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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

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESIONS)

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

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](http://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 Viloria-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

Guardian Angels Elementary 905-876-2386

Nick Laratta, Principal

Lumen Christi Elementary 905-636-9692

Daniela Attardo, Principal

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary 905-864-0720

Kelly Stephens, Principal

St. Benedict Elementary

Mark Witter, Principal

St. Josephine Bakhita Elementary

Vince Chininea, Principal

St. Scholastica Elementary

Ann-Marie Melchionna, Principal

St. Veronica Elementary

Angelina Barden- Principal

St. Francis Xavier Secondary School

Adriano Perusin, Principal

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Secondary School

Kevin Wong, Principal

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 8 th to February 14 th	SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION	ANGELA BIANCUCCI	
READINGS	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
Sunday, February 8th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 58:6-10++ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the light of the world"	Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sp. Int. of Neil & Wendy Shabah +Ken Nastor Our Parish Community	
Monday, February 9th 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+Mariathas Jacomuthu	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
Tuesday, February 10th St. Scholastica 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Mark 7:1-13	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+Paul Bondin	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Wednesday, February 11th Our Lady of Lourdes 1 Kings 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+Marc Mendiola	Discalced Carmelite Nuns, O.C.D. World Day of the Sick
Thursday, February 12th 1 Kings 11:14-13 Mark 7:24-30	Mass 9:00 a.m. Birkdale	Thanksgiving +Arturo Pelimiano	Parents & Guardians
Friday, February 13th 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Mark 7:31-37	Mass 9:00 a.m. Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am to 10:30am	Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.
Saturday, February 14th St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mark 8:1-10	Mass 5:00 p.m. (Livestreamed)	+Lina Ponnambalam Deceased members of the Vicencio Family +Helena Bara Sp. Int. of Carmen Fernandes +Paul Gibbons	Rev. Adam Voisin



Our parish bulletin is also available online. For more information, updates and events, please visit our parish website: www.stbenedictparish.ca



CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

Wednesday, February 11th Social from 7:30 to 8:00 pm. Meeting from 8:00 to 9:00. Moms, what are you giving up for Lent? Come and get ready for a fruitful

Lent season by refreshing the meaning and purpose of Lent and planning your penitential goals in advance. Be prepared to be a wonderful role model for your children. For more information contact Nelly Lopez stbenedictsh@catholicmomsgroup.com



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YOUNG ADULTS – GAME NIGHT

We're happy to announce the launch of St. Benedict Young Adults, a new parish-supported ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s. Our first Young Adults event will be a games and social night on Wednesday, February 11th, 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Please scan the QR code that you will find on the smart board and bulletin to register for the group and also confirm your attendance for the February 11th event. Our first Young Adults event will be a game night and will take place on Wednesday, February 11th, at 6:30 p.m. at the parish hall. We look forward to welcoming and building community among the young adults of St. Benedict Parish.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK- FEBRUARY 11

"The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease."

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

We thank all parishioners for their ongoing support. Tax receipts for 2025 donations are now available for pickup starting the weekend of **February 7th / 8th**.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

6:30 pm to 7:30pm and 7:30pm to 8:30 pm

Thursday February 12, 2026

6:30 pm to 7:30pm and 7:30pm to 8:30 pm



5-6 priests will be available for confession in an open setting. Cue cards will be provided in case they forget what to say, however, we encourage families to practice at home with their little one. Reconciliation scripts are available on the parish website under <https://stbenedictparish.ca/information-on-first-reconciliation/>

There will be a brief welcome and instructions before starting each session.

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 2nd , 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	February 18 th 9am, 5pm & 7pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Fridays, February 20 th to April 3 rd 7pm
LENTEN EVENING FRIDAY MASS	Fridays, February 20 th to March 27 th 7:30pm

VIRTUAL PRAYER GROUP

Our prayer leader, Diana Johnston, invites you to consider being part of a Virtual Lenten Prayer Group on Wednesday afternoons starting **Ash Wednesday, February 18th to March 25th from 1:00 to 1:30 pm**. If you are interested in enriching your faith and participating, please contact the parish office at reception@holysarosymparish.ca or (905) 878-6535 to register. Following registration, your facilitator will call to review logging in and accessing the Zoom platform. Blessings to our parish family for this upcoming season of reflection, renewal, and hope!



THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MASS SAVE THE DATE!



Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

CATHEDRATICUM (Owed to the Diocese)

What is Cathedraticum? It is the annual contribution our parish makes to support the ministry of our bishop and the work of the diocese. Through this support, diocesan ministries and services are able to assist parishes and strengthen the Church beyond our local community. St. Benedict Parish contributed **\$ 200,000.00 for 2025**. To date, we still owe the Diocese of Hamilton **\$10,828,625.26 for building our church**. We sincerely thank our parishioners for your generous and faithful donations, which make this shared mission and service possible.

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL



brings you an insightful exploration of the dangers of book banning and the loss of intellectual freedom with a screening of The Librarians on February 26, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The film is told through the personal experiences of librarians under siege as they fight for democracy alongside everyday people who join their ranks in defense of books. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> 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.

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 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 and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

LOOKING FOR SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant, or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. This is for struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 13-15, 2026. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 8, 2026



"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

SERRA PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.



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