

# 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.*

## **Clergy**

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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.

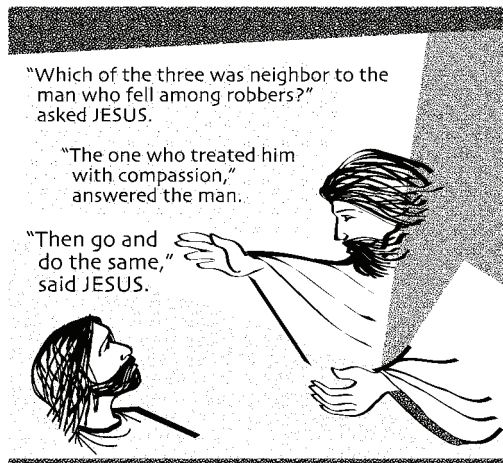
## **Remember Your Parish**

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

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

Remain in me, says the Lord!



## REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.  
The Gospel for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is:  
**Luke 10.38-42**

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD July 6<sup>th</sup> Collection

Regular Envelopes	Regular Loose	Pre-Authorized Debit	Missionary Co-op
\$ 4,007	\$ 450	\$ 1,542	\$ 180

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

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. July 14	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tues. July 15	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
Wed. July 16	Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus
Thurs. July 17	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.
Fri. July 18	Rev. James Link, C.R.
Sat. July 19	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.

**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  
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## MASS INTENTIONS (8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

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

Tues., July 15	†Joe Sposato
Wed., July 16	†Tom Reynolds
Thurs., July 17	†Manuel & Albertina Araujo
Fri., July 18	†Celing, Lehing & Arnold Macapagal
Sat., July 19 5:00 pm	Intentions of Monika & Sofia Szechynski †Bob Weber †Katherine Owen †Engracio Manalo †Ken Fleming

## rites of Christian Initiation of Adults

It has been a couple of years since we have had an active RCIA program in the parish. I want to form a team to welcome those seeking baptism or wishing to complete their initiation into the Catholic faith.

I want to form a team that is willing to help organize and plan a program to begin in October, to celebrate the reception of new candidates into the Catholic faith during the Easter Vigil in 2026.

If you would like to be part of this team, please complete a volunteer form available in the main entrance of the church. I hope to have some discussions over the summer with those interested in forming a small team to journey with potential candidates.

I have already been approached by some who wish to investigate becoming a Catholic Christian. For anyone wishing to become Catholic, I look forward to hearing from you. - Fr. Dave Wilhelm

## UPHOLDING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE IN THE FACE OF MAiD

In recent years, Canada's expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) has stirred deep concern among faith communities. While framed as a compassionate option for those suffering, MAiD raises profound moral and spiritual questions that challenge our understanding of human dignity, suffering, and the role of the Church.

### Why MAiD is Unacceptable from a Christian Viewpoint

**Life is sacred for everyone:** Scripture teaches that life is a gift from God, and only He has the authority over its beginning and end. MAiD, which involves intentionally ending a life, contradicts this divine principle.

**Suffering has meaning:** While pain is never desirable, Christian tradition holds that suffering can be redemptive and spiritually transformative. Offering support and presence during suffering affirms the value of every life.

**Vulnerable lives are at risk:** Reports show that some individuals seek MAiD not because of irremediable illness, but due to poverty, loneliness, or lack of adequate care. This reflects a failure of society—not a justification for ending life.

**It's a slippery ethical slope:** The expansion of MAiD to include those with mental illness (delayed until 2027) has sparked concern among psychiatrists and ethicists, who warn that irremediability in mental health is often unpredictable.

#### **What Can We do to discourage MAiD?**

**Promote palliative care:** Advocate for compassionate, holistic care that addresses physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering. Support organizations that provide hospice services and end-of-life care.

**Offer pastoral support:** Ensure that those facing illness or despair are not alone. Church visitation, prayer groups, and spiritual counseling can be lifelines for those in crisis.

**Educate with love:** Host forums and Bible studies that explore the ethics of life and death from a Christian lens. Equip congregants to speak thoughtfully and respectfully about MAiD.

**Engage in advocacy:** Write to elected officials urging better safeguards and increased funding for mental health, disability support, and elder care. Let our voices reflect the compassion of Christ.

**Be present:** Sometimes, the most powerful witness is simply showing up. A listening ear, a warm meal, or a shared prayer can remind someone that their life matters.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be defenders of life, especially when it is most fragile. Let us respond to the rise of MAiD not with condemnation, but with compassion, courage, and conviction—offering hope where the world offers despair.

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy.” (Proverbs 31:8 -9)

#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF**

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) 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 2025. 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.hamiltondiocesearns.com](http://www.hamiltondiocesearns.com)

#### **ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM**

This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run Tuesdays from Sept. 23 – Nov. 25 from 7-9 pm and are held at the

Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and looking under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### **WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!**

We're excited to announce the launch of the newly redesigned website for Holy Rosary Burlington! The updated site—can be found at [holynosaryburlington.ca](http://holynosaryburlington.ca)—only the extension has changed. The site has been crafted with you in mind, offering a fresh look, improved functionality, and easier navigation for everyone in our community. So what's new?

**Streamlined Design:** A clean, welcoming layout that reflects the warmth of our parish.

**Mobile-Friendly Access:** The site is currently best viewed on a desktop computer or tablet in landscape viewing mode. We will gradually adjust it to enable comfortable viewing on a smartphone.

**Event Calendar:** Stay up to date on parish activities, Mass schedules, and community gatherings.

**Spiritual Resources:** Explore opportunities for spiritual growth, sacramental preparation, and ministry involvement.

**Parish Bulletins & Announcements:** Never miss a beat—download the latest bulletin or subscribe to receive updates directly in your inbox.

This new digital home supports our mission to be disciples sent forth by the Holy Spirit, with a warm welcome and compassionate outreach to all. It's not just a website—it's a living space where we can stay connected, inspired, and informed.

**Visit [holynosaryburlington.ca](http://holynosaryburlington.ca),** subscribe to our bulletins, and be part of the vibrant journey of faith and community at Holy Rosary Burlington.

Effective July 15, 2025, we will no longer update the old website as we continue to build the new website by gradually adding content, including pictures, articles, and information of interest. I invite you to share your comments and suggestions for the site. You can use the comments section on the website to provide positive feedback and suggestions.

#### **LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL WAY TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER?**



Join us in bringing hope and encouragement to older people in our community. Through small acts of kindness and care, such as writing letters or using sidewalk chalk, you can bring hope and love to those who are isolated and elderly. This is a perfect opportunity for kids to participate in meaningful activities during their summer breaks. For details on how to get involved, please contact: Mariana [inspirehope@haltonalive.com](mailto:inspirehope@haltonalive.com)



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