

Holy Rosary Parish Community

287 Plains Road East - Burlington, Ontario L7T 2C7

**Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary,
Pray for us.**



Mission Statement

Holy Rosary Burlington Catholic Parish Community, disciples sent forth by the Holy Spirit to live and proclaim Christ Jesus, strives to constantly grow in faith, vibrant worship, warm welcome to all, and compassionate outreach, to be a vital witness of care and hope wherever the Lord needs us.

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Office closed - Sat. / Sun. / Mon.

Masses on the Lord's Day

Saturday 5 p.m. | Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m. (Rosary at 7:30 a.m.)

Confessions

Saturday 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

New Parishioners

We welcome you. Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form in the book rack at the church entrance.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound

Please contact the office whenever a family member is hospitalized or confined to home. Privacy law prohibits the parish from obtaining information from the hospital. Parish staff and volunteers visit the sick and homebound regularly and bring Communion to those unable to come to the church. Call the office if you or a member of your family wishes to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

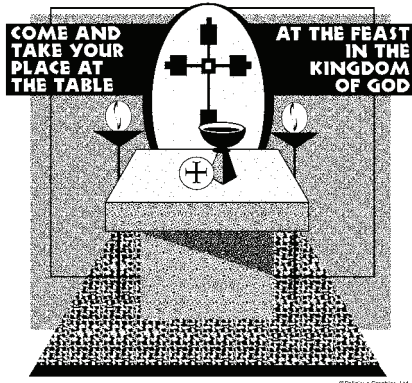
Remember Your Parish

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember Holy Rosary Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

Turn your ear, O Lord,
and answer me!



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:
Luke 13.22-30

OUR GIFTS TO GOD August 17th Collection

| Regular Envelopes | Regular Loose | Pre-Authorized Debit | Church Maintenance |
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| \$ 3,382 | \$495 | \$ 25 | \$ 165 |

We thank you for your continued, dedicated and regular financial support for Holy Rosary Parish. Thanks to the many people who have increased their support. Our generosity is making a difference!

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

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| Mon. Aug. 25 | Rev. Robert Wong, S.J. |
| Tues. Aug. 26 | Rev. Philip Shano, S.J. |
| Wed. Aug. 27 | Ursuline Sisters, o.s.u. |
| Thurs. Aug. 28 | Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr. |
| Fri. Aug. 29 | The Passion of St. John the Baptist |
| Sat. Aug. 30 | Very Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu, E.V. |

MEN'S & WOMEN'S RETREAT Sept 19–21, 2025 at Manresa, Pickering

Theme: "Called to love as God loves"

With **Fr. John Sullivan, SJ**

Suggested offering: \$270

Info:

Jonathan – 905-634-0248

Fiona – 905-839-2864



MASS INTENTIONS

(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Join us in praying the Rosary for Vocations before
Mass beginning at 7:30 a.m.

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| Tues., Aug. 26 | No Mass |
| Wed., Aug. 27 | No Mass |
| Thurs., Aug. 28 | No Mass |
| Fri., Aug. 29 | No Mass |
| Sat., Aug. 30 5:00 pm | †John & Greta Vonderunden †Anibal Sousa †Vojko & Niko Pesa †Ken Fleming †George Lynott †Kate Carmody |

A NOTE ABOUT WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Please be aware that there are no weekday masses here during August 26-29, due to Fr. Dave's holidays.

Parishioners who wish to attend morning mass are encouraged to attend one of the other parishes in Burlington: St. John the Baptist, St. Raphael, St. Gabriel or St.. Paul the Apostle. Most of these parishes have more than one priest and are able to continue their regular mass schedules. Call the parish or check online for the weekday mass schedule for each of these parishes.

LIMITED OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Due to holidays for the staff and while we are in the process of hiring a new Office Assistant, the **parish office will be closed on Tuesday to Thursday this week. The office will be open on Friday, August 29.** Regular office hours will resume on September 2, 2025.

We apologize for the inconvenience to our parishioners.

UPDATE ON HIRING NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT

We have received over 144 applications for the position of Office Assistant. We have narrowed down the candidates to six potential recruits and hope to begin interviewing in the first week in September.

We are grateful to our parishioners for your patience and understanding in this process to hire an excellent candidate for this position.

TIP TAP SYSTEM NOW INSTALLED AND HOW IT WORKS

The parish recognizes that many people today don't carry physical cash as frequently as they once did. To address this shift, we have introduced **TipTap®** devices, which are contactless payment terminals that allow parishioners and visitors to tap their credit or debit cards to make donations. These devices allow users to tap their credit or debit card for a set amount (\$5, \$10, or \$20). Many parishes now offer this method of donating.

While tax receipts are not typically issued for these donations, it is possible for us to do so. Please contact our office if you'd like to inquire about receiving one. The service we use is looking to introduce tax receipting in Canada this fall.

These devices are now installed in the main entrance of the church on a stand on the right-hand side of the hallway, beside the bookcase as you leave the church.

To donate, simply tap your credit card, debit card or other payment method on the device (or a combination of devices) displaying the amount you wish to donate. One beep will sound to indicate the card has been read, and another beep will follow a few seconds to indicate the payment has been completed. Two beeps after the initial beep suggest there was a problem, and the user should tap again or use a different card. Three beeps mean the card was declined.

These devices are secure and convenient. Only the last four digits of your card are visible in our records and no information about the cardholder are revealed to us. No transaction receipt is issued for the donation. Your bank or credit card statement will simply indicate a donation to Holy Rosary Church.

We hope parishioners and visitors will find this a convenient method of donating to the parish community.

HOLY ROSARY ST. VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Holy Rosary's SSVP is collecting monetary donations to provide **Walmart gift cards** up to \$50 to families in need to help them to purchase essential school supplies. There are copies of the flyers that were inserted in the bulletin a few weeks ago on the table in the main entrance of the church, or consult our parish website for more information at holyroaryparish.ca

Please write *"Back to School Support"* on your donation envelope or donate through the parish website. On behalf of the families we serve – Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND JUBILEE OF HOPE

Calling all young adults! Join us for a special day pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario**, as we journey together in the spirit of the **Jubilee of Hope**. This is a chance to connect with others, deepen your faith, and walk in the footsteps of the Canadian martyrs.

☐ **Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2025

🕒 **Departure Time:** 8:00 am

📍 **Departure Location:** Chancery Office, Diocese of Hamilton (700 King Street West)

\$ **Cost:** \$40.00 per person

📦 **Includes:** Transportation, entry to the Shrine, time for prayer, reflection, fellowship, and celebration of Mass, BBQ Dinner ahead of departure.

All young adults (20s & 30s) are welcome. Space is limited, so register early!

To register or learn more, contact:

Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis

catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com

www.hamiltondiocese.com/events

Come and be renewed in hope!

CALLING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE CHILDREN/FAMILY CHOIR

This Choir sings at the 9 am Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month. From September on, we practice between the 9 and 11 am Sunday Masses for about 30 minutes. Interested, please contact Vicky at siuming.chen@gmail.com for more details.

DISCONTINUATION OF THE [HROSARY@COGECO.CA](mailto:hrosary@cogeco.ca) EMAIL ADDRESS

In order to streamline and improve our communications, we are migrating to one parish email address:

holyrosaryburlington@hamiltondiocese.com

This will become the main email for all correspondence with the parish office, which will help us to ensure that all emails are answered as expeditiously as possible.

Those wishing to communicate directly with the pastor can use frdavewilhelm@outlook.com

PLEASE NOTE that the old email address hrosary@cogeco.ca is no longer being used and will be retired by the end of August. Parishioners who use the Cogeco email address are encouraged to update their address books accordingly to the new address holyrosaryburlington@hamiltondiocese.com. Thank you for your understanding and patience with this necessary change.

OUR PARISH WEBISTE IS UPDATED WEEKLY

Have you noticed that our new parish website is updated weekly? We update the announcements and the bulletin on a regular basis and add new posts and events to the website as they develop. The website should be the go-to place for getting updates about what is happening in the parish. Drop by for a look at <https://holyrosaryburlington.ca>

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful opportunity for those who are considering becoming Catholic or simply want to deepen their understanding of the faith.

The RCIA program is designed to guide individuals through a process of reflection, prayer, and education. Participants will have the chance to explore the teachings of the Church, ask questions, and grow in their spiritual journey. Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a baptized Catholic seeking to complete your sacraments of initiation, the RCIA is open to all. The process is set to begin in October.

Join us on this transformative journey of faith and discover the richness of the Catholic tradition. We look forward to welcoming you! If you are interested, contact Fr. Wilhelm at frdavewilhelm@outlook.com

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