

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.

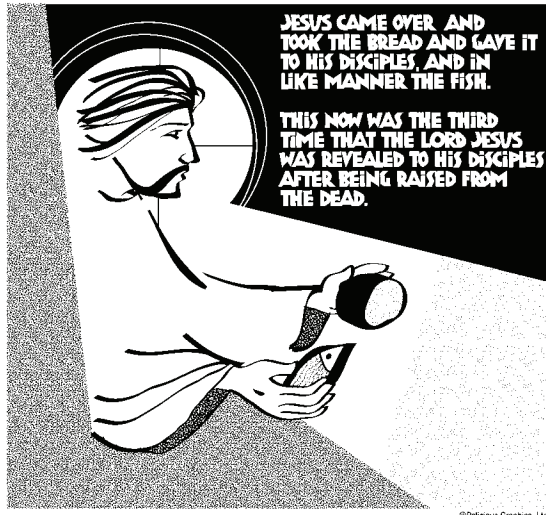
Remember Your Parish

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

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

Cry out with joy to God,
all the earth!



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
is: **John 10.27-30**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD April 27th Collection

Easter Envelopes	Easter Loose	Pre-Authorized Debit	Easter
\$ 2,912	\$ 405	\$ 1,521	\$ 445

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. May 5	Rev. Michael King
Tues. May 6	Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.
Wed. May 7	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, S.O.C.
Thurs. May 8	Rev. Bradley Markus
Fri. May 9	Rev. Khalid Karomi
Sat. May 10	Rev. David Reitzel



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TODAY!!

Please pray for our little ones who are receiving First Holy Communion **today, Sunday, May 4th** **at 2:00 P.M.** May all the children and their families grow in their love of Christ and his grace and love! Thanks to all who have been involved in preparing them for this great moment in their faith journey.

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., May 6	Intentions of David Gzik & Family
Wed., May 7	†Frank Pesowski
Thurs., May 8	†Emidio Bachetti
Fri., May 9	†Paul Blake
Sat., May 10	†Bill Fasullo †Maureen White †Maria Dinn Thinen †George Lynott

COMMUNAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH

After our study of the Dogmatic Constitution of Divine Revelation, we will review the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium* published in 2013. Our meeting will take place on Monday, May 26 at 7 pm in the parish centre. Interested please contact Vicky at siuming.chen@gmail.com for the link to the original document. Communal discussion helps improve our understanding. All are welcome.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS CANONIZATION AND FUNERAL FOR POPE FRANCIS

I was blessed to have had the opportunity to travel to Rome on Easter Monday with plans to attend the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, but God had other plans in mind with the death of Pope Francis on Monday, April 21st.

I was able to attend Pope Francis' Funeral amid a crowd of approximately 300,000 people. Many were young people who had come to Rome for the canonization, which was to take place on April 27, but was postponed to a later date due to the funeral of the Holy Father. It was an exciting time to be in Rome. I was able to visit his tomb in Assisi

Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy.

Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, from a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents were not especially devout. As a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his first Communion, he went to Mass as often as possible at the parish across from his elementary school. Carlo's love for the Eucharist also inspired a deep conversion for his mother. According to the postulator promoting his cause for sainthood, he "managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily."

Carlo's witness of faith as a child led adults to convert and be baptized. Carlo was not afraid to defend Church teaching, even in situations when his classmates disagreed with him. Many of Carlo's high school classmates remember Carlo giving a passionate defense for the protection of life from the moment of conception when there was a classroom discussion about abortion.

Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis' family life. With his friends, he spoke about the importance of going to Mass and confession, human dignity, and chastity.

Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and taught himself some of the basic coding languages, including C and C++. He used his computer skills and internet savvy to help his family put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that has gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents. His spiritual director has attested that Carlo was personally convinced that the scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people to realize that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass.

Carlo loved playing video games. His mother recalls that he liked Nintendo Game Boy and GameCube as well as PlayStation and Xbox. He had conversations with his gaming buddies about the importance of going to Mass and confession and limited his video game playing to no more than two hours per week. Carlo also liked Spider-Man and Pokémon.

Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi. Initially, there were reports that Carlo's body was found to be incorrupt, but the bishop of Assisi clarified before his beatification that his body was not incorrupt. His body lies in repose in a glass tomb in Assisi where he can be seen in jeans and a pair of Nike sneakers. Thousands came to pray at his tomb at the time of his beatification in October 2020. *(Source: Catholic News Agency Website bt Francesca Pllio Fenton, and Cortney Mares. Originally published October 20, 2020 and Updated May 23, 2024).*

Carlo is an excellent example for young people today and for all of us. He helps all to know that holiness is possible for anyone who loves God and gives of themselves generously in living out their relationship with Christ. Holiness is not dependent on a long life, a high education or the number of hours spent in prayer. Holiness is a gift offered to all!

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, facilitated by Deacon Leonard Gallant, 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 Register at hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK, 2025

The theme for Catholic Education Week in this Jubilee Year of Hope is: "Pilgrims of Hope." In his letter marking this week of celebration of the gift of Catholic Education, Bishop

Crosby wrote: "Catholic Education is a source of hope for staff, students and families who go to our Catholic Schools. Our educators serve as anchors for the proclamation of The Gospel, with Jess who serves as the Master Teacher in the classroom each day. Our students are examples of hope alive, bringing creativity, energy and wisdom into their learning. Families echo this hope as first teachers of the faith, making connections between academics and Catholic virtue that help nurture saints for the Church of today and tomorrow."

We will be celebrating Mass with the Holy Rosary School Community on Monday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m. to give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic Education, and to ask for God's blessings upon our Catholic Schools, which are an incredible gift to the Church. All are welcome!

MEN'S RETREAT SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

Under the direction of Cristian Lacanda, our parish Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a one-day men's retreat at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Center in Ancaster. which will be presented by Fr. Jason Kuntz on the Virtue of Hope, guiding participants to regain our friendship and relationship with Jesus, using the virtue of hope as our compass. The cost of the day including lunch is \$50.00 **this retreat is open to all men in the parish.** As of the date of publishing, only 10 have committed and we need 40 participants to cover our costs.

Unless we have 40 participants, we will need to cancel the event. The hard cutoff date for registering is Friday, May 9 at 12:00 noon.

If any men in the parish are interested in attending please contact Cristian Lecanda at clecanda@hamiltondiocese.com

CONCLAVE TO ELECT A NEW POPE

The Cardinals are meeting in Rome to elect a successor for Pope Francis. The Conclave will begin on May 7, 2025. Two Cardinals from Ontario will be voting. They are Cardinal Francis Leo, and Cardinal Thomas Collins. Please pray for them and all the Cardinals who are voting that they will elect a holy and pastoral shepherd for the Universal Church. On May 7, our morning mass at 8:00 a.m. will be offered for the election of a new pope.



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