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# Feast of the Holy Family

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 28 <sup>th</sup> to December Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION	LEYON & AYNIKAL FAMILIES	
READINGS	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
<b>Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21 Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23 "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt."	Masses 9:00 a.m.  10:30 a.m.  12:00 p.m.	+Tessie Centeno  Souls in Purgatory  Our Parish Community	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
<b>Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. Thomas Becket</b> 1 John 2.3-11 Luke 2.22-35	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Vicencio Family	Rev. Edward Mahony
<b>Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup></b> 1 John 2.12-17 Luke 2.36-40	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+Norma de Léon	Rev. Francis Hubilla
<b>Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>St. Sylvester I -Pope</b> 1 John 2.18-21 John 1.1-18	Mass 9:00 a.m.  5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>  8:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory  +Muliady Sutedjo  French	Religious Life Candidates
<b>Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</b> Numbers 6.22-27 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.16-21	Mass 9:00 a.m.  10:30 a.m.  12:00 p.m.	Sp. Int. of Katerine Sterenczak  +Paul & Henrietta Fernandez  +Florie DSouza	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
<b>Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen</b> 1 John 2.22-28 John 1.19-28	Mass 9:00 a.m.  <i>1<sup>st</sup> Friday Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>9:30am to 9pm</i>	+Faraj Matloub & +Siham Rauf	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
<b>Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> 1 John 2.29;3.1-6 John 1.29-34	Mass 9:00 a.m.  <i>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass</i>  5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	Int. of Vanessa D'Souza  Int. of Roshan & Gloria Pinto +Amelia Malayao Sp. Int. of Liliane Chimg Sp. Int. of Victoria Kelechi +Agnes Simon	Very Rev. Adrian Lee



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)



## NEW PARISHIONERS

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

## WORLD DAY OF PEACE- January 1

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.



## SY 2025-2026 FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION

January 9<sup>th</sup> to January 30th, 2026. For more information, please visit [FIRST COMMUNION](http://FIRST COMMUNION).



Happy New Year! May God bless you and your family with peace and joy in 2026!  
From all of us at St. Benedict Parish!

#### OFFICE HOURS

Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> : 9am to 12pm	Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 9am to 430pm
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> : Office Closed	Jan 3 & 4 : Weekend (Office Closed)



#### WHEN LIFE CHANGES PART ONE (1) 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. Deadline for Registration is January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please [click this link](#) to register.



#### 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!

#### \*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.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Parishioners may dedicate the yellow Sanctuary Lamp (next to the tabernacle) for a week in honor of a loved one, in memory of someone special, or for a personal intention. The Sanctuary lamp burns continuously as a sign of Christ's presence in the tabernacle. Offering it is a meaningful way to lift up prayers and intentions.

**Weekly Intentions** : Intentions run from Sunday to Saturday. A new intention will be published each Sunday in the parish bulletin and the parish website. To ensure that all parishioners have an opportunity to participate, only one family will be accepted per calendar year. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**How to Request** : To reserve a week, please contact the parish office or fill out the Sanctuary Lamp Intention form available at the information table in the Narthex and submit it to the parish office. A \$10 donation helps with the on-going work of the parish. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability. Let this light shine as a symbol of your prayer and devotion.



#### MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

The Jubilee Year of Hope has formally drawn to a close and we are enriched with its grace to look forward to 2026 with hope and courage! On behalf of the staff and myself, we thank you all for making our Christmas celebrations vibrant and beautiful with your presence and prayer at the masses. Thanks also to our many volunteers who made things run smoothly! Finally, a special thank you to all of you who offered prayers for us and gifted us with many goodies! All of the chocolate and cookies will be perfectly complimented with all of the Timmies gift cards!! Blessings of Our Blessed Mother upon all of you as we begin a new year!

*Fr. Larry, Fr. Jonathan, Deacon Leonard, Deacon Joe, Alma, Karen, Rosario and Lenie*



#### JUBILEE 2025

The Jubilee Year of Hope concludes in parishes worldwide on **Sunday, December 28, 2025**, when the Holy Doors in cathedrals and co-cathedrals close. The Diocese of Hamilton will celebrate the **closing Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 3 PM on Sunday, December 28, 2025**. All are welcome. As a parish, we wish to inform you that the Jubilee Prayer at the beginning of Mass will conclude on the weekend of **December 27/28**. On that same weekend, we will also pray the Nicene Creed for the final time. Beginning the weekend of **January 3/4**, we will resume praying the Apostles' Creed.

#### PRISON MINISTRY

Holy Rosary Church has an active prison ministry and has been running Roman Catholic programs at the prisons in Milton for a number of years. We are inviting members of St. Benedict's Parish to join us. Volunteers regularly visit Vanier correctional facility for women. please call Nuala Harold at 647-405-9196.



#### STAY HOME OR MASK UP: HELP US STAY HEALTHY THIS FLU SEASON



During this flu season, we kindly ask everyone to stay home if you're feeling unwell, or to wear a mask when attending mass to help prevent the spread of illness. Your cooperation is crucial in keeping our parish community safe and healthy. Thank you for your understanding and support. Stay well!

#### CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, January 3rd at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

#### SSVP COLLECTION (Society of St. Vincent De Paul)

On the weekend of December 27/28, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors after Mass to accept your donations. Your generosity is most appreciated, and we thank you on behalf of society and the needy of our community.



#### CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> Subiaco Room

Social from 7:30 to 8:00 pm. Meeting from 8:00 to 9:00. Moms, are you hungry for the Word of God? Come and join Catholic Moms Group for a Bible verses-potluck. We will share with fellow mothers Bible verses that have helped each of us in our journey as moms. For more information contact Nelly Lopez [stbenedictsh@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:stbenedictsh@catholicmomsgroup.com)



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