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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

162-1

Lumen Christi Elementary 905-636-9692

Daniela Attardo, Principal

162-2

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary 905-864-0720

Kelly Stephens, Principal

162-3

St. Benedict Elementary

289-851-9353

Mark Witter, Principal

St. Josephine Bakhita Elementary

289-878-0918

Vince Chininea, Principal

162-4

St. Scholastica Elementary

905-864-0344

Ann-Marie Melchionna, Principal

162-5

St. Veronica Elementary

289-878-0916

Angelina Barden- Principal

162-6

St. Francis Xavier Secondary School

905-636-8799

Adriano Perusin, Principal

162-7

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Secondary School

289-878-2038

Kevin Wong, Principal

162-8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

| January 11 th to January 17 th | SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION | D'MELLO & BRAGANZA FAMILIES | |
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| READINGS | LITURGY | INTENTION | PLEASE PRAY FOR |
| Sunday, January 11th The Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17 "When Jesus had been baptized, he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him" | Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. | Thanksgiving Our Parish Community Sp. Int. of Remedios Hernandez | Baptism of the Lord |
| Monday, January 12th St. Marguerite Bourgeoys 1 Samuel 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20 | Mass 9:00 a.m. | +Martinho Viegas | Rev. Scott Whitfield |
| Tuesday, January 13th St. Hilary 1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28 | Mass 9:00 a.m. | +Mary Kavanaugh | Rev. Stanley Nwokeji |
| Wednesday, January 14th 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39 | Mass 9:00 a.m. | +David Vincent & +Shamio David | Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B. |
| Thursday, January 15th 1 Samuel 4:1c-11 Mark 1:40-45 | Mass 9:00 a.m. Birkdale | Sp. Int. of Ivan Goenadi Thanksgiving | Rev. Peter Robinson |
| Friday, January 16th 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a Mark 2:1-12 | Mass 9:00 a.m. Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am to 10:30am | Int. of Rocko Viegas | Rev. James Petrie |
| Saturday, January 17th St. Anthony, Abbot 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mark 2:13-17 | Mass 5:00 p.m. (Livestreamed) | Deceased members of Vicencio Family Int. of Ivan Viegas +Georgina Martins +Faraj Matloub & +Siham Rauf Sp. Int. of Escobar Velasco & Family | Married Couples |



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



SY 2025-2026 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Registration starts January 9th, 2026.



This year, First Holy Communion masses and retreats will continue to be on Saturdays. We've made some updates to the format: Communion dates and retreats will not be scheduled according to your child's school. Your child's First Holy Communion date will be your choice based on the four dates and times provided by the parish. Your child will attend retreat with their parent(s) or legal guardians based on the correlated date. All the First Holy Communion masses will be held at St. Benedict parish. It is required that your child be baptized Roman Catholic. For catholic parents whose child is not baptized yet but is under the age of 8 and would like your child baptized in time to receive their first reconciliation and first holy communion, **YOU MUST REGISTER FOR INFANT BAPTISM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. Please contact the parish office to book your child's baptism. For more information, please visit: <https://stbenedictparish.ca/sy-2025-2026-first-reconciliation-and-first-communion/>



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ORDINARY TIME

"During the Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord."



RETREAT FOR COUPLES :

4 STRATEGIES TO ENRICH MARRIED LIFE

February 7th, 2026, 9am – 3:30 pm

St. Benedict Parish

Between work, kids, and daily routines, couples seldom get the chance to focus on one another. This St. Valentine's season invites us to do just that. This retreat offers a space to slow down, reconnect, and enjoy meaningful time together—while also meeting other couples on the same journey. During the day we'll explore 4 strategies to discover each other more fully, strengthen your bond, and navigate through the waters of life with direction and unity. The day will include talks, time for personal reflection, one-on-one sharing, Mass, and will conclude with a renewal of the vows of marriage. It will take place in an atmosphere of joy and fellowship. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Registration is required & space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact Tima at events@regnumchristontario.org. Please click the link to register: <https://www.regnumchristontario.org/event-details/couplesretreat>



TMIY- SPRING SESSION

Are you ready for The Fight of Faith? St. Benedict Catholic Men's Group is continuing with its third year of TMIY (That Man Is You). The Spring sessions begin on **January 24**. The free, interactive program focused on the development of male leadership will unfold in 13 enriching sessions held on Saturdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Each session includes fellowship and coffee, video and small group discussions. Scores of men attended and benefitted from the second year's fall and spring sessions. Experience the power of transformation and equip yourself to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our world. For registration and details visit the parish website.

CCC (CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES)

Do your children attend public or private school or do you home-school? If you are wondering how to support their ongoing formation in religious education, the Diocese of Hamilton offers Catechetical Correspondence Programs for every age and stage from Kindergarten through to High School including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Click [HERE](#) for more, please contact 905-528-7988 x2339 or email: catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com



MINISTERS OF THE WORD

The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications sets up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising supports the bulletin service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637 to advertise your product or service.



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

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, February 7th at the St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 11, 2026

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com / hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival January 22, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM for a screening of PUSH. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. PUSH examines our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity, it is a human right. 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.



BAPTISMS at ST. BENEDICT PARISH

Baptisms at St. Benedict Parish take place every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. Parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal course held on the 1st Tuesday of the month. If you wish to celebrate your child's baptism at St. Benedict parish, please contact the parish office at least two months in advance to schedule your child's baptism. Our parish serves South of Derry Road in the Town of Milton.

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.



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.



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