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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, January 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God 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.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, January 2 St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen 1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28	No Mass		Rev. Mark Sullivan
Tuesday, 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.	Intentions of Alfredo & Erlinda Rodriguez	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Wednesday, January 4 1 John 3:7-10 John 1:35-42	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Michelle Cea	Holy Cross Fathers (O.C.D.)
Thursday, January 5 1 John 3:11-21 John 1:43-51	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Joe Raqueno	Rev. Edward Mahony
Friday, January 6 1 John 5:5-13 Mark 1:4-5, 7-11	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m.	Theodora Vesters	Rev. Peter Ciallella
Saturday, January 7 St. Andre Bessette 1 John 5:14-21 John 2:1-12	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Francis Abreo	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

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 18	
Sunday Collection (152) Envelopes	\$2306
Christmas Flowers	10
Christmas	370
Loose Collection	673
Building Fund	<u>320</u>
Total	\$3679



NEW YEAR'S DAY – SUNDAY
JANUARY 1st, 2016*
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of
God

9:00 am and 11:00 am

* In Canada, January 1st, the Feast of Mary the Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are OBLIGED to attend Mass on this day

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

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. Home visitations started in May, to arrange a home visitation please contact Cherry Muller (647-470-0385) or Lorna D'souza (905-864-6489)

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday, January 19th – Chili and Zumba Night.

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

Ladies – It is Membership renewal time! Please remember to renew your CWL membership for 2017. We also invite all ladies of our parish to join us as new members to help in serving our Parish community. Our annual dues remain at \$35. If you are an envelope holder, the blue CWL envelope is in with the January 2017 envelopes and can be put in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the parish office.

"FILM NIGHT! Join Halton Alive in viewing **The Euthanasia Deception!** Come learn more about this very important issue that is affecting Canadians. **Kevin Dunn**, producer & director of the film will do a short presentation and question period after the 54 minute film! The film night will take place at the **Oakville Banquet Hall**, on **Tuesday January 31st** at **7:30pm**. \$10 per person at the door, popcorn and drinks are included! RSVP to reserve your seat at haltonalive.com/film-nights or call the office at [905-632-3232](tel:905-632-3232)."

"STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR! Learn about how the Government of Ontario is actively hiding abortion statistics in order to frustrate the ongoing work of helping women and advancing pre-born human rights. Hear experts John Sikkema, lawyer with ARPA Canada, Mike Schouten Director of WeNeedA^{LAW}.ca and Pat Maloney a pro-life blogger from Ottawa speak on this topic! Halton Alive will be hosting the event at the **Oakville Banquet Hall** (1494 Wallace Road, Oakville) on **Tuesday, January 10** at 7:30pm! This is a free event with a free will offering for the ongoing efforts of WeNeedA^{LAW}.ca"

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 or Oliver Turley at 905-864-6188.

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED – DID YOU KNOW?

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On **February 18th** join **Fr. Larry Richards** and **Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine** for Serviam Ministries' 2nd annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place.

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

At Christmas it is easy for children to get so wrapped up in what they want that they forget the reason for the season: the birth of Christ. Jesus came to offer a great sacrifice – his life so our sins could be forgiven. He taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care of 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. When we teach our children what Christmas really represents and why we celebrate, it helps them know God loves them and to spread his love to others.



BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

If you are having a child in the near future, you are welcome to join Fr. Jim after the masses next weekend to take part in a blessing for expectant mothers.

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