

# Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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*May the Blessings of this  
Holy Season be with you Always.*

Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope you enjoyed your Lord's Day Worship. May God bless you abundantly!

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**



**New Year's Vigil Mass  
Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 5:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Day Mass  
Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 10:00 a.m.**

**MESSAGE OF  
HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

January 1, 2014 is Pope Francis's First World Day of Peace message. It is a long message and you can read it on the Vatican Web Site. Pope Francis states: In this my first Message for World Day of Peace, I wish to offer to everyone, individuals and peoples, my best wishes for a life filled with joy and hope. In the heart of every man and woman is the desire for a full life, including that irrepensible longing for fraternity which draws us to fellowship with others and enables us to see them not as enemies or rivals, but as brothers and sisters to be accepted and embraced. Fraternity is an essential human quality, for we are relationship beings. A lively awareness of our relatedness helps us to look upon and to treat each person as a true sister or brother; without fraternity it is impossible to build a just society and a solid and lasting peace. We should remember that fraternity is generally first learned in the family, thanks above all to the responsible roles of each of its members, particularly the father and the mother. The family is the wellspring of all fraternity, and as such is the foundation and the first pathway to peace. By its vocation, it is meant to spread its love to the world around it.

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday, Dec. 31	Dr. Walter Peters
Thursday, Jan. 2	Betty Rothwell
Friday, Jan. 3	Evelyn Taylor

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY & JOSEPH  
December 29, 2013**



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**LOVE**

For generations, various cultures regarded family life merely as a utilitarian necessity. Sirach introduces honor and respect. For Jews and Christians alike, the value of family goes even further. The family is seen as the indispensable school where love is learned. Paul addresses the Colossians and offers a list of virtues that make for a solid and happy church. These values also make for a happy family at ease with itself and its members: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness. As a capstone, Paul urges love, which brings all of these domestic virtues to perfection. Paul seems to be on a roll as he lauds the virtues of the church at Colossae. With such heartfelt virtues, it is no wonder Paul bursts into song. Who wouldn't? It's clear that the center of the church is love. It is clear that no matter how far from home the members travel, the heart remains and all the members are connected by the gravitational pull of mutual love, a love first learned in family life. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2014**

If you did not pick up your 2014 church envelopes in December, please call the office and arrange a time to pick them up.



**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 the Epiphany of the Lord is: **Matthew 2.1-12.**

## CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2013

Don't forget, in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2013, donations must be made **before Dec. 31.** Receipts will be available late January, early February.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh."

Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world.

The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament. Rev. James Field, Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 30	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
Tues. Dec. 31	Rev. Jerry Punnassery (C.M.I.)
Wed. Jan. 1	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
Thurs. Jan. 2	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI
Fri. Jan. 3	Rev. Theodore Slaman
Sat. Jan. 4	Rev. Angus Smith

## PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED

Parish Office Administrator required for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, Ontario. The job is for 35 hours per week, Monday through Friday, and salary will be commensurate with experience. Applicants must be well versed with Quick Books and have excellent computer and personal relation skills. The position covers both secretarial and bookkeeping duties. **Resumes and cover letter must be received by December 31, 2013.** The position will begin February 3, 2014. Send resume and cover letter to: [wlobsinger@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:wlobsinger@hamiltondiocese.com).

## 24 HOURS FOR WORLD PEACE ...Make Peace Your New Year Resolution!

Imagine...*If on the first day of the new year, people from all over the world celebrate together by exchanging their wish for peace...and each person makes a resolution to create peace in their life, their home or their community...We could help make a peaceful world!*

That is the goal of this initiative: to show the hope we hold and share for all of humanity on the first day of the new year.

On January 1, 2014, calls for peace will be presented by organizations and individuals every hour during this 24-hour vigil. Each participant who has signed up for the vigil (Diocesan website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information) will receive these calls for peace by email and will be invited to reply with their own message of hope for a more peaceful world.

Youth, artists, professionals, seniors, and everyone else who wants to share a message of hope are also invited to prepare a testimony to peace, in advance, as a text, image, song or video, and sent it to [participate@24hoursforworldpeace.org](mailto:participate@24hoursforworldpeace.org)

To participate in the vigil and follow the preparations, subscribe at: <http://24hoursforworldpeace.org>

## HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

We are still in the midst of Christmas time, and on January 1, 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. While we would like to follow her example, we wonder how she was so sure of it. Today's Gospel gives us a clue. She reflected on events that happened and were happening. She meditated. In our busy lives today, we often overlook meditation as a prayer. Many grow up not knowing how to meditate, which is regrettable. Today the children will get a taste of one way to participate in meditation.

Mary is the epitome of a woman who gave her life entirely to God, listened to God's voice and never doubted. Because of this, she knew her Son long before he was even born. Through the courage and witness of his Mother, Jesus, the name above all names, entered the world—our world. If you are able to have a conversation with your mother, ask her how she felt when you were born. Or, look up your name to discover the meaning for yourself. If you have children of your own, share why they were named as they are. Names create strong identities. How does your name define your path in life?

*Happy New Year to parishioners  
and visitors.  
May God bless you abundantly.*



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