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Peace on Earth

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



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, 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 – Wednesday, Dec. 25
10:00 a.m. (Please note there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton)

MASSES THIS WEEK

(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday, Dec. 24	Margaret Pratt
Thursday, Dec. 26	Feast of St. Stephen Intentions of all Parishioners
Friday, Dec. 27	Peter Rankin
Saturday, Dec. 28 at 5:00 pm	Anthony Cupido Anna Cupido Gilda Cupido

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



New Year's Vigil Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 10:00 a.m.

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO PARISH

We thank you for remembering Holy Rosary Parish in your gift-giving. Your generous gift at Christmas helps us with year-end expenses and keeps us in the black as we enter the New Year. Thank you parishioners for your financial support.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 22, 2013



The virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son



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EMMANUEL

To name someone or something means that we have a relationship with that entity. Family names identify us with our heritage; nicknames denote familiarity or a special bond. In the Old Testament, the meaning of a name ran deep. It identified one's mission, even one's very being.

The amazing name "Emmanuel" was first uttered by Isaiah as he described to the frightened King Ahaz the promised one who would come to redeem the people. Emmanuel is not a frightening philosophical name, such as Omnipotent, Omniscient, Almighty. It does not connote distance and transcendence. It does not generate reverential fear. The name Emmanuel implies closeness and intimacy and compassion. Emmanuel is the name given to the one who is coming. It means "God is with us." God is entrusted to the care of a virgin, who will bear this child. Only God would be so compassionate to draw so near, to be so available and vulnerable. Only God could love this well.

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CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2014

The church envelopes for 2014 are available in the Parish Centre. Please pick them up TODAY.



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.

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: **Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How many languages do you know? Most Americans might say they have a primary language, can follow the basics of another encountered in school or in the workplace, and maybe know the barest elements of a third. Yet nearly everyone is fluent in languages of symbol and ritual, languages that transcend the spoken word and may perhaps communicate more clearly. A dance, the delights of the table, the thrill of sport, the power of a painting, a shared silence on a surf-washed beach or under a desert sky, a burst of delighted applause, all communicate without a single word.

Sacrament empowers fluency in these languages. A little girl returning from Mass where a baby had been baptized was asked to summarize her day thus far. "I went to church, and some little baby became my brother." That's far more accurate than the adult's remark, "There was a baptism at Mass today." When we celebrate sacrament, Christ is always calling us into deeper fluency with the languages beyond speech. Sacraments open our senses to the presence of God precisely so we can respond to the depth of that love more fully. -Rev. James Field, Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 23	Rev. Bradley Markus
Tues. Dec. 24	Rev. David Wynec
Wed. Dec. 25	Consecrated Men and Women
Thurs. Dec. 26	Rev. Jonas Fulbert Ahouansou
Fri. Dec. 27	Rev. Robert Hetu
Sat. Dec. 28	Rev. Peter Ciallella (C.S.)

CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2013

Don't forget, in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2013, donations must be made **before Dec. 31.** Receipts will be available late January, early February.

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

We are very encouraged with the young people who have volunteered to be part of our Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. It is a wonderful experience for them to participate; an experience they will not forget. We look forward to their participation and joy. May God bless all children of the world. A special **thank you to Bonnie Sparks, Peggy Cullen and Mary Edmondstone.**

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 59th 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.

PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED

Parish Office Administrator required for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, Ontario. The job is for 35 hours per week, Monday through Friday, and salary will be commensurate with experience. Applicants must be well versed with Quick Books and have excellent computer and personal relation skills. The position covers both secretarial and bookkeeping duties. **Resumes and cover letter must be received by December 31, 2013.** The position will begin February 3, 2014. Send resume and cover letter to: wlobsinger@hamiltondiocese.com.

24 HOURS FOR WORLD PEACE

...Make Peace Your New Year Resolution!

Imagine...*If on the first day of the new year, people from all over the world celebrate together by exchanging their wish for peace...and each person makes a resolution to create peace in their life, their home or their community...We could help make a peaceful world!*

That is the goal of this initiative: to show the hope we hold and share for all of humanity on the first day of the new year.

On January 1, 2014, calls for peace will be presented by organizations and individuals every hour during this 24-hour vigil. Each participant who has signed up for the vigil (Diocesan website www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information) will receive these calls for peace by email and will be invited to reply with their own message of hope for a more peaceful world.

Youth, artists, professionals, seniors, and everyone else who wants to share a message of hope are also invited to prepare a testimony to peace, in advance, as a text, image, song or video, and sent it to participate@24hoursforworldpeace.org

To participate in the vigil and follow the preparations, subscribe at: <http://24hoursforworldpeace.org>





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