

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.

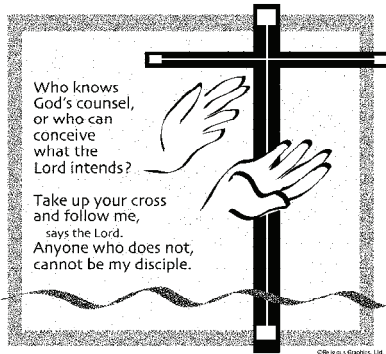
Remember Your Parish

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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

Treat us with your love, O Lord!



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel: John 3.13-17

OUR GIFTS TO GOD - August 31st Collection

Regular Envelopes	Regular Loose	Pre-Authorized Debit	Church Maintenance
\$4,244	\$500	\$ 6,940	\$45

We thank you for your continued, dedicated and regular financial support for Holy Rosary Parish. Thanks to the many people who have increased their support. Your generosity is making a difference!

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues. Sept. 9	Rev. David Perrin
Wed. Sept. 10	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.
Thurs. Sept. 11	Catholic Teachers
Fri. Sept. 12	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Sat. Sept. 13	Rev. Matthew Durham

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Max Anthony Hewko, who was welcomed into God's family through baptism on Sunday, August 31. Best wishes to Dylan and Olivia Hewko, the proud parents of Max and Leonore. We hope your faith journey together will bear much fruit!

CHAIR YOGA

Are you looking for a weekly outing and a chance to do something beneficial for your overall health? Chair Yoga will begin on Thursday, September 11th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It runs for 10 weeks and ends on November 20th (excluding November 6th). The cost is \$50 for a 10-week period. Drop-ins are welcome! \$6.00 per session.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

Tues, Sept. 9	✠Paul Bennett
Wed., Sept. 10	✠Peter Legace
Thurs., Sept. 11	✠Betty Holland
Fri., Sept. 12	✠Julie McIsaac
Sat., Sept. 13	✠Martina Gutcher ✠Esther Hunter ✠Giuliana Aballe ✠Ken Fleming ✠Dionatina Amaral ✠Frances Giannetti

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program has resumed during the 9:00 Sunday morning Mass. Children from JK to grade three are invited. All children are welcome! The children are invited to proceed to the church library, with their leaders, for their special liturgy and will return to their parents at the Offertory of the Mass.

We are looking for additional leaders for the program. Parents, grandparents, teenagers, and students in grades seven and eight can volunteer. There are two leaders each Sunday, so no one is on their own. Volunteer screening is required. If you are interested or have questions, please get in touch with Bonnie Sparks. sparksbonnie272@gmail.com

JOURNEYING TOWARD FULL COMMUNION – THE RCIA PROCESS

Are you—or someone you know—thinking about becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Church's pathway for welcoming new members into the faith. It's not a program, but a spiritual journey that unfolds in four stages that are marked by rites:

Period of Inquiry (Pre-Catechumenate)

This is a time for seekers to ask questions, explore the teachings of the Church, and discern their calling. There's no commitment yet—just curiosity and conversation. When ready, participants celebrate the Rite of Acceptance, becoming official catechumen or candidate for full initiation into the Catholic faith, if they are already baptized in another Christian faith.

Period of the Catechumenate

During this period, the journey deepens. Catechumens (those not yet baptized) and candidates (already baptized in another Christian tradition) engage in regular formation, prayer, and community life. This period typically lasts several months and concludes with the Rite of Election (for those not baptized), held on the First Sunday of Lent. This Rite is usually celebrated with the Bishop at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton on the First Sunday in Lent.

Period of Purification and Enlightenment

Coinciding with Lent, this stage is a time of spiritual preparation for the Easter sacraments. The Elect participate

in special rites called Scrutinies, receive the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and prepare for full initiation at the Easter Vigil, where they receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Period of Mystagogy

After Easter, the newly initiated continue their journey during the Easter season, reflecting on the mysteries they've received and becoming more deeply integrated into parish life. This period culminates at Pentecost but marks the beginning of lifelong discipleship.

Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a baptized Catholic seeking to complete your sacraments of initiation, the RCIA is open to all. The process is set to begin in October.

Join us on this transformative journey of faith and discover the richness of the Catholic tradition. We look forward to welcoming you! If you are interested, contact Fr. Wilhelm at frdavewilhelm@outlook.com

ANNUAL FAMILY AND YOUTH PASTA NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual "Family and Youth Pasta Night," held in our Parish Centre on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. There will be two sittings: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Seating is limited to 100 people per sitting.

The cost is \$15.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children aged 4 to 11. Children under four eat for free. The menu includes Penne noodles, two meatballs, tomato/meat sauce, garden salad, dressing, bread, and dessert. Gluten-free options are available. Drinks are available for an additional small charge.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Our Parish Choir is actively looking for new members to join us. We rehearse Thursday evenings in the Parish Centre from 7-8:30 p.m., starting September 11th. All musical abilities are welcome. We are also looking for Cantors and any instrumentalists (e.g., guitar, flute, etc.). If you like to sing, please consider participating. We try to keep it fun! If you have any questions, please get in touch with Trevor Price, Music Director, after one of the Sunday Masses or call him at 905-978-9674. Hope to see you there!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WORKSHOPS

For those interested in serving in Liturgical Ministries at our parish, we would like to remind you of the upcoming Diocesan Workshops, which are required for those who wish to undertake liturgical ministries. Follow-up workshops will be held at the parish level after the Diocesan workshops, as well as volunteer screening. Service in these ministries requires the support of the pastor and a mandate from the Bishop. **For those interested in serving in these ministries, please get in touch with Fr. Dave before signing up for the workshop to express your interest.**

The qualifications and commitment necessary for these ministries are posted on our parish website <https://holyrosaryburlington.ca/liturgical-ministries/>

LECTOR'S WORKSHOP

In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for parishioners new to this ministry and a good refresher for experienced Ministers. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Workshops run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-3/>

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy, Eucharist and Ministry, Spiritual Preparation, Diocesan Norms and Guidelines, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for those new to this ministry and serves as a valuable refresher for experienced ministers. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Workshops run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, November 22, 2025**, St. Raphael Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/extraordinary-minister-of-communion-formation-workshops-4/>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WORKSHOP

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a rite which takes place during Mass and is a way to help children participate in the liturgy meaningfully. This age-appropriate liturgical experience prepares children to participate fully in Mass, particularly after they receive their First Communion. The workshop costs \$35.00. It is offered on **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, at St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word-ministry-formation-workshop-2/>

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Extraordinary ministers of Communion bring the Eucharist to the faithful who are ill and deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the parish community. This brief workshop explores the ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the sick. It is offered from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/extraordinary-minister-of-communion-to-the-sick-homebound-and-hospitalized-formation-workshops-2/>

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