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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, December 28 The Holy Innocents 1 John 1:5 – 2.2 Matthew 2:13-18	No Mass		Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
Tuesday, December 29 1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35	No Mass		Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
Wednesday, December 30 1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40	No Mass		Ordo Canonorum Regularium Sanctae Crucis
Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve 1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. Ambrose Tashiaba Ntumba
Friday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Maria Henrietta Fernandes Christine Pereira	Rev. Gregory Michel
Saturday, January 2 St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen 1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Felizarda Coutinho	Rev. Robert Love

Rectory Office Hours

The Office will be closed from Tuesday to Friday this week.
We will reopen Tuesday, January 5th



NEW YEAR'S EVE – THURSDAY DECEMBER 31st*

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**

SUPPORT REPORT

December 13

Sunday Collection (130) Envelopes	\$ 2446
Loose Collection	\$ 341
Christmas Flowers	\$ 8
Building Fund	\$ 50
Total	\$ 2845

Pre-Authorized Debit for Dec	\$ 3535
Building Fund Pre-Authorized	\$ 745
	\$ 4280



The Catholic Community of St. Benedict Parish welcomes the following children who were baptized in December. We support them with our prayers and ask that their parents nurture them so they can grow up to be faith filled people of God and our Parish Community.

Mason Joseph, Kai Mininni, Maggie Ostachowski,
Siara Persaud, Devin Persaud, Ethyn Poick,
Mason Roque-Manrique, Chloe Smith, and Jake Smith.



DECEMBER 27, 2015
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them." We might be tempted to think that Jesus more or less raised himself. As the Son of God, it might appear on first glance that earthly parents would be a mere formality for this particular child. But it wasn't so. Mary and Joseph had real influence, and real authority, over their son.

Although Jesus apparently understood from a tender age how he related to God ("Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"), he also knew that he owed appropriate respect to his parents. This is why he stayed in their home in Nazareth and was obedient to them. And because of this obedience, clearly Mary and Joseph must have been deeply influential in his life. Their direction, their teachings, their example, and their rules would all have shaped Jesus in his humanity. It was thanks in no small part to the matriarch and patriarch of the Holy Family that Jesus "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

We should be advancing in these ways too! And those of us who are parents are likewise called to direct and guide our children to develop as Jesus did, not only forming our sons and daughters to succeed in the eyes of men, but also leading them on the path of "favor before God." The Holy Family serves as a beautiful model for us in this regard. They help us learn how to submit our lives to the loving leadership of our heavenly Father. But more than this, Mary and Joseph also serve as intercessors who, like any faithful family member or friend, want to pray with us and for us. Let us turn, then, to the intercession of the Holy Family asking that our families may be holy too.

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WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All ladies of the parish are welcome to join the Catholic Women's League on January 5th at 7pm for their general meeting. We welcome Julia Silva who will be giving us a yoga demonstration and informative talk. Ladies are asked to be in active wear and bring your own yoga mat if you would like to participate. For more information, please contact: Dianne Taylor at 905-878-5488.

Mass Intentions

At St. Benedict's, we accept intentions for our weekday Masses and our Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass. You may arrange for a Mass Intention by visiting the rectory. (The customary offering is \$10.00)



Sunday offering envelopes for 2016 are available for pick-up in the gym. We also have Pre Authorized Debit forms for those interested. If you are interested in using envelopes or pre authorized debit, please call Janis at the rectory office, 289-878-3118; or e-mail her at stbenedictmilton@gmail.com.

MERCY: A STUDY IN SCRIPTURE

A Senior Adult Workshop Series

7 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 6, 2016 1:30-3:30pm

Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown

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.

The cost will be \$75 includes the textbook & other resources.

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 at 905-338-1778; to register go to www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and includes material.



NOTICE

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