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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 Viloría-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> Tania Kayemba, 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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 7 <sup>th</sup>	SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION	AMALADOSS FAMILY	
READINGS	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
<b>Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Genesis 12.1-4 2 Timothy 1.8b-10 Matthew 17.1-9 <i>"Jesus' face shone like the sun"</i>	<b>Masses</b> 9:00 a.m.  10:30 a.m.  12:00 p.m.	Sp. Int. of Katerine Sterenczak  Sp. Int. of Caleb Remedios  Our Parish Community	Day of Prayer for Victims & Survivors of Abuse
<b>Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Daniel 9.3,4b-10++ Luke 6.36-38	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	+Bozica & +Dante Anthony Peros	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
<b>Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31++ Matthew 23.1-12	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	+Johny Te	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
<b>Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup></b> Jeremiah 18.18-20 Matthew 20.17-28	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	+Paul & +Henrietta Fernandes	Society of African Missions, S.M.A.
<b>Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup></b> Jeremiah 17.5-10 Luke 16.19-31	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m. Seasons	+John Aranha Sp. Int. of Herb & Helmut Spreitzer & Families	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
<b>Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup></b> Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28 Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m. <i>1<sup>st</sup> Friday Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>9:30am to 6:45pm</i>  7pm Stations of the Cross  Lenten Evening Friday Mass 7:30 p.m.	Sp. Int. of Catholic Moms Group   +Marino Robby	World Day of Prayer
<b>Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. Perpetua &amp; St. Felicity</b> Micah 7.14-15, 18-20 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m. <i>1st Saturday Mass</i>  5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	+Angelo & +Giovanna Girolami  +Michael Barros & +Christine Pereira de Andrade Sp. Int of Sr. Eleanor Gilligan +Edgar Angulo Sp. Int. of Pervin Pereira +Michael Tedesco	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis



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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### BAPTISM



The Catholic community of St. Benedict Parish welcomes the following children who were baptized in the month of **February**. We support them with our prayers and ask that their parents nurture them so they can grow up to be faith filled people of God and our parish community.

*Benjamin Michael Ashton, Zachary Emanuel Hoang,  
 Nora Ng-Doan, Theodore Raymond, Siena Rooke,  
 Milenna Dina Vuocolo, Veronica Barbara Wynn*



We remember in prayer, **Cynthia May Bacquie**, whose funeral was held in our parish this February. May God grant them eternal rest and surround their families with comfort, strength, and peace.



### CHALICE SPONSORSHIP WEEKEND

Chalice is coming to St. Benedict Parish! At the March 7 and 8 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you with the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.



**DST starts March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead.



Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous donations. Your continued support strengthens our parish community and helps keep the ministries and works of our church active. We are truly grateful!

COLLECTIONS			
Jan 25/26	\$ 1,503.70	Loose cash	(includes Bldg Fund, Special Envelopes)
	\$ 4,122.40	Envelopes /Cheques	
Jan 31/Feb 1	\$ 2,902.35	Loose cash	(includes Bldg Fund, Special Envelopes)
	\$ 6,559.20	Envelopes /Cheques	
Feb 7/8	\$ 3,080.47	Loose cash	Includes Bldg Fund, Special Envelopes)
	\$ 5,165.00	Envelopes /Cheques	
Feb 14/15	\$ 3,143.88	Loose cash	Includes Bldg Fund, Special Envelopes)
	\$ 16,646.50	Envelopes /Cheques	
<b>FEBRUARY</b> Pre-Authorized	\$ 18,018.67	Includes Bldg Fund, 1 <sup>st</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> Donations, Build the Light	

**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.



**LENT RETREAT – BAPTISM, MASS, YOUR STORY**

Saturday, March 14th, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

St. Benedict Parish, 300 Yates Drive, Milton

Rediscover the gift of Baptism and how the Mass sustains us on the journey. We were baptized... but how often do we stop to ask what that truly means? If Baptism is such an astonishing gift, why does it sometimes feel distant from our daily lives—or even from the Mass we attend each Sunday? This Lent retreat invites us to rediscover the gift of our Baptism and how it is nourished every time we participate in Mass. Together, we'll reflect on how Baptism begins a new journey and how the Mass continually sustains and strengthens us on that path. The retreat will be led by Fr. Pierre Caouette, LC, with a team of collaborators. RSVP: Please click the link below to register:

<https://www.regnumchristiontario.org/event-details/len-retreat-st-benedicts>. If you have any questions or difficulties registering via PayPal, please contact Tima at [events@regnumchristiontario.org](mailto:events@regnumchristiontario.org)



**CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP**

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Subiaco Room

Social from 7:30 to 8:00 pm. Meeting from 8:00 to 9:00.

The Feast of the Annunciation and You! Moms, come and get a better understanding of the Feast of the Annunciation, its implication for Salvation History and for your own life as a mom. Learn from Mary to listen to God and say "Yes!" to His plans. For more information contact Nelcy Lopez [stbenedictsh@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:stbenedictsh@catholicmomsgroup.com)



**JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

From Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

**ST. BENEDICT PARISH**

**2026 LENT-HOLY WEEK-EASTER SCHEDULE**

	DATE	DAY/TIME
Stations of the Cross	February 20, 2026 to April 3, 2026	Fridays, 7pm
Lenten Evening Friday Mass	February 20, 2026 to March 27, 2026	Fridays, 7:30pm
Lenten evening Confession @Holy Rosary	March 26, 2026	Thursday, 7pm to 9pm

**HOLY WEEK**

Palm Sunday	March 28 <sup>th</sup> March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, 5pm Sunday, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm 4pm (French)
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**TRIDUUM**

Holy Thursday	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday, 7pm
Good Friday	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday, 11am & 3pm (Solemn Service)
Blessing of Easter Food	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, 10:30am
Easter Vigil	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, 8pm
Easter Sunday	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, 6:30am (Solemn Sunrise Celebration) 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the First Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.



**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. Call 905-664-5212 or email [1013r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:1013r@helpourmarriage.org)



**LISTENING AND FASTING: POPE LEO XIV'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026**

Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent 2026, entitled "Listening and fasting. Lent as a time of Conversion," was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo's message, and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development here: [www.humandevlopment.va](http://www.humandevlopment.va)

**2025 TAX RECEIPTS**

If you haven't already done so, please pick up your tax receipts at the table just outside the parish office.

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