## **Holy Rosary Catholic Community**

287 Plains Road East - Burlington, Ontario, L7T 2C7

#### **Pastor**

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon

#### Our Lord's Day Liturgies

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. \*June 1 to Aug. 31-Sunday mass 10 a.m.

## Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday 7:45 a.m.

## Confession

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Catholic Funeral Rites

**Contact Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** 905 522-7727 or visit their website at: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

## **New Parishioners**

We welcome you. Please complete a Registration Form in the book rack.

#### Contact us

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Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Pray for us.



Holy Rosary was formed out of portions of the Cathedral parish in Hamilton, St. John's, Burlington and St. Thomas, Waterdown. Father Bernard Harrigan was the first Pastor and the first Mass was celebrated on June 6, 1947 in the chapel of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Rosary School was built in 1951. Under the leadership of Father Blake Ryan (1953-1964) a new Church and rectory were built. The 400 seat church was dedicated on May 1, 1955. In 1987, during the pastorate of Father Anthony Ciavarro, the church was redesigned with a 180 degree rotation. Beautiful stained glass, statuary, and sculpture adorn the renewed space. Other pastors who served the parish were: Msgr. Bernard Harrigan, Father Blake Ryan, Father Harold Smith, Father Carlo Bianchi, Father Anthony Ciavarro, Father Ron Cote, Father Frank Trzupek, Msgr. Murray Kroetsch and the present pastor, Msgr. Edward House. Today Website: www.holyrosaryburlington.com there are over 600 registered families.

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)

Monday, Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Intentions of all parishioners
Tuesday, Dec. 9	Guido Dell'Unto
Wednesday Dec. 10	Ana Isabel Andrade
Thursday, Dec. 11	John Robertson
Friday, Dec. 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	Intentions of Joe Lawlor
Saturday, Dec. 13 at	Bernie Morelli
5:00 p.m.	Rita McIver
	Deceased members
	of Morosin Family

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Have you seen Antiques Roadshow on television? People bring attic treasures to experts for appraisal and possible cash. Catholic attics, or maybe Grandma's wall, often hold a "sick call crucifix." It is a curiously bulky crucifix hiding a sliding panel and a secret compartment. Two tiny candles, a squeeze bottle of holy water, a stringy purple mini-stole, a tube of prayers, and some cotton balls are all hidden inside. The cross folds up to form a mini-altar that can be propped up by a sick person's bed. All that is needed is a priest with the oil of the sick and Holy Communion. Forty years ago, when these crosses enjoyed great popularity, the sacrament of the sick was often an encounter between priest and sick person alone, and often only in a last crisis of illness. Gradually, we are reclaiming the sacrament of anointing from this minimal, hidden expression. It is celebrated more richly and more often, even in the Sunday assembly, at every stage of illness and across a wide range of human suffering. The "sick call crucifix" is not a tradition, it is a curiosity from another time, but it reminds us of true tradition: we are a people who care for our sick, who accompany them in faith, and who sustain them with an experience of Christ's presence.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

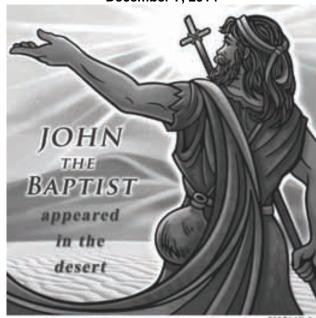
#### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

#### November 30<sup>th</sup> Collection:

Regular	Loose	Pre-Authorized
Sunday	Collection	Debit
Envelopes		(Reg. Sunday)
\$3535.	\$367.	\$1.637.

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 7, 2014**



**EXILE** 

Both Isaiah and Peter had the task of comforting and encouraging their communities during times of exile. The Israelites were in geographic exile from Israel; to them this was, in effect, the same as being in exile from their God. The early Christians, following the Resurrection, expected an immediate return of Christ in glory; they, too, felt in "exile" as the delay of the Second Coming grew longer and longer. All four of scripture's authors today-Isaiah, the psalmist, Peter, and Markhasten to help us see things in God's terms, not ours. They want us to know that we can never truly be exiled from God, or from God-among-us, since we know that when the faithful are gathered, Christ has come into their midst. Instead, we are encouraged today to do what we can from our end to shorten the time of our exile: to repent of our sins, to return our lives to the Lord, to live as people who seek the coming day of the Lord, when "kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss" (Psalm 85:10). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### **UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS / EVENTS**

### **Today** After all masses - CWL Bake Sale - Parish Centre **Monday** 7:00 pm - Bible Study Group - Church 1:00 pm - Seniors Bridge - Parish Centre 7:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Parish Ctr. Wednesday 11:00 am - School Choir Practice - Church

#### 7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Parish Centre **Thursday**

7:00 pm – Men's Advent Retreat – Church & P.C.

#### **CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2015**

The church envelopes for 2015 are available in the Parish Centre TODAY and the next The little

few weekends.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT** – This way of giving for your regular Sunday

collections is available for your convenience—just call Chris at the Church office to sign up. If you already use the pre-authorized method and would like a box of envelopes to use for the Special Collections, please contact Pam at the Church Office at 905-634-7441.

#### MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT AT HOLY ROSARY Thursday, Dec. 11 from 7 to 8:30 pm

Nourish your heart and your soul in preparation for Christmas. It's not too late to sign up! Monsignor Raymond Modeski, Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Burlington will lead the Men's Retreat.

#### ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION at Holy Rosary Church Tuesday, December 16 @ 7:30 PM



We gather in the church for a communal preparation for this sacrament, followed by individual reconciliation (confession) with three priests available to celebrate the

Sacrament of God's Mercy and Compassion.

#### Other Penance Celebrations in Burlington:

St. Paul the Apostle Parish	Tues. Dec. 9 @ 7p.m.
St. Patrick Parish	Wed. Dec. 17 @ 7pm 6 priests available
St. Raphael Parish	Thurs. Dec. 18 @ 7pm

#### REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week. The gospel for the Third Sunday of Advent is: John 1.6-8, 19-28

#### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Dec. 8	Rev. Theodore Slaman
Tues. Dec. 9	Rev. Angus Smith
Wed. Dec. 10	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thurs Dec. 11	Rev. Neil Haight, OMI
Fri. Dec. 12	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Sat. Dec. 13	Rev. David Wynen

#### **ANNUAL WHITE MASS**

At this Mass we pray for our healthcare professionals, chaplains, clergy, and all caregivers. Join celebrant Bishop Ustrzycki on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Parish Burlington. All are welcome.

#### CONFIRMATION

Bishop Crosby celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with 33 young people on Nov. 27. Thank you to the Catholic Women's League who provided a lovely reception afterwards in the school gym. Congratulations to our Grade 7 students!

#### MOUNT CARMEL MISSION **BELIZE UPDATE**

Thanks to our parishioners, the CWL, the Men's Club and Holy Rosary School, we have collected enough to make good our final commitment to Belize with a little extra. Total donations over the past few years have been \$20,000. As you know we committed to a 2 year sponsorship with a promise of about \$10,000 per year and going forward we will once again be involved in Mission Co-op through the Diocese of Hamilton.

We received a note of thanks from the Mission in Belize that we have been sponsoring for the past two years. They state: "Mount Carmel Catholic Mission and the students, teachers and families of Calla Creek would like to acknowledge and thank Holy Rosary Church of Burlington and all other benefactors for their generosity in funding the start-up costs and the first several years of the breakfast program."

The program that we have assisted fed 50 students with a warm breakfast prepared by parent volunteers. The program has helped greatly in reducing absenteeism. Students come to school looking forward to a plate of food rather than missing out on food by staying at home and they are more energetic with increased attention spans. The children no longer stand and watch how others play but they join in. THANK YOU to all who made this possible.

#### ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL FOR PEACE

His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI invites you to join him at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. for the Advent Hymn Festival. A freewill collection will be taken for the Good Shepherd's Annual Christmas Dinner. Come and sing for joy!

#### **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 Thursday Dec. 18 and you're most welcome to stay and help package cookies if you have time. Questions? Call Bev 905-577-0470.



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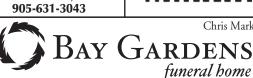
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