

# Holy Rosary Parish Community

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Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope you are spiritually enriched by the Lord's Day worship.

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

Let the earth be opened  
and bring forth a Savior!



**Mass Intentions**  
(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)  
Join us to pray the Rosary before Mass.  
**Rosary starts at 7:30 a.m.**



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve - Sunday, Dec. 24th

5:00 P.M. (with Children's Choir & Pageant)  
8:00 P.M. (with Cantor)  
12:00 Midnight (with Adult Choir, Carols before Mass, Blessing of Nativity Scene, Use of Incense)

### Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 25th

10:00 A.M. (with Cantor)

### Feast of The Holy Family

Saturday, December 30: 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, December 31: 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday, December 31: 11:00 A.M.

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Sunday, December 31: 5:00 P.M.  
Monday, January 1: 10:00 A.M.

Tues., Dec. 26	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Wed., Dec. 27	Joseph Thomas
Thurs., Dec. 28	Gino Abballe
Fri., Dec. 29	Doris Taylor
Sat. Dec. 30 5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Melvin Saldanha Intentions of Eliana Mae Saldanha Mark Tonkovich, Maria Settimi Irena Czekala, Irene Pesowski

### **NOTE: CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:**

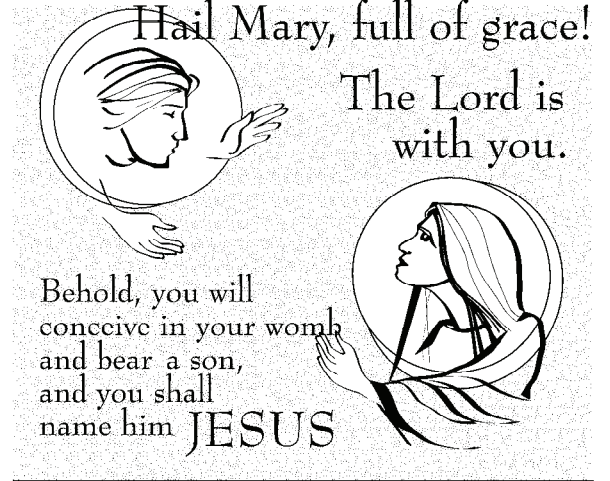
.....through until Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.  
(Messages will still be received, and Monsignor Martin will be available as needed: 905-517-5511)

### **CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2023**

Don't forget: in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2023, donations must be received before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Receipts will be available late January or early February.

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

*The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin named Mary*



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### **REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL**

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Gospel for The Feast of the Holy Family ( December 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> ) is:

**Luke 2:22-40**

The Gospel for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ( December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup> ) is:

**Luke 2:16-21**

### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

*We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish. Reports on the End-of-Year Collections, including Christmas, will be made available at a later date.*

### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Dec. 25	<b>Christmas Day</b> <i>(The Nativity of the Lord)</i>
Tues. Dec. 26	Chancery Staff
Wed. Dec. 27	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)
Thurs. Dec. 28	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>
Fri. Dec. 29	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
Sat. Dec. 30	Rev. Phillip Cook



## ADVENT

This Fourth Sunday of Advent is traditionally the Sunday of **PEACE**, symbolized by the lighting of the final purple-coloured candle on the Advent wreath. to mark the final days of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the “**Angel's Candle**,” symbolizes **peace**. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass. Especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to **Come Home for Christmas**? Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues---for further info, visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/comehome>. Please feel free to take additional leaflets (with the Advent Confessions and Christmas/New Year's Masses Schedules) from the entranceway table, to give to others.

## PICKING UP 2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church envelopes for 2024 are still available for a while longer in the Parish Centre, arranged in alphabetical order. A few more free 2024 Church Calendars, sponsored again this year by Smith's Funeral Homes, are available nearby.

If you do not have regular Sunday envelopes, please consider registering for these, especially with the new year 2024 coming very soon. Be aware that the parish issues Official Receipts for Income Tax purposes. To arrange to register for obtaining Sunday envelopes, please contact Divine Dimaranan at the rectory office (see below).

## PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

This way of giving for your regular weekly Sunday contributions is available for your convenience; just call Divine at the church office at 905-634-7441 to sign up. If you already use pre-authorized giving and still wish to use envelopes for any Special Collections, please don't hesitate to give us a call or email: [hrosary@cogeco.net](mailto:hrosary@cogeco.net).

## CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE

Whether you are afraid of public speaking or would you like to take on a leadership role within your parish, **The Christopher Leadership Course in Effective Speaking** can help. The next course begins Thursday evening, January 11, 2024, at McMaster University in Hamilton. To register or for more information, please visit [www.clchamilton.com](http://www.clchamilton.com) or call Frank at 905-662-4076.



## BAPTISMS – WELCOME!

We welcome **Mallory Parker Estrada**. In the celebration of the Sacrament last Friday; she received new life in Christ. We pray that, with the support of family and friends, she will grow to full stature in Christ.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, at all Masses, we shall offer together a special consecration prayer for families, in honour of the Feast of the Holy Family. This action is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, who are providing the cards with the prayer. Further information is on the table in the entranceway.



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## VOCATIONS AWARENESS

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said “Yes!”...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
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## REST IN PEACE

Please be kind enough to remember in prayer our parishioners who have passed away in recent months: Julie Mclsaac, Joan Zamora, Frederick Freel, Vlasta Ambruz, Rudy Polak, Luigi Martini, and Michael Torsney; plus any others who were resident in one of our Retirement Homes or Long-Term Care Centres. May the Risen Lord grant them the fullness of life in his presence. The Funeral Mass for Dr. Fred Lepinskie, who passed away during the summertime, will be celebrated here at Holy Rosary on Thursday of this week, December 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 A.M.

***A Joyous Christmas to All!!!***

*Thank you for the life we share in Christ Jesus,  
here at Holy Rosary Parish*





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