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All are to be welcomed as Christ

- 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
Mrs. Victoria Hogan, Principal

Jean Vanier Secondary 905-636-8799
Mr. Gino Montanari, Principal

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
Monday, November 30 St. Andrew Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22	No Mass		Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Tuesday, December 1 Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Robert Rivet	Rev. Mark Pisarek, O.M.I.
Wednesday, December 2 Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Thursday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. Mass – Seasons Retirement 760 Bronte St. S. – 10:30 a.m.	Intentions of Stan & Jane Kapalka Intention of Margaret Martins	Rev. Msgr. Daniel Hinsperger
Friday, December 4 St. John Damascene Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31	Mass- Guardian Angels School 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Sinead & Kyle Artem	Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Saturday, December 5 Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5, 6-8	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Arlene McConnell	Rev. Paul Boucher

Rectory Office Hours

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

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on Sunday, December 13th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict's 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 staff room. Membership fees will be \$35.00 annually.

Next Meeting: December 1st

For more information, please contact:

Lily Gall – 289-878-9909

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Collection (136) Envelopes	\$1956
Loose Collection	\$ 686
Confirmation Collection	\$1178
Building Fund	<u>\$ 50</u>
Total	\$3870



The Knights of Columbus Order has launched a new rosary program to foster greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to strengthen the faith of the members and others in the parish community. Councils are encouraged to gather and pray the rosary on every fifth Sunday that falls within a month.

All are welcome! The Knights will lead the rosary and have rosary kits available for participants. The next date is: November 29th 7:30 pm at Holy Rosary Chapel.



From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year! Of course, I am not referring

to the calendar year but the new liturgical year which begins with the First Sunday of Advent. This year 2015-2016, we begin "Year C" which is also known as the "Year of Luke". Most Sundays of this coming liturgical year will include a reading from the gospel of Saint Luke. This upcoming year is also the "Year of Mercy" which Pope Francis has proclaimed to begin on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday December 8th until Sunday November 20th, the Solemnity of Christ the King. This upcoming year challenges us to always stay close to Christ, who loves us unconditionally and also challenges us to be more compassionate and kind like Christ Himself.

This season of Advent is a wonderful way in which we can prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord Jesus once again at Christmas. We all know that this can be a stressful time - Advent allows us to quiet ourselves and to reflect on who Jesus is for each one of us.

During Advent there will be a joint parish (St. Benedict and Holy Rosary Parishes) Penance Celebration which will take place on Thursday December 17th at Holy Rosary Parish at 7:00 pm. There will be a number of priests present. Since I am alone in our parish, it will be very helpful to me if you attended this celebration to lighten my schedule a bit. Please consider this great opportunity of Christ's love and forgiveness.

I have noticed that many copies of our parish hymnals - both "Glory and Praise" and "Catholic Book of Worship III" - have gone missing. If you have "borrowed" a copy, I would just ask that you bring it back to the parish. Not only are these books expensive but they are out of print, so we cannot order any other copies to replace the ones we have. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Over the past few weeks, our grade two students and our grade eight students have achieved important spiritual milestones in their lives. Our grade twos made their first reconciliation in October/November and over the last two weeks, our grade seven students were confirmed by Bishop Douglas Crosby OMI, our Ordinary and Bishop Daniel Miehm, the auxiliary bishop of our diocese. These young people were well prepared and confident in receiving these sacraments. I thank the schools for their support and for preparing these young people for these sacraments. I am grateful for all that our schools do.

I also want to publicly thank Mrs. Lenie D'Souza and her executive of our parish CWL who have completed their term - the ladies have added tremendously to our parish and I thank them for their hard work. I welcome Mrs. Dianne Taylor and her executive as they begin their new terms and look forward to working with them.

Have a good weekend!

Fr. Jim Petrie

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict's Parish invites all women (16 and over) to a Spiritual Retreat on "*Mary and the Year of Mercy*". The speaker will be Fr. Jim Petrie. It will be Saturday, December 12th at Our Lady of Fatima School gym from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend.

RSVP: Lenie D'Souza at cwlmilton@gmail.com

EXPOSING VULNERABLE PEOPLE TO EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

Alex Schadenberg, the Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will be speaking at Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School (theatre) in Milton on Tuesday, December 8 at 7PM. Alex has had speaking engagements throughout Canada, the USA, Australia, Scotland and New Zealand. He is an internationally renowned speaker and leader. Now that the Supreme Court of Canada has struck down Canada's laws protecting people from Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, learn how these issues may effect you and those you love. The talk is free of charge and sponsored by Jean Vanier Knights for Life and St. Benedict Parish. Please note, the evening will be filmed and audience members may be seen on camera.

DISCERNMENT GATHERING

If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on Saturday December 12th at Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton (9am-12noon). More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com.



ALMOST THERE

An Advent Morning Retreat
Saturday December 5, 2015
9 am - 12 noon with lunch

The morning will focus on a different take of Advent and Christmas. We all know the story, but do we know the meaning? This will be a fun, interactive, reflective, and meaningful morning!

Come and spend a beautiful morning of faith and fellowship!

St. Matthew's Church

1150 Monks Passage, Oakville L6M 1M2

To register please contact:

Cristian Locanda (905) 637-2346 or cala1271@gmail.com

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