



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
Our Catholic Elementary Schools	
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Tuesday, Mar 11, 2025

8:00 a.m. S/I Esther Carroll

7:00 p.m. †Angelo Marzano; †Jose Gustavo Machado;
†Alan Melanson; S/I Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrao

Wednesday, Mar 12, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Steve & Pauline Buban

7:00 p.m. S/I Dianne Taylor

Thursday, Mar 13, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Liberal Raposo

Friday, Mar 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. †Dec. Memb. Sabatina's Family

10:30 a.m. †Kay Lewis
Celebrated at Allendale Life Care Centre

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar 15, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. †Vincenza Severino; †Neil Fernandes;
†Mike Teixeira; †Giuseppe Vizzini

Sanctuary Lamp – Week of Mar 9th, 2025
In Loving Memory of Florence King

Readings for Sunday, Mar 16th, 2025:

Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3.17-4.1
Luke 9.28b-36

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

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SSVP COLLECTION WEEK

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul boxes will be out from **March 15th – 22nd** for your donations. Your generosity is most appreciated and on behalf of the needy of our parish community, we thank you.

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their hard work in organizing the Shrove Tuesday Dinner. A special thank you to all the parishioners and guests who came to support the Knights in raising funds for their Post-Secondary School Scholarship Fund!

Thank You!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

MAR 5th – APR 13th (6AM - 6PM DAILY)

40 Days for Life is focused on a 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigils for the first 40 days of Lent, held near the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas St. W. in Oakville. Will you dedicate an hour to changing the hearts and minds of all who see you? Vigil is kept in a small group, while holding a sign offering help and hope to pregnant women and anyone needing Post-Abortion Support. For more information, visit: www.40daysforLife.com/Oakville or contact **Stephen Germann** at (905) 333-6472.

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS



Our Lord, as Francis, our beloved pope, suffers from grave illnesses, we come before you in prayer. We ask you to look with mercy on your servant Francis, who has served you devotedly and tirelessly as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and as pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian sharing the love, mercy, and compassion that your Son showed to all he encountered in his public ministry, especially those who were poor or in any way struggling.

During his papacy, Francis has striven to imitate your Son by reaching out to all who were feeling abandoned, ignored, or neglected, making it his special task to care for those who were in any way sick.

As Francis himself now faces serious and complex illnesses, help the doctors, nurses, and medical team who care for him, help him bear any pain with grace and help him to heal quickly.

Send your Holy Spirit, your own breath, into his weakened lungs to heal him, inspire him, and raise him up again so that he may live out his vocation as the Vicar of Christ.

But if it is your will, loving God, to take him to yourself, let his passing into new life be painless and peaceful. We ask all this in your Holy Name. Amen.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next **CWL General Meeting** will be on **Thursday, March 13th at 6:00 pm** in the parish hall. Our special speaker will be Ruth Hickman from the Salvation Army in Milton. Please join us at this meeting and hear how The Salvation Army supports us and our community. All women from the parish are welcome to attend - bring a friend! Please bring a can or two to the meeting for Food for Life to support the needy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

"Save the Date" for Vacation Bible School from **August 11th to 15th** for any students entering Year 1 Kindergarten to Grade 8. Adult volunteers are needed to help run stations and lead groups. Screening and a recent Vulnerable Sector police check is required. High school students interested in volunteering are welcome. This is a great way for you to earn your volunteer hours! For more information, please contact the parish office at: reception@holynosaryparish.ca or **(905) 878-6535**.



CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women called to seek God's Will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. They are part of an 800-year-old tradition of contemplative prayer, community, and ministry. Meetings are held on the **third Saturday** of the month from **9:30 to 11:30 am** in our parish hall. Our next meeting is **March 15th**. For more information, please visit: www.laycarmelites.org or contact **Noreen D'Souza** at noreendsouza72@gmail.com.

VIRTUAL PRAYER GROUP

Our prayer leader, **Diana Johnston**, invites you to consider being part of a Virtual Lenten Prayer Group **Wednesday afternoons** starting **March 5th to April 9th from 1:00 to 1:30 pm**. If you are interested in enriching your faith and participating in this group, please contact the parish office at reception@holynosaryparish.ca or **(905) 878-6535** to register. We will be using the Zoom platform for our six online sessions.



2026 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you to all parishioners who participated in the World Day of Prayer this year! The theme for next year is ***I Will Give You Rest: Come*** and it will be hosted here at Holy Rosary Parish on **March 6th, 2026**. The participating writer country for the 2026 worship and prayer service will be Nigeria.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish breakfast on **Sunday, March 23rd** in the parish hall following both Masses. This is a great opportunity to get to know and connect with fellow parishioners and the community as a whole. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, bacon, fruit cocktail, coffee, tea, and juice. A donation is welcome, and proceeds will support parish youth groups.



OLIVE WOOD CRAFTS FROM BETHLEHEM

HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Handmade crafts will be available for sale this weekend, **March 8th and 9th**. Please consider purchasing an Olive Wood Craft made by hand with faith and love. They will be displayed in the Main Foyer after all Masses. They are not asking for donations; the entire profits of any sales will be returned to Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you for your support and generosity!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

SHARE LENT 2025: TURN DEBT INTO HOPE

As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, in response to Pope Francis's call, Development and Peace Caritas Canada's Lenten campaign, ***Turn Debt into Hope***, aims to help our sisters and brothers in the most impoverished countries of the Global South. The hope is that they can live in dignity and free from the burden of the unjust foreign debt that afflicts their nations. You are invited to sign the global campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. Sign at: <https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/act-debt-2025/>. Thank you!



PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations** at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or call **(905) 528-7988**.

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

- Mar 10** – Rev. Adam Voisin
- Mar 11** – Rev. Robert Bulbrook
- Mar 12** – Permanent Diaconate Candidates
- Mar 13** – Rev. Jeffery Oehring
- Mar 14** – Rev. Francesco Cucchi
- Mar 15** – Rev. Mark Gatto

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