

# Holy Rosary Parish

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

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Rev. Mr. James Whittaker, Deacon

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Corina Thomas, Parish Secretary

Angela Cumming, Parish Secretary

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# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday, Dec 23, 2025**

8:00 a.m. †Vladimir Jurak

7:00 p.m. †Rowena Montebon; †Phyllis Grant;  
S/I Bonnie Logan; S/I Carmie Liberta

**Please Note: No Confessions Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesday, Dec 24, 2025**

8:00 a.m. No Mass

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Vigil Masses

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Friday, Dec 26, 2025 – St. Stephen**

No Masses

**Saturday, Dec 27, 2025 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

5:00 p.m. †Lucie & Sydney Bullock; †Antonietta DiCarlo;  
†Ida Staltari; In Thanksgiving

**Please Note: No Confessions Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sanctuary Lamp – Week of Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

In Loving Memory of Joseph & Patricia Crisci

**Readings for Sunday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3.12-21

Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

*“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.”*

† † † † †

*Jesus is the Reason  
for the Season*



## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

11:00 am



## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



Throughout Advent, parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to **Come Home for Christmas**. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return. For more information, please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/comehome/>.

## TAX DONATIONS



Thank you so much for your support in all the many ways you give. It's getting close to year end, and this is a reminder to all that financial donations for the 2025 tax year should be received by the parish office by **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**. At this time, the parish books will be closed and all donations for 2025 will be deposited to the parish bank account. Any donations that come in after this date will be applied to the year 2026.

## SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



Once again, we would like to thank all the families of Holy Rosary Parish who donated to Saint Vincent de Paul's Christmas Program. Your generosity has allowed us to assist **90 families** this year. You have given many families hope to move forward with their futures. You have shown them that there are people out there who still do care about each other. We wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

## WELCOME HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome home all of the students who are studying at various colleges and universities outside of the area. It is always joyous to see our parish youth during the Christmas season. Please pray for the safety of these students and all who travel over the Christmas holidays. Welcome!



Refer to our website: [www.holyrosaryparish.ca](http://www.holyrosaryparish.ca) for additional events, information, & updates.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** after Mass will be the last opportunity to contribute any food donations to the Knights of Columbus **Christmas Food Drive**. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Knights trailer in the church parking lot. Cash, credit, or debit donations are 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!



## WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY

**December 2025:** Eden Paige Carlin, Jack Robert Edwards, Iris Wallis Finistauri, Liam Grant Fulsang, Olivia Mikee Garcia, and Leah-Jean May Seymour.

May God bless and help your parents and godparents in their role as first educators in the ways of our Catholic Christian Faith.



## CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

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

## 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.



## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary at St. Benedict and Holy Rosary parishes is pleased to announce that they will bring the **Pilgrim Virgin Statue** or **The Divine Mercy Image** to the homes of families as a way of increasing family prayer and bringing blessings to families. The Legion of Mary meets at St. Benedict Parish on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome to join! To arrange a home visitation, please contact **Paula Melo** at [miltonlegionofmary@gmail.com](mailto:miltonlegionofmary@gmail.com).

## NOT REGISTERED YET?



If you attend Holy Rosary Parish regularly, but have not yet registered, please fill out a Parish Registration form available on the parish website at: [www.holyrosaryparish.ca/general-information.html](http://www.holyrosaryparish.ca/general-information.html) or call the office at **(905) 878-6535**. Completed forms may be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection.

## PAJAMAS FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to all who donated pajamas to boys and girls in our community. Your generosity is very much appreciated!



## WHEN LIFE CHANGES - PART ONE

Deacon Leonard Gallant will facilitate part one of a six-week grief program offered on **Thursdays** from **January 8<sup>th</sup> to February 12<sup>th</sup>** from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** at St. Benedict Parish Hall, Milton. To register, please visit: <https://stbenedictparish.ca/event/when-life-changes-part-one-1-grief-relief/>.

## 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.

## PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

**Dec 22** – Rev. Richard Dordunu

**Dec 23** – Rev. Robert Kiffman

**Dec 24** – Consecrated Virgin Candidates

**Dec 25** – *The Nativity of The Lord*

**Dec 26** – Rev. Jason Kuntz

**Dec 27** – Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk



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