

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.

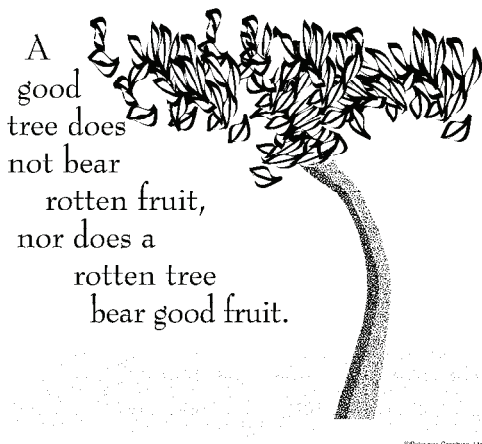
Remember Your Parish

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

It is good to give thanks
to the Lord!!



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The First Sunday of Lent time is:

Luke 4.1-13

OUR GIFTS TO GOD February 23rd Collection

Sunday Envelopes	Sunday Loose	Pre-Authorized Debit	St. Vincent de Paul
\$ 4,275	\$ 405	\$ 1,407	\$ 1,880

We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. March 3	Rev. Joseph Akanbi
Tues. March 4	Rev. Charles Jordan
Wed. March 5	Ash Wednesday
Thurs. March 6	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
Fri. March 7	Parish Staff
	World Day of Prayer
Sat. March 8	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.

VOCATION AWARENESS

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 2, 2025

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email : vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

CHAIR YOGA- Drop Ins are welcome from 11 am-12 Thurs. \$6.00.

Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope the Lord's Day worship spiritually enriches you.



Mass Intentions

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

Join us in praying for the Rosary for Vocations before Mass.

The rosary starts at 7:30 a.m.

Tues., March 4	†Paul Blake
Wed., March 5	Ash Wednesday
8:00 a.m.	†Auxilia McCormack
10:30 a.m.	Mass for School Community
7:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Holy Rosary
Thurs., March 6	†Bruce Pritchard
Fri., March 7	†Vivian Smith
Sat., March 8	†Bill Fasullo †Joseph Petrarca
5:00 p.m.	†Larry Helm †Frances Giannetti



ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th

The use of ashes, to represent mourning, repentance, and recognition of our frail mortality, has a long history in religious practice, with numerous references to this in Old Testament stories. In the early centuries of the Church, public penitents, dressed in sackcloth and covered with ashes, began the long Lenten period of prayer and fasting to atone for serious sin. By the Middle Ages, Lent began to be seen as a necessary time for all God's people to prepare well for Easter by penitence, and it became standard practice to impose ashes on the first day of the season. When we begin the holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven. **Ashes will be distributed to all in attendance at Masses this Wednesday, at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00p.m.** In addition, the community of Holy Rosary School will gather in the church for mass and the blessing and distribution of ashes: at 10:30 a.m.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, a traditional devotion of Lent, are on **Fridays**, starting this Friday, March 7th, and continuing throughout Lent.. There will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** concluding with Benediction. The Holy Hour of Adoration will be for the intention of the continued growth and spiritual renewal of our parish.



HOLY ROSARY PARISH

PANCAKE BREAKFAST OR DINNER

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025:

8:30 a.m.; or 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus invite all to join on Shrove Tuesday for pancakes and ham, in the Parish Centre. No charge, but free-will offerings made will go to Saint Vincent

de Paul. It is wonderful to be able to have this family social opportunity just prior to the start of Lent. For further information, contact Joe Milton (905-632-5646) or Vic Lefebvre (905-330-3545).



HALTON ALIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join Halton Alive in touching the hearts of over 2000 residents of long term care and retirement homes through our 2025 Inspire Hope Campaign! **Spring Flowers Initiative: Volunteers needed to make and deliver 2000 homemade Spring flowers!** Includes discussion starters for parents, teachers and youth ministers to spark conversation about the value of the vulnerable in our society.

Sign up at <https://www.haltionalive.ca/flowers> or contact Mariana at inspirehope@haltionalive.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS

As we are aware, Pope Francis is struggling with some very serious health issues. People from throughout the world have been praying for him, and we have been remembering him each day in our masses. Please remember to pray for Pope Francis and the Church, that God will guide us through this time and, if it be God's will, grant Pope Francis improvement in his health and courage for the journey.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS AT HOLY ROSARY

We get a lot of requests for baptism, marriages and other sacramental celebrations from people who live outside the parish or from their relatives who ask for the celebration of sacraments here. In most cases, those seeking these celebrations are not connected to the Church

Please be aware that those requesting sacraments who live outside the parish and are not registered here will be redirected to their proper parish (in the area where they live) for the celebration of the sacraments. This is meant to encourage those who disconnected from the Church to establish a meaningful connection with their proper parish. It also enables me, as the pastor of the parish to focus pastoral energies on those entrusted to my pastoral and spiritual care through their connection here.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND SPIRITUAL REPORT

The Finance Advisory Council met this past Wednesday to review the Annual Financial Report for 2024 and to review the Proposed Budget for 2025 (the first budget we have established in many years). We also had some frank discussions on the future needs of the parish and our current contribution trends.

Of concern is that last year, the parish had an operating deficit of \$23,561.29. This was due to the Cathedraticum owing on our assessable income for the year. (Cathedraticum is an assessment, based on the level of income received. Our rate of Cathedraticum is 11%. Cathedraticum is paid by all parishes to the Diocese for their administration and operations). To pay the Cathedraticum of 38,346.28, we had to use \$20,000.00 from our funds on deposit with the diocese. The balance

was taken from our operating account, leaving the balance in that account perilously low. The Draft Budget for 2025 is in a deficit position of \$45,678.41 (after some significant cost cutting measures in heating, maintenance, and in the cost of streaming our mass each week throughout the year). Further cuts will likely be needed as we move forward.

We also reviewed the collections during the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. There is no clear indication that the collections are going down, although the amounts collected vary from year to year. We hope to present a breakdown of contribution trends which are very revealing and indicate a need to increase our revenue through our offerings or through an increase in user fee or both.

During two weekends so far this year, our Sunday collection was very small due to the weather and poor attendance at masses. For those who use envelopes, please make sure that you make up for the contribution you normally give and were not able to give due to the weather!

We appreciate all those who contribute faithfully and generously to our parish community!

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been marked as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

WHEN LIFE CHANGES

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese is offering our six-week grief program from **April 23rd to May 28th, 2025**. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

We wish to welcome Oliver John Dimney, infant son of Wesley Dimney and Nadia Dimney who was welcomed into God's family last Sunday. Our prayer is that his parents and godparents will be faithful in journeying with Oliver, as he comes to grow in his relationship with the Lord. Thanks to Joanna Baumgartner for helping with the preparation and the celebration of the baptism.

PAINTING THE CHURCH

A cheating painting contractor had been skimping by thinning his paint excessively. Nevertheless, he landed a big job painting a church. He was almost done when a major storm blew up. It washed all the paint off. Amid the thunder and lightening, there came a loud voice..."REPAINT," it boomed. "REPAINT, AND THIN NO MORE!"

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