



Holy Rosary Parish

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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.
(Summer Hours: Office closes at 3:30 p.m.)
Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

OUR SCHOOLS

Bishop Reding Secondary	905-875-0124
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Our Lady of Victory	905-876-4379
Holy Rosary	905-876-1121
St. Peter	905-878-4626
St. Anthony of Padua	905-864-8272
Queen of Heaven	289-851-9329

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



Parking & Access
Church, Parish Hall

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.



Tuesday, Dec 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Mirella & Martial Mootooeveren

7:00 p.m. †Sister Audrey Burns; †Emilia Franca Voce;
†Yvonne Adiceam; S/I Leila, Bryan, & Eva Tagu

Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Antonietta DiCarlo

7:00 p.m. No Evening Mass

**** Advent Evening of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St. Benedict Parish starting at 6:30 pm****

Thursday, Dec 11, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Cenobio & Matilde Munoz

Friday, Dec 12, 2025 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. †Dec. Memb. Liut Family

10:30 a.m. S/I All Allendale Staff & Residents
Celebrated at Allendale Life Care Centre

Saturday, Dec 13, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. †Edgardo & Vincent Nito; †Danilo Viesca;
†Mario Durante; †Marie Helena Matos

Sanctuary Lamp – Week of Dec 7th, 2025
In Loving Memory of Lucie & Sydney Bullock

Readings for Sunday, Dec 14th, 2025:

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

“Lord, come and save us.”

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL Christmas Dinner will be held on **Thursday, December 11th**, in the church hall. Come and join us for a fun filled evening with the CWL of Holy Rosary. Dinner at **6:00 pm**, music by Charlie Graci, door prizes and lots of laughter too. Ticket costs are \$50.00/member and \$55.00/non-members which may be purchased from **Clare Cutrara (905) 875-2449**. All women of the parish are invited!

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

ADVENT EVENING OF RECONCILIATION

You are invited and encouraged to participate in our Evening of Reconciliation. It will be held at St. Benedict Parish on **Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm**. There will be guest confessors available. This evening is a time for personal prayer and an opportunity for individual Confession. We must prepare ourselves to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas. Spend time with our Lord during Advent.



2026 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
THEME: I WILL GIVE YOU REST: COME

Holy Rosary Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer service for the Milton area on **Friday, March 6th, 2026**. As the service this year has been created by the World Day of Prayer committee of Nigeria, we welcome input from our many Nigerian parishioners to provide knowledge and insights into making our service as authentic and informative as possible. To participate, please contact the parish office at **(905) 878-6535**.

ALLENDALE MASS - MUSICIAN NEEDED

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 interested, please contact the office at **(905) 878-6535**.



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!



The Knights of Columbus welcome all parishioners to Coffee Sunday held in the parish hall after both Masses on **Sunday, December 7th**.

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**.

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.



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.



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY

November 2025: Leo Bolarinho, Ada Goss, William Goss, Kiera Kaminski, Taliana Munyenz, Amelia Romano, Maria Romano, Nathanael Tundag, Mark Vincent, Ezekiel Dcosta, Giuliana De Armas, Ethan Mancini Edlund, Faye Anne Mancini Edlund, Atheena Poranganel Gandhi, Rory Goodman, Halley Lourenco, Luke Lourenco, Myles MacWhirter, and Joseph Silvestre.

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



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/>.

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. Please visit: <https://stbenedictparish.ca/event/when-life-changes-part-one-1-grief-relief/>.



PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

Dec 8 – *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Dec 9 – Rev. Ronald Voisin

Dec 10 – Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R

Dec 11 – Catholic Young Adults

Dec 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe - National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples*

Dec 13 – Rev. Michael McHugh

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

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