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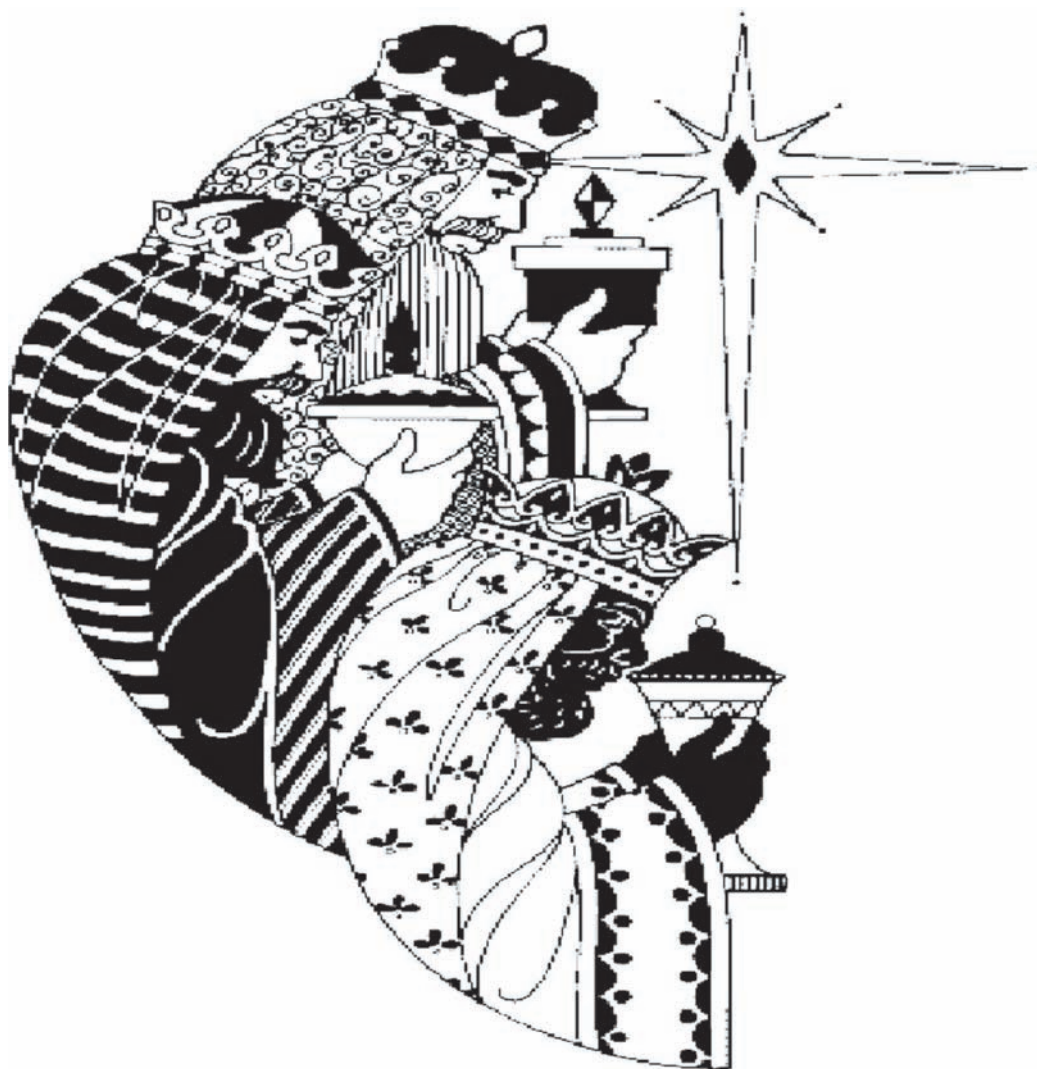
# SAINT BENEDICT ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Father James S. Petrie, Pastor  
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
<b>Sunday, January 3</b> <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
<b>Monday, January 4</b> 1 John 3:22- 4:6 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25	No Mass		Rev. Donald Wilhelm
<b>Tuesday, January 5</b> 1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Rev. Aurimas Rudinskas, O.P.
<b>Wednesday, January 6</b> 1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Fr. Leonard Gilman	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
<b>Thursday, January 7</b> <b>St. Andre Bessette</b> 1 John 4:19 - 5:4 Luke 4:14-22	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass – Seasons Retirement 760 Bronte St. S. – 10:30 a.m.	Gerardus Nurwandi  Maria Armacinski	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
<b>Friday, January 8</b> <b>St. Raymond of Penyafort</b> 1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Theresa Agnes Panacci	Rev. David Wilhelm
<b>Saturday, January 9</b> 1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Victoria & Philip Aziz	Rev. Robert Stainsby

### Rectory Office Hours

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



### WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All ladies of the parish are welcome to join the Catholic Women's League on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for their general meeting. We welcome Julia Silva who will be giving us a yoga demonstration and informative talk. Ladies are asked to be in active wear and bring your own yoga mat if you would like to participate. For more information, please contact: Dianne Taylor at 905-878-5488.

### SUPPORT REPORT

#### December 20

Sunday Collection (129) Envelopes	\$ 2428
Loose Collection	\$ 564
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25
Christmas	\$ 120
Building Fund	<u>\$ 260</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3397</u>



Sunday offering envelopes for 2016 are available for pick-up in the gym. We also have Pre Authorized Debit forms for those interested. If you are interested in using envelopes or pre authorized debit, please call Janis at the rectory office, 289-878-3118; or e-mail her at [stbenedictmilton@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictmilton@gmail.com).

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Children thrive on routine because it gives them a sense of control and security in their lives. As parents we can offer great benefits to our children by providing routines, setting limits and ensuring there is structure to our family commitments and obligations. When we model these actions to our children they learn organizational skills that will help them as they move into adulthood and take control of their own lives.  
(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



JANUARY 3, 2016

Epiphany of the Lord

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." These Magi did not know the person they were seeking to honor. They had not met Jesus, but had

embarked upon a long and arduous journey in order to come into his presence. Although they were not from among the Jewish people who had received the ancient promises of a Messiah, they were nonetheless anticipating his arrival. And when they found him, "they were overjoyed." Their quest had come to its moment of fulfillment when "they saw the child with Mary his mother."

For those of us who have been raised Christian since our infancy, it's important to reflect on the joy of the Magi. They found Christ as a result of great effort and expense. The very trials of their journey, and the hope that was fulfilled when it was successful, made them appreciate their encounter with Jesus in a profound way as "they prostrated themselves... and offered him gifts." Converts to the faith may have a kind of advantage in comprehending the experience of the Magi. But cradle Catholics may need to exert a bit more effort to share in the wonder. Even when Jesus has always been a part of someone's life, it is still important to stand in awe of him. On the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we meditate on what it means to "find" Jesus. For some of us, this means remembering a conversion experience, but for others it means imagining what life would be like without him, and then rejoicing in the fact that he is truly with us. No matter how we found the Lord, we too should fall down on our knees in adoration and offer him the precious treasures of our lives: our fervent devotion and our will to serve him.

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HEAL YOUR HEART

*Broken hearts are painful - don't get stuck in the pain of conflicting emotions.*

Are you dealing with a loss in your life? (Death of spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home; health; a pet; culture; infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents) There is help – you are invited to join us for a series of Group Bereavement Workshops intended to assist you in coping with the feelings associated with loss. The goal of the workshops is to provide definitive actions that will mend conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. Join us for this 6 week course being held Wednesdays Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 at St. Michael Parish, 181 Sewell Drive, Oakville. The evening session will run from 7-9 pm. For more information call

Ilse at 905-338-1778; to register go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com), or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and includes material.

MERCY: A STUDY IN SCRIPTURE

A Senior Adult Workshop Series

**7 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 6, 2016 1:30-3:30pm**

**Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown**

By exploring the theme of Mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of Mercy in our lives today. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler.

The cost will be \$75 includes the textbook & other resources.

Please register by Dec.18.

For further information please contact Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-528 7988 ext. 2238 or check the website, [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

THE CHURCH AS A FIELD HOSPITAL

Pope Francis asks us to think of the Church as a field hospital after a battle, dedicated to healing the wounded. Come explore what that means with David Dayler, author of *Being a Man After God's Own Heart* and other titles, in a **free public event** January 14, 7 p.m. in the parish hall at St. John the Baptist Church, 2016 Blairholme Ave., Burlington. David Dayler is Director of the Office of Discipleship and Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton. Sponsored by the Men's Group of St. John's Parish.

If you have pre-authorized debit and do not want the envelopes for 2016, please phone Janis at the office. Some people have requested keeping the envelopes for special collections. Please let us know your preference. Thank you!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Life sometimes throws so much "stuff" at us that we feel we are running on a treadmill that just won't stop. Down time seems non-existent, and experts tell us that most adults are not at their best because they are constantly sleep deprived. If you see yourself in that statement, then it is time to stop for a moment and ask how this busy life is impacting your married relationship. Do you make your spouse a priority, or do they get the leftovers, of which there are often none? Do you find yourself impatient with the one you love because you are stressed and tired? Marriage is a commitment to the other made in love – are you putting your spouse first, or last? It is an important question to resolve if you want a connected, loving, joyful marriage.

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