

# Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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## Pastor

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Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary,  
Pray for us.

## Parish Staff

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## Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

## Our Lord's Day Liturgies

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

## Confession

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Catholic Funeral Rites

Contact Holy Sepulchre Cemetery  
905 522-7727 or visit their website at:  
[www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## New Parishioners

We welcome you. Please complete a  
Registration Form in the book rack.

## Contact us

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Holy Rosary was formed out of portions of the Cathedral parish in Hamilton, St. John's, Burlington and St. Thomas, Waterdown. Father Bernard Harrigan was the first Pastor and the first Mass was celebrated on June 6, 1947 in the chapel of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Holy Rosary School was built in 1951. Under the leadership of Father Blake Ryan (1953-1964) a new Church and rectory were built. The 400 seat church was dedicated on May 1, 1955. In 1987, during the pastorate of Father Anthony Ciavarro, the church was redesigned with a 180 degree rotation. Beautiful stained glass, statuary, and sculpture adorn the renewed space. Other pastors who served the parish were: Msgr. Bernard Harrigan, Father Blake Ryan, Father Harold Smith, Father Carlo Bianchi, Father Anthony Ciavarro, Father Ron Cote, Father Frank Trzupsek, Msgr. Murray Kroetsch and the present pastor, Msgr. Edward House. Today there are over 600 registered families.

**Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community.**  
**We hope you enjoyed your Lord's Day**  
**Worship. May God bless you abundantly!**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

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

Tuesday, Dec. 3	Elsie Picone
Wednesday, Dec. 4	Joe DeClerico
Thursday, Dec. 5	Ida Legere
Friday, Dec. 6	Salvatore Bonomo
Saturday, Dec. 7	Maria Ricci Silvana Angelone Danilo Angelone

**MULTI-INTENTION MASSES**

The Diocese of Hamilton permits parishes to celebrate Mass with more than one intention. Three is the maximum number of intentions that the parish office will accept. Often we get requests for Mass Intentions on weekends. In order to assist parishioners we are beginning a multi-intentional Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

**WELCOME BACK MONSIGNOR!**

Msgr. House wishes to thank parishioners and friends for their cards and good wishes following surgery early in November. He continues to improve and is very happy to be back with his Holy Rosary Parish Family.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Dec. 2	Rev. Leonard Fischer (S. J.)
Tues. Dec. 3	Rev. John Govan (S. J.)
Wed. Dec. 4	Missionaries
Thurs. Dec. 5	Rev. Eric Jensen (S. J.)
Fri. Dec. 6	Rev. James Profit (S.J.)
Sat. Dec. 7	Rev. Richard Soo (S.J.)

**SECOND SATURDAY SOCIAL**

Our Second Saturday Social for December will take place on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Our movie this month, ***Come to the Stable***, is a 1949 American film which tells the story of two French nuns who come to a small New England town and involve the townsfolk in helping them to build a children's hospital. It stars Loretta Young and Celeste Holm. Please join us for dinner and the movie.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

We wish to invite all worshippers at Holy Rosary Church to register with the parish office. Registration Forms can be found at the back of the Church.

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**December 1, 2013**



**WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!**

In the final days of His ministry, Jesus spent much time preparing His disciples with life after he was gone. He exhorted them to remain in constant touch with the reality that God is in charge. – always. He reminded them of the Old Testament “flood story” in which a People who had lost touch with that reality were destroyed. And in today’s Gospel, He instructs them to live in the spirit of high expectation. “Stay awake!” He commanded. Because you do not know when your master is coming.” Last month, the newswires carried the story of a preacher who died suddenly of a heart attack. At 90 years of age, the news of his death was not shockingly unexpected. What was unexpected was WHERE he died. A very good and committed leader, the pastor, who had preached in over 50 different countries in his lifetime died in the Pulpit. As we reflect on his story, we might very well conclude that at 90 years-of-age this preacher must have prepared his people for the day when he could no longer lead them. We can imagine him telling his people to remain in constant touch with the reality that God is in charge. We can imagine him telling his people to remain in constant touch with the reality that God is in charge. As we reflect on his story on this First Sunday of Advent, we might well imagine that, while his death in the pulpit was no doubt shocking to the congregation, his death in the pulpit was a poignant and moving end to his ministry. We imagine that, as a faithful and committed leader, he died with a sense of hopeful expectation in the Resurrection Power of God. **ADVENT** is the Church’s call to all Christians to prepare themselves for the coming of the Lord. In the last words of the Gospel: “Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL**

*Reflect upon the next Sunday’s Gospel throughout the week! Gospel for Second Sunday of Advent is: Matthew 3:1-12.*

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function too, assuring the winter food supplies would stretch into spring. At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Saviour's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent", the "Nativity Fast", or "Christmas Lent", and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.



*We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish. A special thanks to those who donated to the Philippines Disaster Collection.*

### November 24<sup>th</sup> Collections:

Regular Sunday Envelopes	Loose Collection	Pre-Authorized Debit (Reg. Sunday)	Church Maintenance Collection
\$4,208.	\$465.	\$1,555.	\$3,030.

Philippines Disaster Collection....\$1,293.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

### TODAY

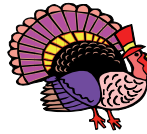
**HOSPITALITY** in the Parish Centre after all masses this weekend. Come in and have a coffee, pick up your church envelopes and a Turkey Roll ticket too!

### Tuesday, Dec. 3

1:00 pm – Seniors Bridge Group – Parish Centre

### Saturday, Dec. 7

7:00 pm – Turkey Roll & Silent Auction – Holy Rosary School Gym



## NEXT WEEKEND

### Turkey Roll & Silent Auction Sat. Dec. 7th @ 7:00 p.m.

This year's event will be held on Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> in the gym of Holy Rosary School, with a **new starting time of 7:00 p.m.** The men are encouraging everybody to get their tickets early. **Tickets (\$5) are available after Masses today.** For more info. call Jason Boelhouwer at 905-637-7316.

**We're looking for gift certificates, new items, etc. for the Silent Auction table. Call Denis Gibbons 905-632-6101 or bring items to the church office.**

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

All ladies of the parish 16 years of age and older are welcome to become members of the CWL. Dues for 2014 are \$25. Put your League membership in the specially marked envelopes in the collection basket any weekend or pick up a form and envelope at the church entrance. Call Bev 905-577-0470 for more info.

## POINSETTIAS OF HOPE

Holy Rosary School is selling poinsettias as part of their Focus on Faith outreach initiative. Proceeds from the sale go towards providing gifts and groceries for needy families in our community. Cost is \$15. each and must be **ordered by Fri. Dec. 6** (pickup on Dec. 12 from 12 noon to 5:30pm at the school). Pick up a green order form from the bookstand in the Narthex.

## ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 19, @ 7:00 PM



We gather in the church for a communal preparation for this sacrament, followed by individual reconciliation (confession) with the priests available. Five priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of God's Mercy and Compassion.

## LET'S WORK TOGETHER SCENT-FREE



Please refrain from wearing perfume, scented hairsprays, hand & body creams, cologne, aftershave and other scented products in the Church. Many non-scented products are available. Scented products contain chemicals which cause serious problems for many people, especially those with asthma, allergies and other environmental illnesses.

Wearing scented products may make you feel good, but knowing how it affects others, you'll feel even better leaving home without them. Thank you.



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