

Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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

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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.
*June 28 to Sept. 6-Sunday mass 10 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday 7:45 a.m.

Confession

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

Catholic Funeral Rites

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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
(7:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Join us to pray the Rosary before Mass. Starts at 7:15 a.m.

Tues. Dec. 15	Deceased members of Morosin Family
Wed. Dec. 16	Enrique Torrijos
Thur. Dec. 17	Joyce Norris
Thur. Dec. 17 @ 9:00 a.m.	Advent School Mass
Fri. Dec. 18	Manuel & Albertina Araujo
Sat. Dec. 19 @ 5:00 p.m.	Carlos Calisto Anna Maria Cupido Terrance McKeown

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. In ancient Spain, December 18 was once celebrated as the "Feast of the Expectancy," and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes. Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the "O Antiphons" after the awe-inspired "O" sung on the first note. There's a playful code in the titles: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel. When you take their Latin names—*Sapientia, Adonai, Radix*, and so on—the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: "ERO CRAS." In Latin, that is translated as "I will be there tomorrow!" It's as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves.

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

December 6th, Collection

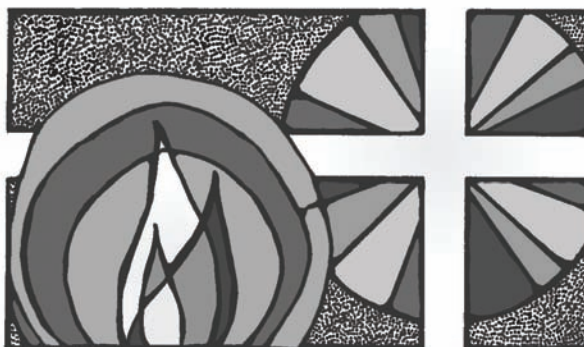
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\$5,202.	\$447.	\$1,651.	\$4,158.

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week! The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is: **Luke 1.39-45**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13th, 2015



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CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God "will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals" (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season. Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty saviour who is in our midst (in Zephaniah's words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don't have to worry, for God's peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds. A medieval carol depicts Christmas as "my dancing day" and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because "the Lord is near," as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp. Copyright © J S Paluch Co.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 14	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Tues. Dec. 15	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka, O.F.M. Conv.
Wed. Dec. 16	Benedictines
Thurs. Dec. 17	Rev. Niaz Toma
Fri. Dec. 18	Rev. Gary Schlack
Sat. Dec. 19	Rev. Piotr Jurzyk



PENANCE CELEBRATIONS Before Christmas

St. Paul Apostle Parish	Tues. Dec. 15 @ 7p.m.
St. Patrick Parish	Thurs. Dec. 17 @ 7pm 3 priests available
St. Gabriel Parish	Sun. Dec. 20 @ 3 pm Polish Lenten Retreat Confessions in English, Polish & other languages
St. Raphael Parish	Mon. Dec. 21 @ 7pm

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday

12:00 pm – Seniors Bridge – Parish Centre
(Final card game until Jan. 12th)

Wednesday

7:00 pm – Quest Small Group Bible Study – Parish Ctr.
(Final meeting until January 6th.)

Thursday

7:30 pm – Choir Practice – Church

PICK UP 2016 CHURCH ENVELOPES TODAY!

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT This way of giving for your regular Sunday collections is available for your convenience—just call Chris 905-634-7441 to sign up. If you already use pre-authorized giving and still wish to use envelopes for Special Collections, call Chris.

WE NEED YOUR COOKIES!



In the spirit of Christmas, the Catholic Women's League is asking ladies to bake cookies for giving to the annual Christmas Dinner held every year at East Plains United Church. This event provides dinner for people who have nowhere to go on Christmas Day. If you can help, please **bring any type of cookies** (no squares, tarts or bars) to the Parish Centre at 9:00 a.m. on **Monday Dec. 21** and you're welcome to help package cookies if you have time, or you can leave cookies in the Parish Centre on Dec. 19 & 20) Questions? Call Chris 905-639-3158.



BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m.** The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word. All are welcome.

OUT-4-LUNCH WINTER BREAK

December 14th is our **final luncheon** for this year. Weather permitting, we **start again Feb. 1st, 2016.** All seniors are welcome to join us for lunch at St. Matthew's Anglican Church. If weather is bad, call 905-632-1233 after 10:00 a.m.



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PRIESTLY ORDINATION

It is with great joy that we announce that **Deacon Scott Whitfield** will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on **Sat. Dec. 19** at 10am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering the last six months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES HAMILTON

Board of Directors **seeks next Executive Director** to lead our agency forward following the retirement of our current Executive Director. Successful incumbent is a proven leader who is highly engaging and leads for our community health and social services offerings from a spiritual and values based perspective. For detailed info. go to: www.cfshw.com Interested and qualified applicants may **submit** their letter of interest and current resume **by Dec. 16** to cfsrecruit@mccgroup.ca

BAPTISMS – WELCOME!

We welcome: William Pedersen
Giulia Crimeli
Tomás Mayorga Palacios



In the Sacrament of Baptism, they received new life in Christ. We pray that, with the support of family and friends, they will grow to full stature in Christ.

Keep Christ in Christmas!



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – Thursday, Dec. 24th

5:00 p.m. Mass & Children's Pageant
Carols at 4:45 p.m.

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
Carols at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Day – Friday, Dec. 25th

10:00 a.m.

(Please note; there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton.)

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