

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.

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

One does not live
by bread alone!



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Second Sunday of Lent time is:
Luke 9.28b-36

OUR GIFTS TO GOD March 2nd Collection

Sunday Envelopes	Sunday Loose	Pre-Authorized Debit	Church Maintenance
\$ 3,571	\$ 345	\$ 1,588	\$ 250

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. March 10	Rev. Adam Voisin
Tues. March 11	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Wed. March 12	Permanent Diaconate Candidates
Thurs. March 13	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
Fri. March 14	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
Sat. March 15	Rev. Mark Gatto

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM EATING MEAT IN LENT

Some people have asked about fasting and abstinence from eating meat during Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from eating meat in Lent. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from eating meat. Fasting binds those from the age of 18-59. Abstinence from eating meat binds those 14 years of age and older.

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 11	†Vince Sposato
Wed., March 12	†Nicoletta Bagnoli
Thurs., March 13	†Claire Grand
Fri., March 14	†Kowski Jayaraj
Sat., March 15 5:00 p.m.	†Bob Weber †Henry Rudachyk †Agnes Leger †Joseph Bercik †Carl Grace



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, a traditional devotion of Lent, are on **Fridays** 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. Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Our next meeting is Monday March 17th at 7 pm in Parish Centre. Discussion on **Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et Spes*** Interested please contact Vicky siuming.chen@gmail.com for the links of the above session and the previous session (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum*) that we missed on February 17th. All are welcome.

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.



LIFE TALKS CONFERENCE

Ticket sales have launched! Join us on Saturday, March 29, 2025 for Life Talks - a day of learning and community building among the pro-life movement in Southern Ontario. Life Talks equips Christians to know how to respond to life issues and live out their pro-life convictions. We encourage you to invite friends who also would be encouraged by Life Talks!

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2025

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons, and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. To order tickets or for information, send an email to serrahamilton1965@gmail.com. You can pay for your ticket through e-transfer using the same email or you can also pay by credit card using the following link: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

CHAIR YOGA- Drop Ins are welcome from 11 am-12nn Thursdays for \$6.00.

REPORT ON REPAIRS TO CHURCH SEWAGE SYSTEM

Last week, due in part to increased use of the Parish Centre and Church, we began experiencing sewage backup through the floor drains in the church basement. Fortunately, the damage was limited, and the mess was cleaned up. There were two occasions of this happening.

We called a company that specializes in this type of problem and had the sewage line scoped with a camera. The line, which is comprised of clay piping, is in a state of deterioration. The scoping found tree roots growing in a couple of areas of the piping, which is 12 feet deep and

extends from the area of the gas meter to Plains Road, on the west side of the church.

The result of this test is that we need to do some major work on the line to prevent further deterioration of the pipe due to the encroachment of roots into the pipes, which could lead to further backups. Some remediation was made to the cleanout in the basement to accommodate a repair that involves inserting a balloon, narrower than the pipe into the length of the pipe. After the balloon is inserted and inflated, a heated fiberglass-infused resin is pumped into the pipe around the inflated balloon. This mixture is then cooled and when hardened, coats the inside of the clay pipe. The method is commonly used and is about one quarter of the cost of excavating and replacing the clay lines with plastic. The repairs are guaranteed for 25 years and do not require excavation, which is very disruptive, messy and costly.

The cost of these remedial repairs is \$35,815.35. We will need to pay for the repairs from the funds we have on deposit with the Diocese. The repairs cannot be delayed and will have been completed by the time you read this. This capital cost item will be added to our budget for this year.

At the same time, we had the contractor scope the sewer line at the rectory and that line will also need to be repaired. This will involve replacing the cast iron pipes under the rectory basement floor with plastic pipes and lining the clay piping on the outside of the rectory to the roadway. We are obtaining a quote for that work as well. The good news is that this work does not have to be done immediately but will likely need to be addressed within the next two years or so. Needless to say, with the need to cut out portions of the cement floor in the basement, this will also be a costly job.

These buildings are 71 years old and require significant capital investment, especially the rectory. The Parish Financial Advisory Council will be engaged in discussions about how we might proceed with the meeting the challenges ahead.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

2025 VBS registration form is now available at the church webpage and print format at the narthex table, this year theme is "keepers of the Faith". VBS will be, as always the second week of July from Monday 7 to Friday 11, from 9am until 12noon. All information is available with the registration form, space is limited so please be sure you get and return the form to the church office no later than May 30, 2025. For more information please contact Cristian to clecanda@hamiltondiocese.com or call to (905) 634-7441.

MAY THE LENTEN SEASON BE A TIME OF SIMPLIFYING OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Lent is a time for striving to live our lives each day more prayerfully, more generously, and more simply. This is accomplished through prayer, almsgiving and fasting from anything that keeps us from growing in our relationship with God. May this season be a time of rich spiritual growth and conversion for all. Let us pray for one another.



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