

# Holy Rosary Parish Community

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*Feast of the Holy Family*

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



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

Tues. Dec. 28	Mike Colameco
Wed. Dec. 29	For the Intentions of The Janecek Family
Thurs. Dec. 30	Geraldine McSweeney
Fri. Dec. 31	Mark Tonkovich



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

Friday, December 31: 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, January 1: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
**NO** 5:00 p.m. Mass

(Epiphany Sunday Masses: Sunday/2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 & 11 a.m.)

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

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon until January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

**CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2021**

Don't forget: in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2021, donations must be received before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Receipts will be available late January, early February.

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

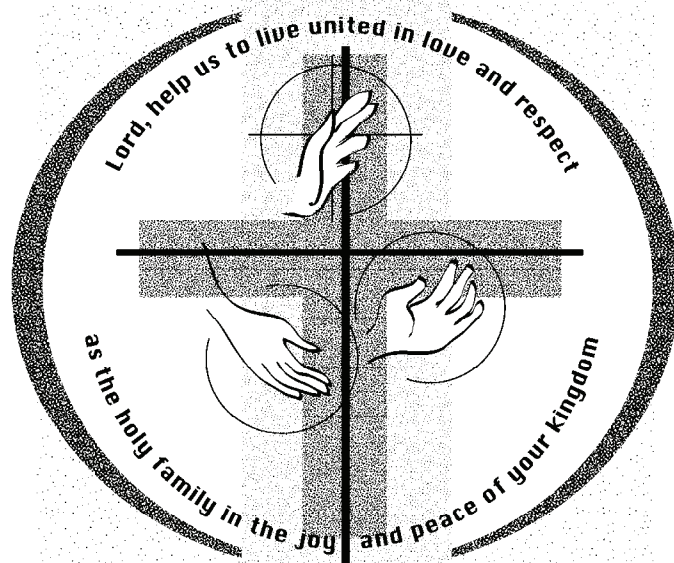
**2022 SUNDAY ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE**

Your Sunday envelopes for 2022 **are now available for pickup** in the Parish Centre. They are arranged in alphabetical order. If you do not have regular Sunday envelopes, please consider signing up for them. The parish issues Official Receipts for Income Tax purposes. We also encourage more parishioners to participate in the Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) program. Contact Divine Dimaranan at the Rectory Office for details: 905-634-7441, or [hrosary@cogeco.net](mailto:hrosary@cogeco.net).

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

December 26, 2021

Give thanks to the Lord,  
call on His Name!



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**REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL**

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week. The Gospel for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, is:

**Matthew 2.1-12**

**BIG THANKS FROM THE HOLY ROSARY PIE MAKERS!**



The Holy Rosary Pie Makers wish to thank all our generous supporters of our fund raising efforts. We have donated funds to our Holy Rosary Parish, St. Vincent de Paul, The Carpenter Hospice, The Compassion Society and to the Burlington Food Bank. We are most grateful for all your support.

**VISIT OF CANADIAN INDIGENOUS LEADERS WITH POPE FRANCIS**

Concerning the delegation of Indigenous leaders and Bishops meeting with Pope Francis: regretfully, due to COVID concerns, this series of meetings has been postponed until into the New Year, possibly in the Spring. May God's Spirit guide those intense and special moments, once they are finally able to take place.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 27	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Tues. Dec. 28	Rev. Francisco Cruz
Wed. Dec. 29	Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)
Thurs. Dec. 30	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Fri. Dec. 31	Rev. Melvin Pinto

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### YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES (On Zoom)

The Diocesan Speaker Series is the **highlight** of the Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family. It will feature a monthly topic related to family from January through to June, held virtually on Zoom. The topic covered each month is open to all; you are welcome to join one particular evening, all the evenings, or any number that interest you.

Family sets the foundation for faith and for the good of society, yet the strains of family life can sometimes leave many feeling stressed. As a result, we are seeing cracks in the very foundation of family. In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes: "The Synod process allowed for an examination of the situation of families in today's world, and thus for a broader vision and a renewed awareness of the importance of marriage and the family. The complexity of the issues that arose revealed the need for continued open discussion of a number of doctrinal, moral, spiritual, and pastoral questions (2)." Our speaker series is designed to be educational and uplifting to provide support for each person on their journey. The series is a great opportunity to learn more about oneself, but, as importantly, to take part in and become familiar other members of the Diocesan family.

The first set in the series is on ***The Joys and Struggles of Family***, and features Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. It is in three parts: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8:30 pm. <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/speaker-series/> is the link to go to, to register. Or call 905-528-7988, extension # 2249. See the poster on the bulletin board.

## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1st, 2022



We are still in the midst of the Christmas Season, and on January 1<sup>st</sup> the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. One of the most outstanding characteristics of Mary is her willingness to know and do God's will. On January 1<sup>st</sup> the Church also celebrates WORLD DAY OF PEACE, where Catholics are invited to pray for peace throughout the world, especially in areas ravaged by war and terrorism. Mary is a good model for prayer and meditation. She reflected on events that happened and were happening. She meditated. In our busy lives today, we often overlook meditation as a prayer.

Let us ask Our Blessed Mother's intercession that we, in this New Year, will come to the Lord for his help and assistance. ***O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.***

### HEALTHY LEADERS FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH

**On Saturday, January 22nd, 2022**, Concerned Lay Catholics (CLC) will be hosting the third webinar in its latest series, with Rev. Stephan Kappler, Psy.D., C.Psych., President and Chief Psychologist, The Southdown Institute. Fr Stephan will be presenting on "Healthy Leaders for a Healthy Church." Many concerned lay Catholics want to know about recruitment, screening, formation and supervision of our priests. Fr Kappler and Southdown play a key role in the church in Canada, providing clinical expertise in screening of candidates for the priesthood and treatment of clergy and religious requiring mental health supports. Registration will open the first week of January. To register, go to <https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/>

***The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.***

(New Year's Day, First Reading, Numbers 6:24-26)



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