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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
Wojciech Kuzma, 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. Patrick Mayne, 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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, January 8 Epiphany of the Lord 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	
Monday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Matthew 3:13-17	No Mass		Baptism of Our Lord
Tuesday, January 10 Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Theresa Panacci	Rev. Arthur Scidmore
Wednesday, January 11 Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Stephen Kurhanowicz	Consecrated Men and Women
Thursday, January 12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving to St. Jude & St. Anthony	Rev. Gary Schlack
Friday, January 13 St. Hilary Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Mark 2:1-12	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. Mervin Perera
Saturday, January 14 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 2:13-17	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Felizarda Coutinho	Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.

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 25

Christmas Collection (206) Envelopes	\$6361
Christmas Flowers	20
Initial	115
Loose Collection	3546
Building Fund	1716
Total	\$11758

January 1

Collection (238) Envelopes	\$2307
Christmas	145
Initial	930
Loose Collection	765
Building Fund	265
Total	\$4412

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES TALK

- BY FR. JIM PETRIE

Jean Vanier Catholic Sec. School Council along with St. Benedict's Parish welcomes all parishioners to an Adult Faith Formation Series Talk and Social Night at Ned Devine's (corner of Derry and Ontario Street) on Thursday, January 12th, 2017. Socializing and a chance to order meals at 6:30 pm. Talk begins at 7:00 pm. The talk will be given by Fr. Jim Petrie and the topic is "What Catholics Believe". Please RSVP at jvcscmilton@gmail.com

The Saint Benedict Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will meet Tuesday, January 10th in the Staffroom of Our Lady of Fatima School at 7:15pm. All members 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

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict Parish invites all women from the age group of 18 years and above to join them in their monthly meeting which is on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima School library. Membership fees will be \$35.00 annually.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10th, 2017

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From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year 2017! This Monday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which marks the end of the Christmas Season in the Church calendar. This feast reminds us that each of us, by virtue of our own baptism, has a role to play in building up the Lord's Kingdom here on earth. Let us never forget this important responsibility in our lives.

I hope all are well as we continue to be in the winter months and the blustery weather that accompanies them. As we are now in the winter season, I also encourage you to use common sense during this time. If you are unwell, please refrain from participating in the sign of peace – a simple nod of the head is sufficient rather than shaking someone's hand. Also please remove and dispose of any tissues on the seats, so the custodians or myself don't have to pick up after you and expose ourselves to germs. If you are seriously ill, please stay home - the Mass is available on television seven days a week. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I also would like to draw your attention to the matter of hospital visits and visits to the elderly and homebound. Due to privacy issues, I am often unaware when parishioners are in the Milton District Hospital and I need you or your family to inform me should you wish the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Holy Communion. Remember, the Sacrament of Sick is a sacrament of healing. It is meant for those who are ill (physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually). It is meant to be celebrated to call on the Lord's help for the person. Many people call for the priest at the end of life – again, this is fine but the sacrament is meant for people to experience healing in their lives. Hence the person should be coherent and aware of this wonderful sacrament. Also please let me know of any elderly or homebound persons who would like a visit from the priest. I am alone in this parish but I will do my best to visit so that our elderly parishioners feel part of our parish.

I am looking for boys and girls (grades four and up) who would like to be altar servers. There will be a training session at Our Lady of Fatima School (where we have our weekend Masses) on Saturday January 28th at 1:00 pm. Any boy or girl who would like to be a server is asked to see me to register.

Once again, I thank you for your cards, gifts, goodies and best wishes that you gave me over the holiday season. Your kindness and generosity is humbling and appreciated. Have a great weekend!

Father Jim Petrie

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

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



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.

LOJ FEAST MILTON OFFERS "BELOVED"

Beloved, let us love one another (1Jn 4:7). This command seems impossible to obey and we don't have to look around us. Just look at ourselves and we'll know how impossible to love others is. But let us not lose hope because right in the beginning of the verse is the key to making this impossible task possible. BELOVED. St. John didn't put that word as a cute term of endearment. He used it because that's what we really are: The BELOVED of God! The truth is, the first step of our Christian life is not to work, or to do, or to strive, or even to love—our first step is to be loved. We have to first permit Him, our God, to love us. We have to first of all be stunned, moved, embraced, gripped by His passionate love. And when our soul is overwhelmed, yes, overpowered by His generosity, we cannot help but love Him back and love others!

The LOJ Feast Milton, a Catholic Charismatic community, invites you to experience the joy of worshipping our God and being transformed through His words as we begin a new teaching series, BELOVED, on the following dates:

JAN 14..... Talk # 1 BE LOVE We Love Because He First

Loved Us

JAN 21..... Talk # 2 BE WHOLE Get Ready For More

FEB 04..... Talk # 3 BE HUMBLE Lose Small To Win Big

FEB 11.... Talk # 4 BE LOVE Let God Love THROUGH You

The Feast, a place of miracles, is held in the gym of the Holy Rosary School, 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 facebook.com/feast.milton.

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