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Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope you enjoyed your Lord's Day Worship. May God bless you abundantly! We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, Dec. 30	Louis McKeon
Wednesday Dec. 31	Courtney Anderson
See New Year's Eve & Day mass schedule below*	
Friday, Jan. 2	Martha Nguyen
Saturday, Jan. 3 at 5:00 p.m.	Melvin Pegg Rev. Stephen Coombs Judy Denney

*NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Thursday, January 1st, 2015



We are still in the midst of the Christmas Time, and on January 1st 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 1st 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.***

CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2014

Don't forget, in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2014, donations must be made **before Dec. 31**. Receipts will be available late January, early February.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 28, 2014



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WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 29	Rev. Joseph Michel
Tues. Dec. 30	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Wed. Dec. 31	Ordo Canonicorum Regularium Sanctae Crucis
Thurs Jan. 1	Rev. Michael McHugh
Fri. Jan. 2	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD
Sat. Jan. 3	Rev. Aurimas Rudinkas, O.P.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas. The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THANK YOU CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE!

Thank you to the CWL ladies for their recent bake sale and thanks to those who patronized this event. They raised **\$1,152.55** for the Belize Mission. Good work!

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2015

If you missed picking up your church envelopes in December, they are available in the church office during office hours after January 6th.

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.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

December 14th Collection:

Regular Sunday Envelopes	Loose Collection	Pre-Authorized Debit (Reg. Sunday)
\$5,221.	\$459.	\$1,637.

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week. The gospel for the **Epiphany of the Lord** is: **Matthew 2.1–12**

CHRISTMAS THANKS

We wish to thank you for your extra generous donations towards Holy Rosary Parish during the Christmas Season. As well, we wish to thank all our Liturgical Ministers who helped to make our Christmas celebrations inspiring and prayerful. A very special "thank you" to Vicky Chen and William Renwick and Members of the Music Ministry; to the Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers); Readers, Eucharistic Ministers to the Assembly and to the Sick, our Altar Servers, Collection Counters and especially our Christmas decorators. Msgr. House wishes to thank the Office Staff whose duties increase during the Advent/Christmas Season. Thank you Pam Cupido, Chris Gibbons, Mary Edmondstone, David Walker (Custodian); Martha Janecek (Housekeeping).

MSGR. HOUSE WILL BE AWAY

Msgr. House will be away from the Parish January 4-16. As he did not have holidays in 2014, he is taking them now and travelling with another priest to Rome. He will be staying at Casa Sainte Marthae, the residence of Pope Francis. He has promised to bring the good wishes of Holy Rosary Parishioners to His Holiness. We wish him a restful holiday.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Closed Dec. 31 at 12 noon until Jan. 6 at 9:30 am
Open on Tues. Dec. 30 from 9 am to 4 pm

BURLINGTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SWINGING WITH THE BIG BANDS



BIG BAND CONCERT – Sun. Jan. 25 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. The Burlington Knights of Columbus, in support of their

many activities, are proud to sponsor the **Toronto All-Star Big Band**. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your friends. You can reserve your "GIFT OF SWING" by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. The ticket price is only \$38.50 plus additional taxes and fees.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Pope Francis will be attending the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in 2015. The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to this Meeting from **Sept. 22 to 28, 2015**. Both Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehms will be attending. The first 100 people to register for the Hamilton Diocesan trip will have both their registration and transportation (by bus) paid by the Diocese, leaving only the cost of hotel and food. For more info. and to register, go to: www.hamiltondiocese.com or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett).

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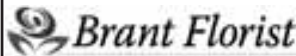
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