## **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.

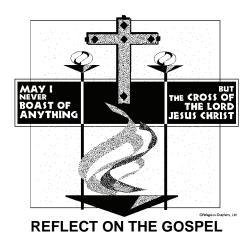
## **Remember Your Parish**

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

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

Lord, your hand is full of justice!



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

Luke 10.25 37

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## **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. July 7	Rev. Ireneusz H. Koziak, S.A.C.
Tues. July 8	Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.
	Holy Ghost Congregation
Wed. July 9	(Spiritans), C.S.Sp.
Thurs. July 10	Rev. Stephen Murrin
Fri. July 11	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Sat. July 12	Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos

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

Theme: "Called to love as God loves"
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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 8	†Frank Pesowski
Wed., July 9	†Bruce Pritchard
Thurs.,July 10	†Paul Blake
Fri., July 11	†Manuel & Maria Moniz
Sat., July 12	†Bill Fasullo †Maria Helene Moniz
@ 5:00 pm	†Erwin Hinterdorfer †Giuliana Abballe
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#### A REMINDER ABOUT SUMMER MASS TIMES

Our regular mass schedule will be maintained throughout July and August. Our Lord's Day Masses will continue to be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. throughout July and August.

## RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

It has been a couple of years since we 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



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE! The Knights of Columbus will be happy to

receive your donated returnable bottles and cans, wine bladders and tetra packs, **this Tuesday**, **July** 8<sup>th</sup>, in the parking lot near the big blue shipping container, from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. If you can provide proper boxes for the bottles, that will also be very much appreciated. This is promising to be another record-breaking year. All proceeds go the wonderful work of Burlington Special Olympics.

# 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 <a href="mailto:inspirehope@haltonalive.com">inspirehope@haltonalive.com</a>

## UNDERSTANDING THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN POSITION ON MAID

In recent years, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) has become legally available in our country, leading to many questions among the faithful. As Catholics, it is essential to understand what our faith teaches regarding life, suffering, and the end of life.

The Catholic Church, in our faithfulness to the teaching of Christ, teaches that every human life is a precious gift from God, from conception to natural death. We are stewards, not owners, of our lives, and we are called to respect and protect life even in the face of suffering and illness.

MAiD involves the intentional ending of a person's life, either through physician-administered lethal injection or by providing the means for a person to end their own life. The Church teaches that euthanasia and assisted suicide are morally wrong, as they involve the deliberate taking of innocent human life, which violates the commandment, "You shall not kill" (Exodus 20:13)

This teaching does not mean that we must prolong life at all costs; it is morally permissible to refuse extraordinary or disproportionate treatments that only extend life without a reasonable hope of recovery. However, this is different from intentionally causing or bringing about the death of someone. Genuine compassion means walking with those who suffer, ensuring they are not alone, and providing palliative care, pain management, and spiritual support, affirming their dignity even in their final days.

We are called to support those who are ill or near the end of life with prayer, presence, and loving care. The Church invites us to advocate for palliative care and to accompany families and individuals through these difficult moments with hope rooted in Christ.

If you or a loved one is facing questions about end-of-life care, please reach out to your parish priest. We are here to listen, support, and pray with you.

"Christ is our hope in life and death, and He assures that no one dies alone or unloved."

## THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO MASS ON CANADA DAY!

Many thanks to those who attended the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Canada Day this past week. Thanks also to Vicky Chen, who led the music and to all who assisted in our celebration. We must pray for our country and those who lead us. To be Canadian is to have space—literal, cultural, spiritual—to welcome the stranger, care for the vulnerable, and steward Creation. But we must not grow sleepy in our blessings or timid in our faith. May this Canada Day awaken in us the urgency of faith-filled action and the deep trust that, even in our nation's storms, God is with us.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF MINISTRY AND SERVICE IN THE PARISH

Ministry is at the heart of the Church's mission. It is through ministry that we bring Christ's love and presence into our world, serving one another and building up the Body of Christ. Every baptized person is called to ministry in some way, whether through prayer, acts of service, or leadership within the parish.

Ministry is not just about filling a role; it is about living out our faith in practical, joyful ways. When we serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, catechists, choir members, visitors to the sick, or in any other capacity, we allow God to work through us, bringing comfort, hope, and the Good News to others.

St. Paul reminds us that the Church is like a body with many parts, each with a vital role to play. No act of service is too small. Each ministry, carried out with love, strengthens our parish community and bears witness to the love of Christ.

As we move through this summer season, consider how God may be calling you to serve. Pray for the grace to respond generously and remember that ministry is not about perfection but about willingness. By offering our time and talents, we help our parish become a place where faith is lived, and all experience God's love.

Please refer to the volunteer commitment sheets located on the table in the main entrance of the church. There is a description of many of the forms of service available and needed in the parish. Volunteering is a great way to interact with others, and it helps us to "get out of ourselves" and do something meaningful for others.

#### THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The corporal and spiritual works of mercy are the practical ways in which we are called to embrace the values of the gospel.

The corporal works of mercy are concerned with meeting the physical needs of others. They are: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, ransom the captive and bury the dead.

The spiritual works of mercy, on the other hand, are designed to meet the spiritual needs of others. They are: instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish the sinner, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offences willingly, comfort the afflicted and pray for the living and the dead.

We often experience these corporal and spiritual works of mercy within our families, which is the first place to embrace and live the values of the Gospel. Indeed, family life is sacred and the place where the values of the gospel are naturally welcomed.

## **BAPTISMS - WELCOME!**



We welcome **Dominic Kisahleitner, Anthony Nicholson & Chris Perlas.** In the celebration of
the Sacrament last Sunday, they received new

life in Christ. We pray that, with the support of family and friends, they will grow to full stature in Christ.



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