

Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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

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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 28 to Sept. 6-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

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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. Holy 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 Trzupsek, Msgr. Murray Kroetsch and the present pastor, Msgr. Edward House. Today 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)

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

Tues. Dec. 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Annie McDowall
Wed. Dec. 9	Patrick O'Neill
Thur. Dec. 10	Paul Walsh
Fri. Dec. 11	Patricia Phoenix
Sat. Dec. 12 @ 5:00 p.m.	Claire Lefebvre Silvano Abballe Elena Morgante

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The "roots" of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the "Paradise Play," a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring "paradise trees" into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles. Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the "Paradise Tree" into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand!

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

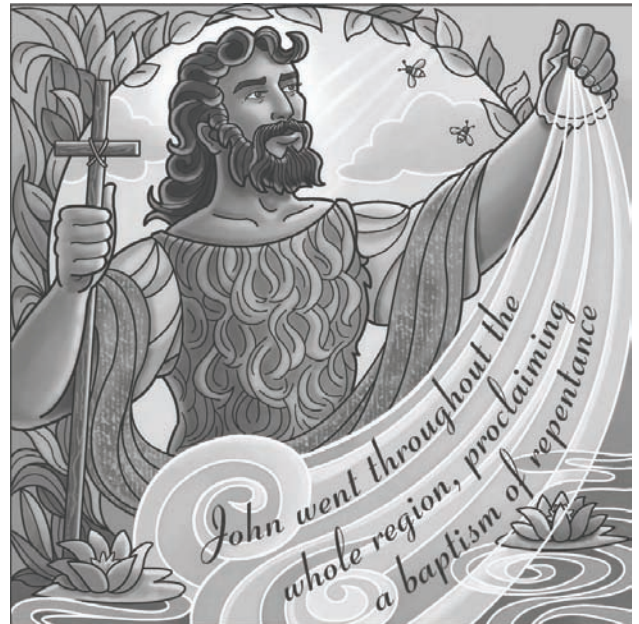
We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish.

November 29th, Collection

Sunday Envelopes	Loose Collection	Pre-Authorized Debit
\$4,372.	\$415.	\$1,651.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6th, 2015



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PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold. Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand. A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

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**HOLY ROSARY
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, I want to sincerely thank our many parishioners for their overwhelming generosity. The November 15th collection of \$8,042 was very timely in helping us fulfill our mission to serve and protect the poor in our area. Many families are struggling to make ends meet. In some cases, they come close to being evicted from their homes, and many will suffer through Christmas. These are the people that, with your financial support, we do our best to help.

Our parish family is a great gift from God for which we are all truly grateful.

Paul Wendling, President

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week! The Gospel for the Third Sunday of Advent is: **Luke 3.10-18**

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 7	Rev. Octavio Cidadao
Tues. Dec. 8	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wed. Dec. 9	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thurs. Dec. 10	Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
Fri. Dec. 11	Rev. Moon Kab Shin
Sat. Dec. 12	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Today (Dec. 5 & 6) Join us after all masses in the Parish Centre for the sale of Olive Wood designs from the Holy Land.
Monday 6:00 pm – CWL Bridge & Dinner – Parish Centre
Tuesday 1:00 pm – Seniors Bridge – Parish Centre
Wednesday 7:00 pm – Advent Penance Celebration – Church
Thursday 7:30 pm – Choir Practice – Church

YEAR OF MERCY ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION Wed. Dec. 9th @ 7:00 p.m.



Holy Rosary Parish Advent Penance Celebration is on **December 9th** at 7 p.m. Reconciliation is often called the Sacrament of God's love and mercy: It is an encounter with God who loves us tenderly and unconditionally. Please consider taking advantage of Pope Francis' hope and having a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God in the sacrament of Reconciliation.



PENANCE CELEBRATIONS Before Christmas

Holy Rosary Parish	Wed. Dec. 9 @ 7:00pm
St. Paul Apostle Parish	Tues. Dec. 15 @ 7p.m.
St. Patrick Parish	Thurs. Dec. 17 @ 7pm 3 priests available
St. Gabriel Parish	Sun. Dec. 20 @ 3 pm Polish Lenten Retreat Confessions in English, Polish & other languages
St. Raphael Parish	Mon. Dec. 21 @ 7pm

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2016

The church envelopes for 2016 are available in the Parish Centre **TODAY** and the next few weekends. **PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT** This way of giving for your regular Sunday collections is available for your convenience—just call Chris 905-634-7441 to sign up. If you already use pre-authorized giving and still wish to use envelopes for Special Collections, call Chris.



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, Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m.** The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word. All are welcome.

OUT-4-LUNCH WINTER BREAK

December 14th is our **final luncheon** for this year. Weather permitting, we **start again Feb. 1st, 2016.** All seniors are welcome to join us for lunch at St. Matthew's Anglican Church. If weather is bad, call 905-632-1233 after 10:00 a.m. The volunteers of Out-4-Lunch wish you a warm and joyful Merry Christmas!

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

It is with great joy that we announce that **Deacon Scott Whitfield** will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on **Sat. Dec. 19** at 10am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering the last six months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest.



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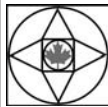
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