

# Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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*May the Blessings of this  
Holy Season be with you Always.*

Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope you enjoyed your Lord's Day Worship. May God bless you abundantly!



**MASSES THIS WEEK**  
(7:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Join us to pray the Rosary before Mass. Rosary starts at 7:15 a.m.

Tues. Dec. 22	Helen Furlong
Wed. Dec. 23	Joe Ricci
Thur. Dec. 24	<b>No morning Mass today</b>
Fri. Dec. 25	<b>See schedule below for Christmas</b>
Sat. Dec. 26 @ 5:00 p.m.	Patrick O'Neill Anthony Cupido Angela Blake

**Keep Christ in Christmas!**



**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve – Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.** Mass & Children's Pageant  
Carols at 4:45 p.m.

**10:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Mass  
Carols at 9:30 a.m.

**Christmas Day – Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m.** Choir

(Please note; there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton.)

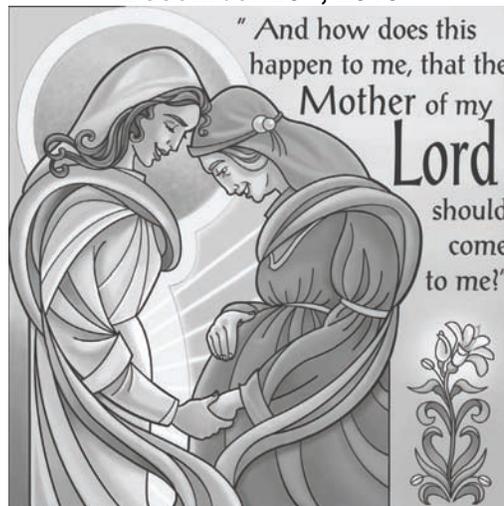
**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Many of our most treasured traditions link the liturgy of the church with the hearth of the home. The food on the table at certain feasts and fasts helps to extend the mystery into everyday life. Tonight, for example, many families of Italian heritage, especially those with links to the south of Italy, will settle down to the "Feast of the Seven Fishes," or *La Vigilia*. It is a command performance for the whole family, as the saying goes: *Natale con I tuui, Pasqua conchi vuoi*, or "Christmas with your family, Easter with whomever you wish." Seven different fish, some say one for each day of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, others say one for each sacrament, or one for each day of creation, are served. Eel and shrimp, lobster and crab, calamari, pasta with clam sauce, flounder and hake all abound, but most especially baccala, dried salted cod. Why? Many say that it is a way to pay homage to the beasts of the stable who witnessed the holy birth and relinquished their manger to make way for God. Tonight, if someone asks you to "pass the shrimp," you'll be able to shed a little light on a menu that is a delicious treasure in our tradition!

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015



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**A NEW ORDER**

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem." A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today's first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord. The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord. This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary's womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus' new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth. Copyright © J S Paluch Co.

**REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL**

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week! The Gospel for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is: **Luke 2.41-52**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

*We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish.*

**December 13<sup>th</sup>, Collection**

Sunday Envelopes	Loose Collection	Pre-Authorized Debit	Christmas Flowers
\$4,571.	\$495.	\$1,651.	\$761.

**THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!**

For your donation of \$1,800 from the proceeds of the Turkey Roll and Silent Auction. Thank you!

## CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2015

Don't forget, in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2015, donations must be made **before Dec. 31**. Receipts will be available late January, early February.

## CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Dec. 24 at 12 noon until Jan. 5 at 9:30 am

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 21	Rev. Mark Morley
Tues. Dec. 22	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
Wed. Dec. 23	Consecrated Men and Women
Thurs. Dec. 24	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Fri. Dec. 25	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.
Sat. Dec. 26	Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.



## PENANCE CELEBRATIONS Before Christmas

**St. Gabriel Parish**  
**Sun. Dec. 20 @ 3 pm**  
Polish Lenten Retreat

Confessions in English, Polish & other languages

**St. Raphael Parish**  
**Mon. Dec. 21 @ 7pm**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>Monday</b> 9:00 a.m. – <b>CWL packaging cookies</b> – Parish Centre
<b>Thursday</b> <b>12 noon – OFFICE CLOSED</b>

## WE NEED YOUR COOKIES!



In the spirit of Christmas, the Catholic Women's League is asking ladies to bake cookies for giving to the annual Christmas Dinner held every year at East Plains United Church. This event provides dinner for people who have nowhere to go on Christmas Day. If you can help, please **bring any type of cookies** (no squares, tarts or bars) to the Parish Centre at 9:00 a.m. on **Monday Dec. 21** and you're welcome to help package cookies if you have time, or you can leave cookies in the Parish Centre on Dec. 19 & 20) Questions? Call Chris 905-639-3158.



This year 100,000 Canadian children will NOT celebrate Christmas. Ever. Abortion takes lives. Education saves lives. Help Halton Alive expand their educational programs and honour lives lost to abortion by donating to this year's campaign, 'Candy Canes for Life' at: [www.candycanesforlife.ca](http://www.candycanesforlife.ca)

## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – CHCH TV

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass is preceded by Carols from the Cathedral starting at **11:30 p.m. on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**. The Carols, and the Midnight Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at **8:00 a.m. Christmas day**. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

## PRO-LIFE ROSARY, ADORATION & MASS

Join us at St. Gabriel's Parish on **Saturday, Dec. 26** for this Pro Life event. We pray for the sanctity of life. Rosary 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. followed by silent Adoration and Mass at 5pm. All are welcome.



## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

**Thursday, December 31 at 5 p.m.**  
**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m.**

## MERCY: A STUDY IN SCRIPTURE A Senior Adult Workshop Series

**7 Wednesdays—starts Jan. 6 from 1:30–3:30 p.m.**  
**Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown**

Explore the theme of Mercy in the Old Testament to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of Mercy in our lives today. Facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler. Cost \$75 includes textbook & resources. To **register by Dec. 18**, contact Monica 905-528-7988, x 2238 or go to: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

## BURLINGTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SWINGING WITH THE BIG BANDS



**BIG BAND CONCERT – Sun. Jan. 31 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.** at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. The Burlington Knights of Columbus, in support of their many activities, are proud to sponsor the **Toronto All-Star Big Band**. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your friends. You can reserve your "GIFT OF SWING" by calling the box office at 905-681-6000 or online at: [www.burlingtonpac.ca](http://www.burlingtonpac.ca) The ticket price is only \$38.50 plus additional taxes and fees.



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Everyone!*



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