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- 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 LENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, February 19 Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25:31-46	No Mass		Rev. Louis Lensen, C.R.S.P.
Tuesday, February 20 Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Mathew Poonoil	Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.
Wednesday, February 21 St. Peter Damian Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Brenda Undseth	Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thursday, February 22 Chair of St. Peter 1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Luis and Renee Ampuero	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Friday, February 23 St. Polycarp Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Tresa Mathew	Rev. David Avila
Saturday, February 24 Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Dean Rheault Vicente Celis	Rev. Tim Hingston

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

February 11

Sunday Collection	\$2555
Building Fund	75
Loose Collection	<u>562</u>
Total	\$3192

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-Protect and preserve Catholic education in Ontario by registering as a Catholic school supporter at: bit.ly/CatholicSchool-Support

-Read about the great things happening in our Catholic schools at: www.hcdsb.org

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PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC

July 16th - 20th 2018

You are invited to join the Hamilton Diocesan Legion of Mary Pilgrimage from **Monday July 16th until Friday July 20th**. We will be visiting Our Lady of the Cape, Saint Anne de Beaupre, Saint Peregrine Shrine, Saint Joseph Oratory. There will be an opportunity to spend some time in the Old City of Quebec. This is an excellent way to explore the rich spiritual heritage in our own country!

Father Jim Petrie will be the spiritual director of the pilgrimage. For more information, please contact Gerry Mok at 905-691-1105 or Tas Binaday at 905-578-3846.



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

How about adding some laughter and fun in our daily hectic schedule???

We, at St. Benedict's CWL could help you. Here we come together once a month not only to pray but have some fun by laughing and joking in a Christian atmosphere of friendship and sharing.

All women 18 years and above can join the league and attend our once a month meeting which is on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima School Library. Come and join us and be part of this wonderful league. Membership is an annual fee of \$35.

If you would like to get more information, please contact us at cwlmilton@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Paint Party on Tuesday, March 6, 2018

7:00 p.m. @Ned Devines

Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 10, 2018

9:00 a.m. @ Our Lady of Fatima School

CAPITAL CORNER – BUILD THE LIGHT:

Living In God's House Together

The Parish Family of Saint Benedict Parish is engaging in a Capital Campaign which will finally allow us to build our new church! We are inspired by the support of the Diocese of Hamilton and all our loyal parishioners who call Saint Benedict their home. Our newly formed Committee has named our campaign "***BUILD THE LIGHT: Living In God's House Together***". The campaign name also recognizes that our new church's architecture and design emphasises light – physically and spiritually. We are very excited about the prospect of having a church building to call our own, so that we may **Live In God's House Together**: worshipping, praying, reflecting and building community. You will hear more about our ***BUILD THE LIGHT*** campaign in the coming months. But, for us to be successful, we need volunteers to be Campaign Ambassadors. If interested, please fill in a volunteer form (found on chairs and at tables at the back of the church and in the lobby) or contact the office at 289-878-3118. *We really need your Help!*

LEAK: HEALING OTHERS THROUGH OUR BROKENNESS

We are all broken, in one way or another. We all have cracks, hit hard by life's circumstances. And since we are broken, we're all *leaking*. But the good news is that God uses our mess as His laboratory for miracles. How? Join us at The Feast on the following dates and together, let us learn how our own brokenness can be used by God as His instrument to heal others.

MAR 3 - Talk #2 FLOW, You Breaking is your Blessing

MAR 17 – Talk #3 FLOOD, Be Irrationally Generous

This new teaching series, entitled LEAK, is based on Mt. 26:26: *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."* If we reflect on our own transformational journey, *whatever God does to bread, He does to us too.* We get blessed, we get broken, and we get bestowed to the world.

The Feast, a place of miracles, is a lively catholic prayer meeting held at the Holy Rosary School gym, 141 Martin St. Milton. It is open to all! No tickets necessary, only your open heart and open spirit. We have separate activities for youth and children so bring them along! WORSHIP STARTS AT 2:00 PM.

For more info, please call Bing/Angie Buhain at 905-462-5072 or Rey/Elvie Reyes at 647-407-3294. You can also visit our website, lojcanada.com or [FB/feast.milton](https://www.facebook.com/feast.milton).

PRISON MINISTRY

Holy Rosary Church has an active prison ministry and have been running Roman Catholic programs at the prisons in Milton for a number of years. We are inviting members of St. Benedict's Parish to join us. Volunteers regularly visit both Maplehurst and Vanier correctional facilities which are both located in Milton. Maplehurst is one of the largest prisons in the province. Maplehurst is a prison for men and Vanier is for women.

We have just completed the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the Gospel of Matthew (25:34-40) and include giving food to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming a stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and coming to see those in prison. In Jesus' words those who do these things to one of the least of our brethren do it to Him. Again, in Matthew (5:7) we read "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy".

Pope Francis placed a special emphasis on ministering to those in prison when to quote Bishop Crosby he took the extraordinary step of naming the threshold of each jail cell a Holy Door of Mercy.

If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry and perhaps joining our dedicated group of volunteers, please call Mike Darling at 905-876-2997.

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246

The Vocation Office's new issue of the *Reflection* series is out! This issue features a message from our Vocation Director, Father Michael King, and a message from 24 of our 25 seminarians. Please visit the Vocation Website, www.HamiltonVocations.com, to view it.

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