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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. Leonard Gallant, Deacon  
Mrs. Janis Asdrubolini, Parish Secretary  
Mrs. Alma Paje, Parish Rectory Assistance

### 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](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

### PARISH SCHOOLS

Guardian Angels Elementary 905-876-2386  
Mr. Christopher Hawken, Principal

Lumen Christi Elementary 905-636-9692  
Mr. Joe Jurus, Principal

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary 905-864-0720  
Mrs. Viviana Varano, Principal

Saint Benedict Elementary 289-851-9353  
Mr. Josey Guerin, Principal

Saint Scholastica Elementary 905-864-0344  
Mrs. Erin Sweeney-Hurd, Principal

Jean Vanier Secondary 905-636-8799  
Ms. Katharine Stevenson, Principal

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
<b>Sunday, December 8</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
<b>Monday, December 9</b> <b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel – 8:55 a.m.	Paul Drury	Very Rev. Con O'Mahony
<b>Tuesday, December 10</b> Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14	Mass- Guardian Angels School 9:00 a.m.	Loreto Reboredo	Rev. Felix Nwatu
<b>Wednesday, December 11</b> <b>St. Damasus I</b> Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30	Mass- St. Benedict School 9:45 a.m.	Terry Tekatich	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
<b>Thursday, December 12</b> <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Zechariah 2:10-13 Luke 1:39-47	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. Mass – Birkdale 611 Farmstead Drive 10:30 a.m.	Intentions of Nina & Fernand  Tibor Kontor	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
<b>Friday, December 13</b> <b>St. Lucy</b> Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19	Mass- Lumen Christi School 9:00 a.m.	Jack Cranswick	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.
<b>Saturday, December 14</b> <b>St. John of the Cross</b> Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17:10-13	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Lena & Joe Tavares  Eduardo Jose Pineda Paz	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

### 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 DECEMBER 1

Sunday Collection	\$ 2251
Christmas Flowers	562
Building Fund	\$ 255
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 410</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3478</b>

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday afternoon from 4:00 – 4:30 pm in the Prayer Chapel by the front doors of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (709 Bolingbroke Drive in Milton).

On **December 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**, Confessions will be heard from 3:30 – 4:30 pm to provide additional opportunities for parishioners to celebrate this beautiful sacrament.

**On Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation for both parishes in Milton. It will take place at Holy Rosary Parish (139 Martin Street in Milton). It will begin at 7:00 pm.** Several priest confessors from the region will be available for the celebration of individual confessions at that time.

There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** after December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please do not wait till the last minute to celebrate the sacrament. Reconciliation is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of our Lord.



## NOTICE

**If your family member is in the hospital, please contact the parish office. For confidential reasons the hospital will not release names of those who are Catholic. Fr. Jim also offers the Sacrament of the Sick. If we do not know of your relative being in the hospital we cannot attend to their spiritual needs. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**



### RECIPE BOOK VENTURE

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict's Parish is planning to have a recipe book printed. Our parish has a very diverse community and we would love for our parishioners to take part in this venture. We request that you send us your traditional recipes for this

book; which can vary from appetizers, soups, entrees and desserts. Please send in your recipes along with your name, nationality and the name of the dish to [cwlmilton@gmail.com](mailto:cwlmilton@gmail.com). We will compile this book and have it ready for sale before Christmas. All proceeds from this sale will be donated towards the Church Building Fund. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary at St. Benedict & Holy Rosary parishes is pleased to announce that they will bring the **Pilgrim Virgin Statue** or **The Divine Mercy Image** to the homes of families as a way of increasing family prayer & bringing blessings to families. The Legionaries will accompany the statue or image to the home & will pick up the statue or image 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 D'Souza (905-805-0752).



### HALTON ALIVE CANDY CANES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Help spread good cheer through the *Halton Alive Candy Canes for Life campaign!* Throughout December we will distribute 5000 postcards with a positive, life-affirming

message and candy canes.

**Volunteers needed:** Participate as a family, friend group, youth group or church group. Each kit will have all the materials and instructions you need. Sign-up for your free kit today!

**Sign-up online** [www.haltonalive.ca/ccflvolunteers](http://www.haltonalive.ca/ccflvolunteers) or contact Tawnya Stanus 905-632-3232

*As you make your year-end donations please consider the pro-life educational work of Halton Alive that guides our youth and community to make life-affirming choices.*



The Saint Benedict Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will meet Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in the Staff room of Our Lady of Fatima School at 7:15 pm. All members and non-members who are interested 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.



**St. Benedict Saint Vincent de Paul is once again preparing for the annual Christmas Angel drive to help our needy neighbors in Milton. Angels will be available at each weekend mass from November 16<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. We would request all angels be returned by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Thank you so much for your generosity and support**

### EVENING PRAYER WITH ADVENT HYMNS

The Diocesan Choir presents Evening Prayer with Advent Hymns, together with the Saint John's Bible and a small reception at St. Raphael's Parish in Burlington, 4072 New Street in Burlington on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, starting at 7 p.m. Choral preludes begin at 7 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 7:15. There will be a Free-Will offering in support of St. Raphael's Parish.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB). HCDSB invites all members of our parish community to join in the celebration of our journey in faith as a Catholic education community. There are a number of the events and activities planned to commemorate this milestone. For details, visit the HCDSB website at: <http://bit.ly/HCDSB50>

**Parenting Tip of the Month** - For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the "reason for the season". Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!

**Marriage Tip of the Month** - At Christmas we gather with love ones to share gifts, eat great food and build joyful memories. Sometimes we get caught up on the glitter and glam of the season and forget to take time as a couple to decide how much money, time and energy we can expend during the season. This year why not sit down in advance and decide how much you can do as a couple/family. Weave into your plans time for the two of you to take a quiet moment with each other. During Advent and Christmas, take time to pray and share important faith moments with each other. Trying these initiatives could make this Christmas your best yet!



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