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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! We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.



## MASSES THIS WEEK

(7:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

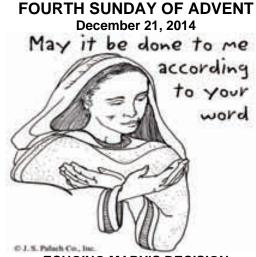
Tuesday, Dec. 23	Arthur Whalen
Wednesday Dec. 24	Tom Edmondstone
Friday, Dec. 26	No Mass
Saturday, Dec. 27 at	Anthony Cupido - Anna Cupido
5:00 p.m.	Gilda Cupido

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the year 800, when anointing was defined as the proper office of priests, very complicated rituals began to take shape. Perhaps this was to reassure the laity. who had memories of an earlier practice, that the new way was not only better, but impossible for a layperson to conduct. Blessings and sprinkling of holy water, the singing of as many as seven psalms, penance, anointing of all the senses, viaticum, all capped off by the clothing of the sick person in penitential garments, were part of the rite. This proved unwieldy, and creative spirits got to work. By the 1500s people made distinctions between visiting the sick, anointing, and viaticum. The attempt of the Church to be faithful to the image of a healing Christ has some complicated history, including centuries when the celebration was rare. Most sick people had no access to the rites at all; only monastics or the well-off had much hope of this care. Today, those unhappy days are long behind us, and the care of the sick is an essential task in every parish's life. As Christmas approaches almost everyone comes in contact with someone who is a candidate for pastoral care. You live out the best of our tradition when you arrange for a sick person to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick and the consolation of regular contact with the faith community. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## **TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This is the 60<sup>th</sup> year that CHCH-TV has televised the Midnight Mass which is broadcast live and then repeated at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. The televising of this celebration is made possible by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton



**ECHOING MARY'S DECISION** 

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes."

We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We may understand it a bit better due to Mary's "yes." We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own "yes." Soon we will be singing "O come, let us adore him." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us

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## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, Dec. 24

**5:00 p.m.** Family Mass (Children's Pageant) Carol singing starts at 4:30 p.m.

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Carol singing starts at 9:30 a.m.)

## Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec. 25

**10:00 a.m.** (Please note there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton

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The church envelopes for 2015 are available in the Parish Centre **TODAY**.

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## **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Dec. 15	Msgr. William O'Brien
Tues. Dec. 16	Rev. Marijan Mihokovic
Wed. Dec. 17	Consecrated Men & Women
Thurs Dec. 18	Rev. Charles Galea
Fri. Dec. 19	Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil
Sat. Dec. 20	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba

### . UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS / EVENTS

Tuesday No Seniors Bridge until Jan. 6, 2015



## **CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2014**

Don't forget, in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2014, donations must be made **before Dec. 31**. Receipts will be available late January, early February.



The Burlington Knights of Columbus are Swinging with the Big Bands!!

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## **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

Pope Francis will be attending the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in 2015. The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to this Meeting, departing Septebmer 22, 2015 and returning September 28. Both Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehm will be atatending. The first 100 people to register for the hamilton diocesan trip will have both their registration and transporation (by bus) paid by the Diocese, leaving onlyl the cost of hotel and food. For more information and to register, please to to <a href="https://www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a> or call 905-528-7988 Ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartneett).

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Thursday, January 1, 2015 Mass at 10:00 a.m.



We are still in the midst of the Christmas Time, and today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. One of the most outstanding characteristics of Mary is her willingness to know and do God's will. Today the Church also celebrates WORLD DAY OF PEACE where Catholics are invited to pray for peace throughout the world, especially in areas ravaged by war and terrorism. Mary is a good model for prayer and meditation. She reflected on events that happened and were happening. She meditated. In our busy lives today, we often overlook meditation as a prayer. Let us ask Our Blessed Mother's Intercession that we, in this New Year, will come to the Lord for his help and assistance. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.

## **NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

Wednesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 2015, (New Year's Day)



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

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