Jesus' words those who do these things to one of the least of our brethren do it to Him. Again, in Matthew (5:7) we read "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy".

Pope Francis placed a special emphasis on ministering to those in prison when to quote Bishop Crosby he took the extraordinary step of naming the threshold of each jail cell a Holy Door of Mercy.

If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry and perhaps joining our dedicated group of volunteers, please call Mike Darling at 905-876-2997 or Oliver Turley at 905-864-6188.

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