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(Rule of Saint Benedict #53)

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
and 4:00 p.m. (en Français)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please see inside bulletin for complete schedule

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
(First Friday – 9:30am to 9:00 p.m.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Celebrated the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 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 Larry 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.

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. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton website is: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information in discerning God's call to Church ministry, contact Father Larry or contact Father Mark Morley, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or visit the Vocations Services' website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations>

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office of confinement to home or hospitalization, so sacramental care may be provided.

PARISH STAFF

Father Lawrence Parent, Pastor
(lparent@hamiltondiocese.com)
Father John Ha, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Leonard Gallant, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joseph Murphy, Deacon
Mrs. Karen Vilorio-Miguel, Pastoral Assistant
Mrs. Janis Asdrubolini, Office Administrator
Mrs. Alma Paje, Office Receptionist

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Office is closed on weekends and public holidays.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and your family to Saint Benedict Parish! Please introduce yourself to Father Larry. Registration forms are available on the table at the church Narthex or from the website.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Guardian Angels Elementary 905-876-2386
Nick Laratta, Principal

Lumen Christi Elementary 905-636-9692
Daniela Attardo, Principal

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary 905-864-0720
Kelly Stephens, Principal

St. Benedict Elementary 289-851-9353
Mark Witter, Principal

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

St. Francis Xavier Secondary School 905-636-8799
Adriano Perusin, Principal

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Secondary School 289-878-2038
Kevin Wong, Principal

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any requests for bulletin announcements require pastor approval and must be submitted to the parish office no later than Monday morning of the week.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, February 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady of Lourdes Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1 Mark 1.40-45	Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 noon	Our Parish Community John & Joan Gatt Special intentions of Amy Tumamao	<i>World Day of the Sick</i>
Monday, February 12 James 1.1-11 Mark 8.11-13	NO MASS		Rev. Michael McHugh
Tuesday, February 13 James 1.12-18 Mark 8.14-21	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Avila Family	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday St. Cyril & Methodius Joel 2.12-18 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18	Mass 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lina Cabaero Ponambalan Thanksgiving	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 15 Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Luke 9.22-25	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Rev. William Trusz
Friday, February 16 Isaiah 58.1-9a Matthew 9.14-15	Mass 9:00 a.m. <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>(9:30am to 10:30am)</i> <i>Stations of the Cross @7pm</i>	Victoria Villegas Peralta	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Saturday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Isaiah 58.9-b-14 Luke 5.27-32	Mass 5:00 p.m. (LIVESTREAMED)	Thanksgiving Sylvia Santiago Helen Bara & Lukas Adamow Cheryl D'Lima	Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Deadline for Registration February 16th 2024.

A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required for the registration.

For more information, please visit:

<https://stbenedictparish.ca/sacraments/first-communion-first-reconciliation/>



ASH WEDNESDAY- February 14th

Masses at 9am & 7pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Begins Friday February 16th



LENT RETREAT

CREATED WITH A PURPOSE

There will be a Lent Retreat at our Parish on **Saturday, March 9th, 9am-3pm**. Fr. Pierre will be leading it with a team of collaborators. We will reflect on how God manifests his power in creation and how he is inviting each of us to enter a personal relationship with him. The retreat is open to both men and women. Please register through our website. Space is limited. Please click the link below to register:

<https://www.regnumchristiontario.org/event-details/leat-retreat-created-with-purpose>

If you have any questions, please send an email to Tima at events@regnumchristiontario.org

LENTEN MESSAGE 2024

February 1, 2024

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent is upon us- a time to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ and seek inner transformation through fasting, prayer, and acts of generosity. The Church assists us by providing many supports. Throughout Lent we are invited to participate in community *celebration of the Holy Eucharist* – on Sundays and at daily Mass during the week. Reading and reflecting on the *Scripture passages of the day* is an excellent practice, as is *any reading* that guides you closer to the Lord.

Throughout Lent, the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* is offered in your Parishes. If you are unable to find a convenient time, contact your Parish Priest who will be happy to find a time suited to your schedule. Most Parishes pray the *Stations of the Cross* a faith community. Or you can pray them privately at your Parish church. The *Holy Rosary* is always a prayer that promotes inner peace and closeness to the Lord.

The *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace/Caritas Canada* provides a variety of ways to offer “alms” to brothers and sisters in need through the *Share Lent Campaign*. *Create Hope* is the central theme of this campaign for the coming five years. The specific theme this year is *Reaping our Rights*, echoing Pope Francis’ recent reflections in *Laudate Deum*. “Everything is connected” and “no one is saved alone”! We are invited to uphold the rights of the peasants, human rights, and environmental rights, ensuring respect for all.

The Cross traced on our forehead on Ash Wednesday reminds us that “*we are going to die*”!. If we know we are going to die, we must decide “*how we choose to live*”! On Easter Sunday we renew our Baptismal Promises and are sprinkled with Easter water- washing away the ashes, and renewing the assurances of our faith! We choose to live by faith in Jesus Christ – who saves us and lifts us up!

We enter the Lenten fast committed to make a difference in our own lives, in the lives of those we love , and in the lives of brothers and sisters in the Global South. Please be generous on *Solidarity Sunday*, March 17, 2024 – the Fifth Sunday of Lent. May God Bless us all as we begin this sacred journey.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton



**STEP/BLENDED FAMILY:
SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY**

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: **Saturday, April 20, 2024**. Register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



**40 DAYS for LIFE
February 14 to March 24**

Vigil location: Dundas Street at Proudfoot Trail in Oakville (one block east of Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital); **Vigil hours:** 6 am to 6 pm daily Mass for Life with Bishop Crosby at Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington on March 11th at 7pm. For more information please visit www.40daysforLife.com/Oakville.



Today’s Gospel says that “Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper”. Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today’s society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



LIFE TALKS

Halton Alive is proud to present a full-day conference that addresses challenging pro-life topics. Join us as we Address how we can respond to those in our community with compassion and grace. We hope you will join us for this transformational day!
Saturday, March 23, 2024; Doors open @ 8:45am Conference begins @ 9:30am Tickets: \$40.00 (lunch is included!) Location: St. George’s Church 4691 Palladium Way, Burlington RSVP: <https://www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks>
905-632-3232 | info@haltonalive.com



THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.



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