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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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, December 4 St. John Damascene Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11, 13	No Mass		Rev. Charlie Jordan
Tuesday, December 5 Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Armand Cormier	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Wednesday, December 6 St. Nicholas Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 8:30 a.m.	Thomas Kennedy	Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
Thursday, December 7 St. Ambrose Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m. Mass – Seasons 760 Bronte Street South 10:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mavis Silva	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Friday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Paul Bondin	Rev. Edward Mahony
Saturday, December 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Salvatore & Gaetana Merulla Hilary D’Souza	Rev. Peter Ciallella

Rectory Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
 9:30 am – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:30 pm
 Friday – 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

SUPPORT REPORT

	Nov 26
Sunday Collection	\$2199
Loose Collection	622
Building	1278
Christmas Flowers	<u>35</u>
Total	\$4134

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict Parish invite all women from the age group of 18 years and above to join them in their monthly meeting which is on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima School staff room. Membership fees are \$35.00. For more information, contact: Lily Gall at cwlmilton@gmail.com
Next Meeting: December 5th

ADVENT - PREPARING THE WAY

The Catholic Women's League invite all ladies 16 years and above to join them for a time of reflection with Fr. Jim Petrie.

On: Saturday, December 9th
At: Our Lady of Fatima School Gym
 709 Bolingbroke Drive, Milton
Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
 Refreshments will be served
RSVP: cwlmilton@gmail.com



BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS

If you are having a child in the near future, you are welcome to join Fr. Jim after the masses this weekend, December 2nd & 3rd to take part in a blessing for expectant parents.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH UPDATE

Father Jim Petrie and the building committee invite all parishioners to a meeting to inform parishioners of the design and planning for the new church which is moving closer to construction. There will be two identical meetings. One will be held on **Sunday December 3rd at 12:15 pm** (after the 11:00 am Mass) at Our Lady of Fatima School and on **Thursday December 7th at 7:00 pm** in the auditorium at Jean Vanier High School. The architects will be present to show us the design of the new church and the building committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. This is a very exciting time as we move forward to building our new church! All are welcome.



ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM
Fri. Sat. Sun. December 1, 2 & 3, 2017
– 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Country Heritage Park, 8560 Tremaine Road, Milton

“On the Way to Bethlehem” is an outdoor Christmas Nativity Pageant. Arriving anytime from 6:30 until 8:30 pm, visitors will enter the large reception area in Gambrel Barn, where they will enjoy the music of the mass choir. When ready, groups will travel the road to Bethlehem with a “guide.” On their 30–45minute outdoor journey, visitors will witness King Herod’s court, interact with Roman soldiers, shepherds, magi, innkeepers and fellow travelers to reveal the Christmas story. This is primarily an outdoor experience so it is important to dress warmly and wear comfortable walking shoes or boots.

Admission - \$5.00 for adults; Children are \$2. For more information call Andrea (905) 875-0839 or Willi (905) 878-2200

You are invited to a Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child – Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 at 4 pm**. Any one who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by **Bishop Douglas Crosby**. **God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence**. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

PROLIFE FUNDRAISER

"Campaign Life Coalition is launching its annual fundraiser for PROLIFE with the sale of Christmas fruitcakes. These fruitcakes come from the *Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey* in Quebec and are scrumptious, rich and exquisitely delicious. The traditional bar cakes weigh 600g for \$18.00, while the larger deluxe cakes weigh 1000g at \$25.00

The monks have added an "Abbey Gift Basket" composed of 2 boxes of premium chocolates (maple and caramel-filled) a mini fruitcake and a jar of Oakaramel Maple Spread for \$30.00.

They make wonderful gifts for family and friends or corporate gifts.

They will be on sale after every Mass.

To place an order, you may contact Ivan Dsouza at 647-899-6478 or email ivandsouza2001@yahoo.com

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus St. Benedict of Nursia Council of Milton will be selling the Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs to Parishioners after all weekend masses on December 2, 3, 9 and 10. Interested Parishioners can approach members of the Knights of Columbus after the mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to visibly show the true meaning of Christmas in the community.

Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Dublin – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the ***World Meeting of Families*** in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place Aug. 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis’ *Amoris Laetitia*, or *The Joy of Love*. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, but registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018 or call 905-528-7988 ext.2250 (Teresa Hartnett) Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.

The annual Advent Hymn Festival with the Diocesan Choir will take place on Sunday, December 10th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 7 p.m. Special guest choir: St. Michael Spanish Choir (Oakville). All are welcome!

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