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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 Wojciech Kuzma, 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. Patrick Mayne, Principal

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary 905-864-0720
Mr. Kevin Brady, Principal

Saint Benedict Elementary 289-851-9353
Mrs. Victoria Hogan, Principal

Jean Vanier Secondary 905-636-8799
Mr. Gino Montanari, Principal

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, December 7 St Ambrose Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 5:17-26	No Mass		Rev. Octavio Cidadao
Tuesday, 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.	Assunta Asdrubolini	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wednesday, December 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Intention of Lara DeCunha	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thursday, December 10 Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15	Mass- St Benedict School 9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
Friday, December 11 St. Damasus I Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19	Mass- Lumen Christi School 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Morgan & Chris Moore	Rev. Moon Kab Shin
Saturday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Zechariah 2:10-13 Luke 1:39-47	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Lena Tavares	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

Rectory Office Hours

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

The next meeting will be: January 5th, 2016
For more information, please contact:
Lily Gall – 289-878-9909

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Collection (128) Envelopes	\$ 2246
Loose Collection	\$ 575
Building Fund	<u>\$10900</u>
Total	<u>\$13721</u>

PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES FUNDRAISER

'TIS THE SEASON! Christmas is around the corner and Campaign Life is once again launching its annual fundraiser. The cakes are rich, delicious and moist, made with the finest fruits soaked in brandy, pecans and quality ingredients, blended according to a traditional recipe and slow baked. They come in two sizes: Regular 1.5 lb. bar cake is \$15.00 and the Deluxe 2 lb. round cake in a tin is \$25.00. The cakes will not be sold at all the masses due to time conflicts but can be ordered by phoning Ivan D'Souza at 647-899-6478. Ivan will deliver the cakes within Milton. Those outside of Milton may order online at www.Campaignlifecoalition.com or call 1-800-730-5358/416-204-9749. Please support this important cause.



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict's Parish invites 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 will be \$35.00 annually.

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict's Parish invites all women (16 and over) to a Spiritual Retreat on "Mary and the Year of Mercy". The speaker will be Fr. Jim Petrie. It will be Saturday, December 12th at Our Lady of Fatima School gym from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend.
RSVP: Lenie D'Souza at cwlmilton@gmail.com



The Knights of Columbus will be selling the *Keep Christ in Christmas* signs the weekends of December 5/6 and 12/13 after each mass.

EXPOSING VULNERABLE PEOPLE TO EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

Alex Schadenberg, the Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will be speaking at Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School (theatre) in Milton on Tuesday, December 8 at 7PM. Alex has had speaking engagements throughout Canada, the USA, Australia, Scotland and New Zealand. He is an internationally renowned speaker and leader. Now that the Supreme Court of Canada has struck down Canada's laws protecting people from Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, learn how these issues may effect you and those you love. The talk is free of charge and sponsored by Jean Vanier Knights for Life and St. Benedict Parish. Please note, the evening will be filmed and audience members may be seen on camera.

DISCERNMENT GATHERING

If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on Saturday December 12th at Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton (9am-12noon). More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com.

The Board of Directors of Catholic Family Services of Hamilton is seeking the next EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR to lead our agency forward following the retirement of our current Executive Director. The successful incumbent we seek is a proven leader who is highly engaging and leads for our community health and social services offerings from a spiritual and values based perspective. Detailed information on this leadership opportunity may be found at www.cfshw.com

Interested and qualified applicants may submit their letter of interest and current resume by December 16, 2015 to cfsrecruit@mccgroup.ca.

THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BUFFET

We would like to extend an invitation to St. Benedict Parish to come to our Third Annual Christmas Buffet on Wednesday December 9, 2015 at Craig Kielburger Secondary School, 1151 Ferguson Drive, Milton. The food is prepared by our food school students (Hospitality and Tourism). The cost is a mere \$15 for an amazing lunch buffet. Reservations are required. Call 905-878-0575 ext. 353 for a reservation Monday thru Friday 8 am - 3 pm.



The Saint Benedict Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will meet Tuesday, December 8 in the Staffroom of Our Lady of Fatima School at 7:15pm.

All members are asked to attend.

Parishioners interested in the work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society please contact Father Jim or call 905-875 7995.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The word family by its very definition is a collective term, one that unites those associated with a particular family on many levels, during many different shared moments and occasions. Investing time with your family is hands down the best investment you will ever make. You will reap the benefit of children who have stronger bonds with their families, have better academic success, are more mentally and emotionally stable and who will ultimately learn the skills needed to be better parents themselves. Pope Francis recently encouraged parents to "waste time with their children," specifically, I believe, because time with your children is anything but wasted!

2015 WHITE MASS

DEC. 11th at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel Parish

Consistent with the white coats and uniforms formerly worn by physicians and nurses, the WHITE MASS is celebrated annually for the spiritual support of healthcare professionals, clergy, chaplains and all caregivers.

Join ACT heals, Hamilton Region (formerly the Association of Christian Therapists) as we welcome the Most Reverend Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, who will celebrate this year's WHITE MASS on the vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Friday, December 11th at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church, 2261 Parkway Dr., Burlington.

Refreshments and video of Our Lady of Guadalupe to follow. A good will offering would be appreciated to help cover expenses. For more information please call 905-335-6902.

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