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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Our Parish Community Al Frisina	
Monday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Maria Henrietta Fernandes	Rev. Thomas Vermiglio M.C.C.J.
Tuesday, 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 9:00 a.m.	Felix Pagcanlungan	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Wednesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 John 2:29; 3:1-6 John 1:29-34	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Davis Poonolil	Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Thursday, January 4 1 John 3:7-10 John 1:35-42	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Blanca Alicia Leal Gonzalez	Rev. Octavio Cidadao
Friday, January 5 1 John 3:11-21 John 1:43-51	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony & St. Jude	Rev. Jose Edson Moreira
Saturday, January 6 1 John 5:5-13 Mark 1:4-5, 7-11	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Carmen Buhagiar January Samson	Rev. Peter Raymond

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



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31st 5:00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day – Monday, January 1st
 9:00 am and 11:00 am

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Families face many challenges. All of the demands of work, school, and society can easily put a strain on even the best intentioned of families. Hurt, anger, and bitterness can grow in our families especially when conflicts are not properly resolved or relationships nurtured. Human beings require time, patience, love, and nurturing. We need to take time to celebrate the gift of family and not allow other demands to rob us of the time we need to spend together. Life is short. The Holy Family stands before us today showing us that love, commitment, and perseverance can see us through any difficulty or challenge life can bring. May we learn from their example!

PARISH MAILING

All registered parishioners should have received 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.



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 [cwlmlilton@gmail.com](mailto:cwlmilton@gmail.com)

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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Pope Francis to attend the 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 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. To arrange a home visitation please contact Cherry Muller (647-470-0385) or Lorna Dsouza (905-864-6489).

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On **February 24th** join **Hector Molina** and **Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie** along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3rd annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer.

Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

BIRTHRIGHT FUNDRAISER

Birthright of Milton is hosting a **PaintNite Fundraiser at Ned Devine's Pub** in Milton on January 14th. When you buy a ticket to this event, \$15 will be donated to Birthright of Milton. Feel good about giving as a local artist guides you and your friends through two hours of painting. 35 tickets **MUST** be sold by December 31st to avoid cancellation of the event. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit PaintNite.com, Birthright of Milton's Facebook page or email milton@birthright.com for assistance.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live.

Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what "I" want. Help your children to learn that it is in giving that we truly receive. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

PRIESTS AND CONSECRATED BROTHERS AND SISTERS DINNER

Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our Priests and Consecrated Brothers and Sisters. The event takes place on May 2, 2018 at Liuna Station, Hamilton beginning with cocktails at 6:30. Tickets: \$65.00 Contact: Margaret at 905-628-5682 or celebrationprl@gmail.com. website: celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner

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