

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.

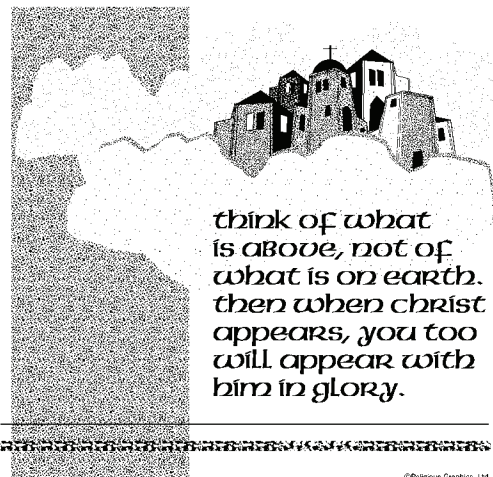
Remember Your Parish

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Lord, do not delay
in your coming!



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:

Luke 12.35 40

OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 27th Collection

Regular Envelopes	Regular Loose	Pre-Authorized Debit	Church Maintenance
\$ 4,490	\$ 637	\$ 1,542	\$ 105

We thank you for your continued, dedicated and regular financial support of Holy Rosary Parish.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. August 4	Rev. Hayden Starczala
Tues. August 5	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
Wed. August 6	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
Thurs. August 7	Chancery Staff
Fri. August 8	Rev. Robert Hetu
Sat. August 9	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon

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.

Tues., August 5	†Rosina Molinaro †Davide Gribari †Vitulia Gribari
Wed., August 6	†Maria Amaral
Thurs., August 7	†Paul Blake
Fri., August 8	†John Ivanco
Sat., August 9 5:00 pm	Intentions of Melvin & Gail Saldanha †Bill Fasullo †Tamara Holadyk-Nardini †Jan Wedderien †Renz Christopher Manalo

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Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church Bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2025 and support the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin, and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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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.

KYLE DAVIDSON RETURNS TO STUDIES

This weekend is Kyle's last weekend with us as he prepares for a few weeks' holidays before returning to the Sacred Heart Seminary in Wisconsin to begin his studies in Philosophy. We wish Kyle well as he continues to discern his vocation, and we thank him for his service to our parish community.

ENCOUNTERING MERCY AND MAKING A BETTER CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession, is one of the most beautiful expressions of God's mercy. It is not simply about listing our sins but about opening our hearts to the healing love of Jesus Christ. When we approach the sacrament with sincerity, preparation, and trust, Confession becomes a life-giving encounter with the grace that transforms us.

Jesus gave His Church this sacrament so that we could experience real forgiveness. In John 20:22-23, the Risen Christ breathed on His apostles and said, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." Through the priest, it is Christ who absolves us. Each time we go to Confession, we receive not only pardon but also strength to begin again.

To deepen your experience of Reconciliation, consider these steps: Take time to reflect honestly on your life since your last Confession. Use the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, or a Catholic guide as a mirror to examine your thoughts, words, actions, and omissions. It is often helpful to choose a brief passage of scripture as a basis for your examination. This can be brought into the reconciliation room, and the penitent can read it out loud. Epistles, such as Paul's letters, are often a good source for an examination of conscience, as are the gospels. Although we need to confess what we know to be serious or mortal sins, we may be able to focus on one or two areas where we sincerely want to change. This is particularly helpful for those who celebrate reconciliation on a regular, devotional basis. Pray for the Grace of True Contrition

Sorrow for sin is at the heart of Confession. Ask God for the grace to see your sins as He does—not to fall into shame or discouragement, but to recognize where love was lacking and how He is calling you back.

In the confessional, state your sins with humility and sincerity. There's no need for lengthy explanations; trust that the Lord knows your heart and that the priest is there to help, console and encourage, not to judge.

The words of encouragement or advice the priest offers can be a personal word from God. Pay attention—you may receive insight or healing in a way you didn't expect.

The penance assigned is a way to begin making amends and to unite our hearts more closely with Christ. Doing it promptly helps seal the grace of the sacrament in our lives.

Like exercise for the soul, frequent Confession strengthens virtue, helps us resist temptation, and keeps our hearts attuned to God's will. Monthly Confession is a good habit for anyone seeking to grow in holiness. Once per season (four times per year) is encouraged as a general rule of thumb.

Confession is not a burden—it is a gift. It is where we leave our sins behind and hear the words that restore us: "I absolve you." Whether it's been a month, a year, or longer, don't be afraid to return to the sacrament. Christ is waiting for you, not with condemnation, but with open arms.

Since coming to the parish, I have expanded the times for reconciliation. The sacrament is available from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and on First Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, many times are offered at various times of the day throughout the weeks leading to Christmas and Easter.

There are many helpful examinations of conscience available online. A simple search will yield many resources. Choose one that is most comfortable and relevant to you.

Let this be the season when you return to the heart of the Father. Come to Confession. Encounter mercy. Be renewed.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

We wish to express our prayerful solidarity with those who have lost loved ones recently. We remember the soul of Kate Carmody, who was a lifelong member of this parish community from the parish's establishment in 1947.

We also extend our sympathies to the family of Dave Reynard, whose funeral was also held here last week. Please remember these individuals and their families in your prayers, as we await with hope the resurrection when Christ returns in glory.

NEW POSITION AT HOLY ROSARY PARISH

As you have seen in the bulletin and on our website, we have posted a position description for an administrative office assistant for the parish. So far, over 96 people have applied for the position, and we are beginning the process of narrowing down the applications to 4 or 5 prime candidates.

If you wish to apply for the position, please do so through the Diocese of Hamilton website. The position description is posted on our website, under the Diocese of Hamilton tab on the main menu. There is a link at the bottom of the description to the Diocese of Hamilton website.

We are hoping to have the position filled by the end of September.

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