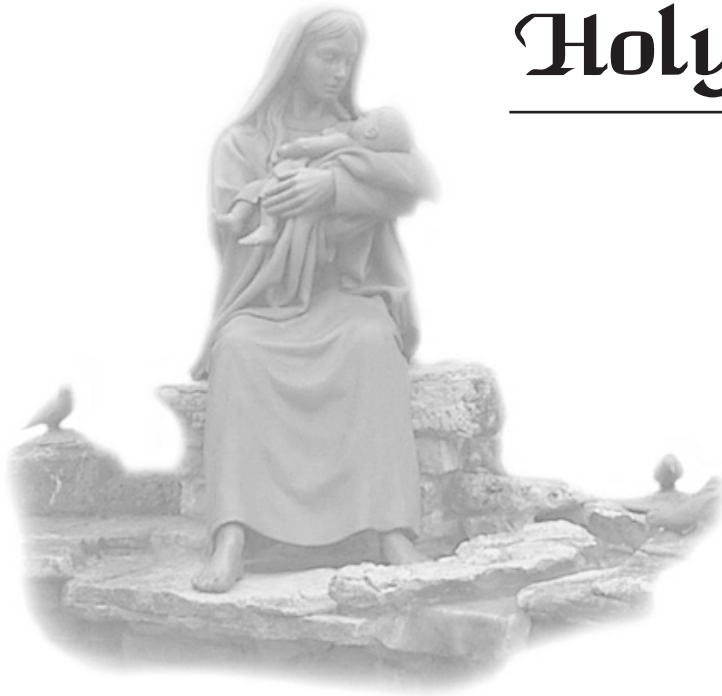


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Interpreted Mass: 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 7:40 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE: For more information or assistance, you may contact your parish priest or Rev. Mark Morley, the Diocesan Vocation Director at 905-528-7988, ext. 2223 or www.vocationsinfo.ca

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Blessed Sacrament is available for adoration 24 hours per day. For adoration outside regular office hours, please register at the office for the door code. Adoration is offered for Vocations on the First Friday of every month.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Administration Office as soon as possible after the birth of your baby.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Administration Office, generally, one year in advance. At least one party to the marriage must be Catholic and living within the territory of the parish or a parishioner of Holy Rosary Parish.

MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Rosary Parish is a Catholic Community rooted in Faith, Hope and Love. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spread it to our growing and diverse community. We welcome and reach out to individuals and families through Worship, Evangelization, Christian Formation and Service to all God's people.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. John Van Hees, Pastor
Fr. Nishil Varghese, CMI, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. James Whittaker, Deacon

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Corina Thomas, Parish Secretary
Angela Cumming, Parish Secretary
Dennis Herrero, Property Manager

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE 905-878-6535

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please take time to tell us about yourself. Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church. These may be completed and placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please email your announcement to the Parish Office at reception@holyrosaryparish.ca by Monday at 9:00 a.m.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton website is www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Luisa Villanis

7:00 p.m. †Stephanie Butler; †Anna Maria Tascione;
†Jean D'Abreu; †Dec. Memb. Arpa & Gaetan
Families

Wednesday, Dec 17, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Gilda Vieira

7:00 p.m. S/I Pereira Family

Thursday, Dec 18, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Gabriela Ruso

Friday, Dec 19, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Ida Steltari

Saturday, Dec 20, 2025 –Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. †Joseph & Patricia Crisci; †John O'Connell;
†Antonio Magbanua Jr & Roquesa Magbanua;
S/I Deacon Jim Whittaker

Sanctuary Lamp – Week of Dec 14th, 2025

In Loving Memory of Filippo & Maria Rizzo

Readings for Sunday, Dec 21st, 2025:

Isaiah 7.10-14

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-24

"May the Lord come in; he is king of glory."

† † † † †



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding the annual Food Drive after each Saturday and Sunday weekend Mass during Advent until **December 20th & 21st**. Please drop off non-perishable items at the Knights trailer in the church parking lot. Cash donations or credit/debit cards are also welcome. **Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs** will be available for \$10.00 each. Food Drive donations can also be made online at <https://www.HolyRosaryKnights.ca>. Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Masses

Wednesday, December 24th, 2025

Masses at Holy Rosary Church
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm



Please note that caroling takes place 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

Masses During Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th, 2025

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

11:00 am

Please note: The last opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation at Holy Rosary Parish before Christmas will be **Saturday, December 20th** from **3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**.



THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus as well as the Catholic Women's League for hosting the Parish Breakfasts, Coffee Sundays, and other events throughout the year. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support in bringing our parish community together!

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

The December edition of the Diocese of Hamilton's "Heroes of Hope" newsletter is dedicated to those who Minister to Families. View the newsletter on our parish website at: <https://www.holyrosaryparish.ca/jubilee-2025---pilgrims-of-hope.html>.



CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women called to seek God's Will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. Meetings are held on the **third Saturday** of the month from **9:30 am to 11:30 am** in our parish hall. Our next meeting is **Saturday, December 20th**. For details, visit: www.laycarmelites.org or contact **Noreen D'Souza** at noreendsouza72@gmail.com.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

MARTINDALE GARDENS: MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Volunteers in this Ministry provide a Saturday Service and distribute Holy Communion to residents at Martindale Gardens. Time commitment is approximately 2 hours per month. Volunteers must be comfortable portering and being around the elderly.

ALLENDALE LIFE CARE CENTRE: MONTHLY MASS

Porter Volunteers provide the safe transport of residents to and from Mass from their residences at the Allendale Long Term Care Home. Mass takes place on the second Friday of the month. The time commitment is 2.5 hours per Mass. Volunteers must provide their own transportation to and from the home.

ALLENDALE LIFE CARE CENTRE: MUSICIAN

We are looking for a volunteer pianist or musician to help lead hymns at our monthly Allendale Mass. The residents enjoy expressing their love for God through prayer and song.

If you are called to any of these ministries, contact the parish office at reception@holynosaryparish.ca or 905-878-6535. Application, screening, and Vulnerable Sector police check are required. Confidentiality is essential. Training is provided.

2026 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new Offering Envelopes for 2026 are available in alphabetical order on the tables in the outer foyer of the church.



- Please ensure that you take the envelopes with your name and address on them.
- If you did not use envelopes last year and wish to contribute to the parish, or if you have changed your address, please contact the parish office.
- We ask you to please recycle all old church envelopes from previous years.
- We appreciate it when you put your name on the outside of the first couple of envelopes to ensure accurate posting of your donation to your name.

2026 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2026 Catholic Missions in Canada Calendars are available for purchase at the parish office for \$5.00.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

IPC sent the incorrect photos to some families. Please drop off the photos at the parish office and arrangements will be made for the correct families to pick them up.

PAJAMAS FOR CHILDREN

Clare Cutrara of our parish is collecting pajamas for boys and girls from 1 year old to 18 years old on behalf of Pack A Bag. To donate pajamas, please contact (905) 875-2449.

WHEN LIFE CHANGES - PART ONE



Deacon Leonard Gallant will facilitate part one of a six-week grief program offered on

Thursdays from January 8th to February 12th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Benedict Parish Hall, Milton. Registration is now open at: <https://stbenedictparish.ca/event/when-life-changes-part-one-1-grief-relief/>.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



This ministry gathers in the Parish Hall **every Thursday afternoon from 1 pm to 3 pm**. All are welcome to join. Sponsored by the CWL, this ministry knits and crochets loving, prayer centered shawls for anyone diagnosed with a terminal illness, after serious surgery, or as a comfort after a time of loss or stress. If you wish to obtain a Prayer Shawl for someone in need, please contact the parish office at (905) 878-6535.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS



Please note that the parish office will be closing at noon on **Wednesday, December 24th** and will remain closed between Christmas and New Years. Regular office hours will resume on **Friday, January 2nd, 2026**. General mailbox messages will be checked daily.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

- Dec 15** – Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
- Dec 16** – Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
- Dec 17** – Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei.
- Dec 18** – Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
- Dec 19** – Rev. Donald Sanvido
- Dec 20** – Rev. David Weise

Refer to our website: www.holynosaryparish.ca for additional events, information, & updates.

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