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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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, November 19 Proverbs 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, November 20 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64 Luke 18:35-43	No Mass		Rev. James Link, C.R.
Tuesday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	John Muller	Rev. Heitor Antunes
Wednesday, November 22 St. Cecilia 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-28	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Basilian Fathers (C.S.B.)
Thursday, November 23 St. Clement I 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Nina & Fernand	Rev. Juan Carlos Saenz
Friday, November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Fr. Omar Fagan	Rev. Jiri Macenauer
Saturday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Luke 20:27-40	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Kenny Thistle	Rev. Mike Myroniuk

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

	Nov 12
Sunday Collection	\$2164
Loose Collection	_584
Total	\$2748

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict Parish invite 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 staff room. Membership fees are \$35.00. For more information, contact: Lily Gall at cwlilton@gmail.com

Next Meeting: December 5th

Advent Retreat – December 9th

ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM

The 16th Annual *“On the Way to Bethlehem”* is an interactive outdoor pageant. Volunteers are needed in all capacities: set up, take down, refreshments, greeting and roles of every description - kings, little angels, big angels, shepherds, Mary(s) Joseph(s), pages, singers, a Hebrew family - you name it! Start a family tradition of participating as a family.

Volunteers are still needed as cast and/or set-up crew. This year's dates are **Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings December 1, 2, 3.**

Admission - \$5.00 for adults; Children are \$2. For more information call Andrea (905) 875-0839 or Willi (905) 878-2200.



St. Benedict Saint Vincent de Paul is preparing to help those in need at Christmas. *“Angels”* suggesting gift cards were available before and after mass on November 5 and 12. Please return gift cards by November 19. There is **no** SVDP box collection in December.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Next weekend marks the end of the Church's liturgical year with the great feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As we will hear in the gospel next Sunday, a king is not necessarily one with great wealth and an extravagant lifestyle. Jesus, as our king, gives us an example that we must always think of others before ourselves. Jesus reminds us that we will be judged on what we did for our brothers and sisters in need. Let us follow Jesus' example and do our part to make the world a better place to be.

At this time of the year I am always looking for new volunteers in all of our ministries but I am looking for female sponsors to work with our candidates in the RCIA program to reinforce the beliefs of our faith with them and journey with them in their decision to become a member of the Catholic faith. I am in a special way also looking for a female sponsor who may speak Chinese. You do not need to be an "expert" to be a sponsor – just a love for the faith and a desire to share your faith. I am also once again looking for volunteers (both male and female) who may be interested in being part of our volunteer screening committee. This requires one to be confidential and professional in screening the volunteers of our parish. If you are interested in either of these ministries, please contact the parish office at 289-878-3118 or stbenedictmilton@gmail.com I will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

During the next two weeks – we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish schools. Bishop Douglas Crosby, the Ordinary of our diocese will confer the Sacrament on our candidates. Please pray for these individuals who will be making their confirmation that they will be faithful and faith-filled followers of Jesus in our community. Congratulations to all candidates and their families on this special event in their faith lives.

At the 5:00 pm am Mass this coming Saturday (November 25th), candidates from our parish RCIA program will be participating in the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming. These women have been preparing since the beginning of October and have now decided they would like to be more fully a part of the Catholic church and continue with the RCIA program. Please pray for these individuals as they continue to grow in their faith.

Many people ask me when the new church will be built or where are we at in the planning – I have good news for you – we are having a gathering to discuss the new church and to show you the design of the new church. Since we are getting closer to building the new church, it will be an exciting meeting to show you, the parishioners, where we are at. There will be two identical meetings. One will be held on Sunday December 3rd at 12:15 pm (after the 11:00 am Mass) at Our Lady of Fatima School and on Thursday December 7th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium at Jean Vanier High School. The architects will be present to show us the

design of the new church and the building committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. This is a very exciting time as we move forward to building our new church!

Have a good week!

Father Jim Petrie



There will be a collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society on the weekend of November 25 & 26.

Your generosity is appreciated.

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the Pentateuch volume of The Saint John's Bible. Visit the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives (698 King St. West, Hamilton) to learn about the Bible and engage with this beautiful work of sacred art. The Library will be open **November 21, 22, 23, and 26 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** For more information visit: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/> Come and see!

You are invited to a Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child – Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 at 4 pm**. Any one who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by **Bishop Douglas Crosby**. **God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.** Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

David Wells is coming to Guelph! ***Reluctance, Resilience, and Rejoicing: Focus on the Family and Faith.*** David Wells is an internationally known speaker and author and a gifted story teller. **Basilica of Our Lady** – 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph - **November 22nd, 2017 at 7pm**. Reception to follow in the church hall. There is no need to register and no cost to attend. **Parents, grandparents, teachers and pastors – all are welcome!** David Wells book – *The Reluctant Disciple* will be for sale following the talk along with a number of faith resources from Novalis Publishing.

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