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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8 <sup>th</sup> to March 14 <sup>th</sup>	SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION	NWADIKE FAMILY	
READINGS	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
<b>Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Exodus 17.3-7 Romans 5.1-2, 5-8 John 4.5-42 or John 4.5-15, 19-26, 39a, 40-42 <i>"The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life"</i>	<b>Masses</b> 9:00 a.m.  10:30 a.m.  12:00 p.m.	Our Parish Community  Thanksgiving  +Rosario Espiritu	
<b>Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. Frances of Rome</b> 2 Kings 5.1-15a Luke 4.24-30	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	+Karl Zimmerman	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
<b>Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup></b> Daniel 3.25, 34-43 Matthew 18.21-35	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Dede	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
<b>Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup></b> Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9 Matthew 5.17-19	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Peter Pereira	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
<b>Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup></b> Jeremiah 7.23-28 Luke 11.14-23	<b>Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.  Birkdale	+Gabrielpillai Anthony  Sp. Int. of Herb & Helmut Spreitzer & Families	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
<b>Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup></b> Hosea 14.1-9 Mark 12.28b-34	<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.	Sp. Int. of Dorothy Pilarski   +Amy Gomes	Parish & Chancery Staff
<b>Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup></b> Hosea 5.15b-6.6++ Luke 18.9-14	<b>Mass</b> 5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	Deceased Members of the Vicencio Family Deceased members of Seno, Labuga & Fantonial Families +Tessie Co Pangga +Kiryakos Kiryakos +Hardev Singh Daid	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.



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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### FLOWERS RETURN AT EASTER



As we observe this sacred season, parishioners are kindly asked to wait until Easter before bringing flowers, so their return may joyfully mark the celebration of the Resurrection.



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

## **RCIA**

### **RITE OF ELECTION**

On the First Sunday of Lent (February 22, 2026), catechumens and candidates from across the Diocese of Hamilton gathered at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for the Rite of Election, celebrated by Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA. Approximately 350 individuals preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil stood before the Church to be formally recognized as the Elect — those chosen by God and called to continue their journey of conversion. The Rite of Election marks an important milestone in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), as catechumens preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist publicly express their desire to enter fully into the life of the Church. **There were 13 people from our parish who participated in the Rite of Election.**



### **JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents "Journey through Lent", a video series which provides weekly Lenten spiritual reflections. Reflections based on the readings for Sunday Mass will be available weekly from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. Designed for individuals, families, and communities, Journey Through Lent encourages viewers to reflect on the Sunday readings. This year's reflections are presented by:

- The Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough (in English).
- The Most Reverend Juan Carlos Londoño, Auxiliary Bishop of Québec (in French)

(source: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2026/02/journey-through-lent-2026/>)

### **MINISTERIAL FORMATION THROUGH VLCCFF**



The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2026. Three- and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com)

### **YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT**



Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of fellowship and music as you discern your vocation and as we celebrate the Easter Season. The Young Adults Night includes a social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm) followed by a vocations testimony and praise music ending with Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, April 11th (note Second Saturday, not First Saturday) at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON). 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).

### **VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2026**



The Serra Club of Hamilton warmly invites you to attend the 23rd Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Liuna Station to celebrate the dedicated service of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Consecrated Virgins in the Diocese of Hamilton. Milestone anniversaries will be honored and we will hear the inspiring faith journeys of this year's ordinandi and candidates. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. For more information and to order tickets, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton



### **SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH**

#### **MASS SCHEDULE- THURSDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



### **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

#### **MASS SCHEDULE- WEDNESDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**All are warmly invited to attend.**

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**



The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament offering God's healing grace to those who are dealing with serious illness or surgery. It's for anyone seeking spiritual and physical healing, not solely those at life's end.

**How to Request:** Contact the parish office early to arrange for a priest, rather than waiting for emergencies.

**For Hospital Patients:** Let hospital staff know a priest is needed, or contact the parish office. Provide the patient's location and details for a timely visit.

### **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.

### **LIFE TALKS- HALTON ALIVE**

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

St. George's Anglican Church



Life Talks is an information packed conference aimed at educating our community to learn more about life issues and become better advocates in their daily lives, equipped with the right knowledge and attitude to make a difference. Plan to attend and invite a friend.

### **MATER BONI CONSILII ACADEMY (MBCA)**



Want to learn more about a private school option in Halton? Mater Boni Consilii Academy (MBCA) is the first and only private Catholic school in the Halton Region, offering Kindergarten through Grade 8 programming. Our curriculum focuses on Integral Formation, concentrating on 4 dimensions: Intellectual, Human, Spiritual (including sacramental preparation) and Apostolic Formation. If you don't have school aged children we welcome your support by way of your prayers, time or monetary donation. You are also invited to attend our 3rd annual Mother of Good Counsel gala on April 24th. Visit our website to learn more: [www.mbcahalton.com](http://www.mbcahalton.com)

### **SERRA CLUB-Third Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2026**



"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

### **ST. BENEDICT PARISH SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**



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