

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.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Confession

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

Catholic Funeral Rites

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New Parishioners

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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. 17	Deceased Members of the Morosin Family
Wednesday, Dec. 18	William Patrick Murphy
Thursday, Dec. 19	Albertina Araujo
Friday, Dec. 20	Anna Cupido
Saturday, Dec. 21 at 5:00 pm	Tom Edmondstone Boleslaw Mieszkalski



REBOOTING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE THROUGH CONFESSION

We live in a fallen world and we have a fallen human nature. As a result, part of us is drawn towards selfishness, laziness, arrogance and self-indulgence as naturally as falling acorns are drawn towards the earth. We absolutely need God's grace to help counteract the spiritual gravity of our selfish tendencies. God knows this. And since he is so eager for us to come closer to him, so that we can experience and spread his blessings more and more, he has provided an anti-gravity solution. He has given us the SACRAMENTS, reservoirs of grace. We can always go to them to fill up our water bottles. They are free fountains of supernatural spring water. And one of them is dedicated especially to this fundamental Advent activity of repenting and reforming the sacrament of confessions. God invited it and gave it to the Church in order to make the difficult process of repenting and reforming less difficult.

Everything is ready for us. All we need to do is spend a few minutes examining our conscience to all to mind our big sins and also our little habits of selfishness that do so much hidden damage. Then we kneel down in the Confessional and follow the lead of Christ's Ambassador, the priest. Confession is like a new baptism, a new start, a rebooting of the spiritual life, a simple, concrete way that God has given us to let his grace and forgiveness replenish our hope and relieve our anxiety. During this Season of Advent, we invite you to join us for our **Penance Celebration** that will take place on **Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.** Five priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of God's mercy and pardon. What a wonderful gift for us to give our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Jesus calls us to follow him. Let us do so joyfully.

OTHER CONFESSION TIMES BEFORE CHRISTMAS

**Saturday, Dec. 21 – 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
– 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 15, 2013**



PROMISE FULFILLED

Today's readings address the faithful one, the one who waits on God but may not feel God's presence. Every person who seeks God has at one time or another experienced the absence of God. Jesus himself cried out during his dark night of the soul. The Epistle of James speaks to this. The author says that we must be as patient as the silent, fallow earth that awaits the slow, soaking rains of winter and the hard, necessary rains of spring. As the farmer is sure of the precious yield of the land, we can be sure of the precious yield of our patient waiting. God is never far away. The messengers from John the Baptizer asked Jesus if he was the one whose coming John had announced. The messengers wanted to hear the answer that the imprisoned John already knew. Everything that John said was finally happening: because of Jesus, light shines in eyes; words of promise are received; people leap and dance. The promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. Wobbly knees and feeble hands are strong, the desert blooms, the savanna and steppe flower, the darkness is chased away. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2014

The church envelopes for 2014 are available in the Parish Centre this weekend and next. **PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT** – This way of giving for your regular Sunday collections is available for your convenience—just call Chris at the Church office to sign up. If you already use the pre-authorized method and would like a box of envelopes to use for the Special Collections, please contact Pam at the Church Office at 905-634-7441.



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

*Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week! The Gospel for Fourth Sunday of Advent is: **Matthew 1.18—24.***

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation. Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life.

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

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, bars) to the church **today** or to the **Parish Centre at 9:00 a.m. on Wed. Dec. 18**. If you'd like to help package cookies, come to the Parish Centre at 9 am on Wed. Dec. 18 or call Bev at 905-577-0470 for more information.

THANK YOU TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Msgr. House wishes to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the **donation of \$7,500.** that was made to the Parish by the CWL. The money was raised at their recent successful Bell Bazaar. We are most grateful to the members of the League for their continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish. Thank you to all the Catholic Women's League members. May God bless you abundantly.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Tuesday, Dec. 17

1:00 pm – Seniors Bridge Group – Parish Centre

Wednesday, Dec. 19

9:00 am – CWL packaging cookies – Parish Centre

7:30 pm – Choir Practice – Parish Centre

Thursday, Dec. 19

7:00 pm – Advent Penance Celebration – Church

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 16	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Tues. Dec. 17	Rev. Jacek Walkiewicz (S.Chr.)
Wed. Dec. 18	Discalced Carmelite Nuns (O.C.D.)
Thurs. Dec. 19	Rev. Robert Wojslaw (S.Chr.)
Fri. Dec. 20	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Sat. Dec. 21	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel



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

December 8th Collections:

Regular Sunday Envelopes	Loose Collection	Pre-Authorized Debit (Reg. Sunday)	Philippines Disaster Collection
\$3,298.	\$387.	\$1,555.	\$1,100.

THANK YOU! *So far we have collected \$6,100 in total for the Philippines Disaster Relief.*

ADVENT SERVICE OF EVENSONG

Sun. Dec. 15 @ 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish, 260 Herkimer St. (@ Locke) Hamilton. Features Advent scripture readings and music by 3 choirs. Free parking, wheelchair accessible, all are welcome.

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This is the 59th year that CHCH-TV has televised the Midnight Mass, which is broadcast live and then repeated at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. The televising of this celebration is made possible by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton.



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