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# ALL ARE TO BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST

( Rule of Saint Benedict #53 )

### LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
and 4:00 p.m. (en Français)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Please see inside bulletin for complete schedule

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
(First Friday – 9:30am to 9:00 p.m.)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
or by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Celebrated the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Contact the parish office to arrange date and to arrange pre-baptismal course at least two months before preferred date.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF ADULTS

A period of preparation is necessary, and it is imperative that individuals complete the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please see Father Larry for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Kindly contact the parish office at least a year prior to desired date of marriage. Preparation course is essential.

### CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family, please contact the parish office before contacting the funeral home, and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton website is: [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

### PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information in discerning God's call to Church ministry, contact Father Larry or contact Father Mark Morley, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or visit the Vocations Services' website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations>

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office of confinement to home or hospitalization, so sacramental care may be provided.

### PARISH STAFF

Father Lawrence Parent, Pastor  
Father Jonathan Reitzel, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Leonard Gallant, Permanent Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Joseph Murphy, Permanent Deacon  
Mrs. Karen Vitoria-Miguel, Pastoral Minister/Music Director  
Mrs. Alma Paje, Office Administrator  
Mrs. Rosario Pinto, Bookkeeper  
Mrs. Lenie D'Souza, Office Assistant

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*Office is closed on weekends and public holidays.*

### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and your family to Saint Benedict Parish! Please introduce yourself to Father Larry. Registration forms are available on the table at the church Narthex or from the website.

### PARISH SCHOOLS

<u>Guardian Angels Elementary</u> Nick Laratta, Principal	905-876-2386
<u>Lumen Christi Elementary</u> Daniela Attardo, Principal	905-636-9692
<u>Our Lady of Fatima Elementary</u> Kelly Stephens, Principal	905-864-0720
<u>St. Benedict Elementary</u> Mark Witter, Principal	289-851-9353
<u>St. Josephine Bakhita Elementary</u> Vince Chininea, Principal	289-878-0918
<u>St. Scholastica Elementary</u> Ann-Marie Melchionna, Principal	905-864-0344
<u>St. Veronica Elementary</u> Angelina Barden- Principal	289-878-0916
<u>St. Francis Xavier Secondary School</u> Adriano Perusin, Principal	905-636-8799
<u>St. Kateri Tekakwitha Secondary School</u> Kevin Wong, Principal	289-878-2038

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14 <sup>th</sup> to December 20 <sup>th</sup>	SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION	ANGELA WYNN & FAMILY	
READINGS	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
<b>Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11 <i>"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"</i>	<b>Masses</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Our Parish Community  Int. of Steve John  Sp. Int. of Mary & Anthony	Third Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup></b> Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17a Matthew 21.23-27	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	+Teresa Weremczuk	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
<b>Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup></b> Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21.28-32	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	+Savio Aranha	Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
<b>Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup></b> Genesis 49.2, 8-10 Matthew 1.1-17	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.  <b>Mass -Simbang Gabi</b> 7pm	+Amparo Higueta Valencia  Int. of members of Couples for Christ	Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei.
<b>Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup></b> Jeremiah 23.5-8 Matthew 1.18-24	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Rosa Pinto & family	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
<b>Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup></b> Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a Luke 1.5-25	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m. <i>Friday Eucharistic Adoration</i> 9:30am to 10:30am  <b>Mass -Simbang Gabi</b> 7pm	Sp. Int. of Wieslaw Dziak  Sp. Int. of Evora Family	Rev. Donald Sanvido
<b>Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup></b> Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Luke 1.26-38	<b>Mass</b> 5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	Sp. Int. of Mariano Family +Deacon Joe Di Grado Sp. Int. of Maria Morales +Hendrikus Himawan B. Sp. Int. of Carmen Sinanan	Rev. David Weise

For more information: please visit: [Jubilee 2025](#)



Our parish bulletin is also available online. For more information, updates and events, please visit our parish website: [www.stbenedictparish.ca](http://www.stbenedictparish.ca)



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**THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.



### COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Together with the Parish Priests of our Diocese, I look forward to welcoming you home this Christmas.

VISIT: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/comehome/>

*Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Hamilton*

### JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT – CCCB

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxilliary Bishop of Hamilton. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025. A joint initiative of the National Liturgy Office, the Office national de liturgie and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. [VISIT: JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT](#)



### ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

#### PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR JESUS

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are pleased to bring you a weekly Advent resource that can be celebrated with family in your home. Below you will find tips, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around your wreath each Sunday of Advent. VISIT: [ADVENT RESOURCE](#)

**2025-2026 ST. BENEDICT PARISH  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Christmas Eve Wednesday, Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm   6pm   8pm (French)   10pm
Christmas Midnight Thursday, Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	12am (livestreamed)
Christmas Day Thursday, Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	9am   10:30am   12pm

**Holy Family**

Saturday, Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	5pm (livestreamed)
Sunday, Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am   10:30am   12pm

**MARY, THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

New Year's Eve Wednesday, Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	5pm (livestreamed) 8pm (French)
New Year's Day Thursday, Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	9am   10:30am   12pm

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday, Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5pm (livestreamed)
Sunday, Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	9am   10:30am   12pm

**OFFICE HOURS**

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> : 9am to 12pm  
 Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & Jan 1<sup>st</sup> : Office Closed  
 Dec 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> : Weekend (Office Closed)  
 Dec 29<sup>th</sup> & Dec 30<sup>th</sup> : 9am to 4:30pm  
 Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> – Regular office hours resumes  
 Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> & Jan 4<sup>th</sup> : Weekend (Office Closed)



**WHEN LIFE CHANGES PART ONE**

**GRIEF RELIEF**

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers a six-week grief program for your support. **Facilitated by Deacon Leonard Gallant**, part one of the program will be offered **on Thursdays from January 8th to February 12th from 7:00-8:30pm** and will be held at St. Benedict Parish Hall. Registration is required.



**2026 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES**



The **2026** Sunday Donation envelopes are now available for pick-up. Please note:

- ✓ Envelopes are arranged **alphabetically by last name**.
- ✓ Take only the box with your name and address.
- ✓ Envelopes will be available for 3 months; unclaimed sets will be returned to inventory. Contact the office for a new set if needed.
- ✓ **Please do not use old envelopes**, as IDs may have been reassigned.
- ✓ **Write your name on the first few envelopes** to ensure donations are posted correctly.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support!

**CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE**

If you recently change your address or contact information, please notify the parish office so we can keep parish records up to date. Thank you.



**SIMBANG GABI at ST. BENEDICT PARISH**

Join us as we joyfully celebrate the spirit of Advent through Simbang Gabi, a beloved tradition that draws us closer to the joyful coming of Christ. We invite everyone to attend our special evening Masses at **7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 17, Friday, December 19, and Monday, December 22**. Come and be part of this meaningful time of prayer, hope, and community. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after each Mass, offering a warm opportunity for fellowship as we journey together toward Christmas.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Keep Christ in Christmas and Gift Card Sales**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting our annual Keep Christ in Christmas program and Gift Card Sales throughout the month of December. We invite you to stop by our table after Mass to purchase Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs or magnets, as well as gift cards for your holiday shopping. Every purchase goes directly toward supporting parish programs, charitable works, and families in need through the Knights works.



**ANNUAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Celebrate the Season Together!

Come join us for our annual Church Christmas Party — a joyful evening of fellowship, laughter, and Christmas cheer for the whole family! *Christmas carols and music; Fun games and activities for all ages; A surprise visit from Santa!* 🎅 Let's come together as a community to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the blessings of the season.



📅 Date: December 21, 2025 ⌚ Time: 1:30-4:30PM

📍 Location: Church Hall 💰 Price: \$15.00 (1 child and 1 adult)

**RESTART: MOVING FORWARD**



Have you experienced a divorce or separation? Are you looking to learn ways to cope, for support from others and to gain a feeling of moving forward? Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal or simply learn more. The sessions will run Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21, 2026 from 7-9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration online can be found by going to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**



Couples planning to marry at St. Benedict Parish, should contact the parish office ONE year in advance of the desired wedding date. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Milton who are planning marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton. St. Benedict Parish serves the area South of Derry Road in Milton.

**\*ATTENTION ALL DRIVERS\***

We kindly remind everyone that double parking is not allowed in our parking area. Double parking causes inconvenience to others and may lead to potential safety hazards. To ensure smooth traffic flow and fair parking for all, please make sure to park your vehicle only in designated parking spaces. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



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