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# Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church

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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

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 15 <sup>th</sup> to February 21 <sup>st</sup>	SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION	PILAR, RICKY MARIANO & FAMILY	
READINGS	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
<b>Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sirach 15.15-20 1 Corinthians 2.6-10 Matthew 5.17-37 OR Matthew 5.17, 20-24, 27-28, 33-34,37++ <i>"You have heard what was said to those of the ancient times; but I say to you.."</i>	<b>Masses</b> 9:00 a.m.  10:30 a.m.  12:00 p.m.	Our Parish Community  +Triumfo Magpali  +Livio Campoli	
<b>Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup></b> James 1.1-11 Mark 8.11-13	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	+Jennifer Botelho	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
<b>Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b> James 1.12-18 Mark 8.14-21	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	+Maria Thurai & +Antony Pillai	Rev. Robert Love
<b>Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Joel 2.12-18 2 Corinthians 5.21-6.2 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY Masses</b> 9:00 a.m.  5:00 p.m.  7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory  Sp. Int. of Cichy Family  +Rupert Franks	Ash Wednesday
<b>Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup></b> Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Luke 9.22-25	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
<b>Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup></b> Isaiah 58.1-9a Matthew 9.14-15	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m. <i>Friday Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>9:30am to 10:30am</i>  7pm Stations of the Cross  Lenten Evening Friday Mass 7:30 p.m.	+Rene & Luis Ampuero           +Paul Jacob	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
<b>Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>St. Peter Damian</b> Isaiah 58.9b-14 Luke 5.27-32	<b>Mass</b> 5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	+Martin Barboza +Mariathas Jacomuthu Sp. Int. of Leyon Family Sp. Int. of Ed & Michelle Gilligan +Loreto Serrano	Rev. Mark Gatto



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)



**Sorry We're CLOSED**

### HAPPY FAMILY DAY!

May this day be a time of rest, joy, and gratitude as we cherish our families and give thanks for God's blessings in our lives. *Please note: the parish office is closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.*

### CATHEDRATICUM (Owed to the Diocese)

St. Benedict Parish contributes \$ **10,828,625.26**. We sincerely thank our parishioners for your generous and faithful donations, which make this shared mission and service possible.



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### 2025 TAX RECEIPTS

We thank all parishioners for their ongoing support. Tax receipts for 2025 donations are now available for pickup. They are arranged alphabetically by last name.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. May they continue to grow in faith and experience God's love and mercy.



**WHAT IS LENT?**

**Lent** is a yearly celebration of the Church in preparation for Easter. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God’s Word and of more fervent prayer, we are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. **Lent** is a privileged time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught.

**When is Lent?**

Lent begins **on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, 2026**, and continues until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening, **on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

**\*\*Ash Wednesday\*\*** is a day of fasting and of abstinence for the Church. **Catholics aged 18-59** are bound to observe a fast on this day. To meet the definition of a fast, one is permitted to eat no more than one full meal and two meals that together do not equal a full meal.

**Catholics aged 14+** are bound to abstain from meat on this day. It is a grave sin to neglect this duty.



<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	February 18 <sup>th</sup> 9am, 5pm & 7pm
<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	Fridays, February 20 <sup>th</sup> to April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7pm
<b>LENTEN EVENING FRIDAY MASS</b>	Fridays, February 20 <sup>th</sup> to March 27 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

**ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM**



This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21 from 7-9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. 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).

**SPEAKING SYNODALITY**



The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join our three-part workshop series on Synodality and its applications in local parish settings. This seminar is encouraged for those involved in parish councils, pastoral planning, and leadership at all levels of Catholic community living. There will be 2 locations for each 3-part session series: Hamilton (with a Zoom option) and, Guelph. Registration and further details can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

**SPRING BOOK CLUB:**



“On Love of the Poor” The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invite you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring Pope Leo XIV’s first Apostolic Exhortation, “On Love of the Poor.” Aligned with our Lenten journey, this series will explore the key themes and messages of our Holy Father’s message on love and solidarity with those who experience marginalization. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>



St. Benedict Parish is blessed with many active ministries . We invite you to consider joining one of these ministries and becoming part of our growing parish community.

Parish Organizations	Liturgical Ministry
Catholic Moms Group	Altar Servers
Catholic Women’s League	Baptism
Challenge Girls	Bereavement Ministry
Charismatic Prayer Group	Catechism
Conquest Boys	Children’s Liturgy
Couples for Christ	Collection Counters
Food for Life	Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion
Knights of Columbus	Ministry of Hospitality
Legion of Mary	Ministry of the Word
Legion of Mary- Junior Praesidium	Music Ministry
She Shall be Called Woman	
Society of St. Vincent De Paul	
St. Benedict Parish Young Adults	
TMIY	

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING**

Have you considered taking advantage of the opportunity to give to the parish through our pre-authorized giving program? Pre-authorized giving replaces weekly cash or cheque offerings with monthly transfers from your bank account directly to the parish. Not only is this method of giving helpful to the parish, it is also more convenient for you – and, most importantly, it encourages us to give in a way that is intentional, faithful, and sacrificial. You are encouraged to prayerfully reflect on whether this method of giving is right for you. Pre-authorized forms can be found in Church Narthex or our website: [PAD Form](#)

**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 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. Please contact the Parish office for more information. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability.

**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.



**2026 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES**

Thank you to all who have picked up their 2026 envelopes. If you have not yet done so, please remember to pick them up in the hallway on your way out after Mass.



**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The Junior Praesidium meets every Saturday at 11:45 a.m., both in the Nursia Room.

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