

# Holy Rosary Parish Community

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## Parish Staff

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



**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.**

Mon. Dec. 31 @ 5:00 pm	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> Mark Tonkovich
Tues. Jan. 1	Parishioners of Holy Rosary Church
Wed. Jan. 2	Eunice Cloutier
Thurs. Jan. 3	Roy White
Fri. Jan. 4	John Pasquale
Sat. Jan. 5 @ 5:00 p.m.	Deacon John Vallely Madeline Larose Intentions of Paul & Barbara Blake



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

**Monday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am**

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon until Jan. 2 at 9:00 am**

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS**

<b>Thursday</b> 9:30 am – The Friendship Circle – Library 7:30 pm – Choir Practice – Parish Centre
<b>Friday</b> 3:30 – Young Vincentians' Meeting – Heritage Room

**CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2018**

Don't forget, in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2018, donations must be received **before Dec. 31**. Receipts will be available or mailed late January, early February.

**2019 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

Church envelopes for 2019 will be available at the Church office after Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> during normal working hours.

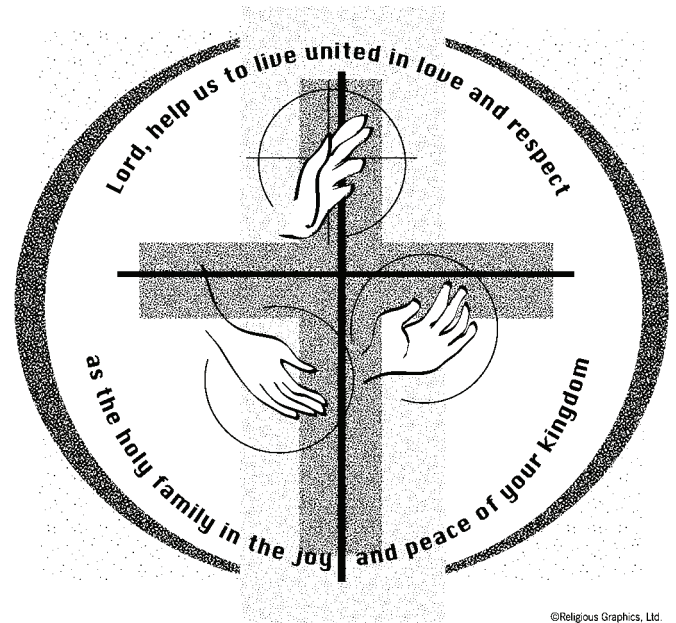
**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)**

This way of giving for your regular weekly Sunday contributions is available for your convenience—just call Chris at the church office 905-634-7441 to sign up.

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

**December 30, 2018**

Give thanks to the Lord,  
call on His Name!



**REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL**

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week. The gospel for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: **Luke 2.41–52**



**OUR PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We offer our prayers for long time parishioner, **Hugh Johns** (late husband of Cathy). May he enjoy the blessedness of eternal life.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Dec. 31	Rev. Peter Meyer
Tues. Jan. 1	Rev. Jim Petrie
Wed. Jan. 2	Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Thurs. Jan. 3	Rev. Kevin Cull
Fri. Jan. 4	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
Sat. Jan. 5	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.

## CHRISTMAS THANKS

I thank you most sincerely for your extra generous donations towards Holy Rosary Parish during the Christmas Season, and your many kindnesses. As well, I wish to thank all our Liturgical Ministers who helped to make our Christmas celebrations inspiring and prayerful. A very special "thank you" to William Renwick, Vicky Chen and members of the Music Ministry; to the Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers); Lectors; Eucharistic Ministers to the Assembly and to the Sick; our Altar Servers; Collection Counters; Janet James and our Christmas decorators; and Bonnie Sparks and the school children who dramatized the Christmas story at 5:00 p.m. Mass. I thank the Staff, whose duties increase during the Advent and Christmas Season. Thank you Mary Edmondstone, Chris Gibbons and David Walker. May God bless you all.

Father Martin Vallely



### THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE – For anyone 50+

Join us in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre the first Thursday of each month. Next meeting: **Thursday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Meet new friends, enjoy conversation and help plan group activities. There's no cost. For more info email: [blueheron123@sympatico.ca](mailto:blueheron123@sympatico.ca) or call Gary at 289-933-9982.

### THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC

**Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.**  
**Burlington Performing Arts Centre**



The ideal Christmas gift for the person who has everything! Join us as we relive "**The Best of Broadway**" featuring the **Toronto All-Star Big Band**. If you missed the concert last year, put it in your

calendar NOW! Better still, if you want that preferred seat, now is the time to reserve. Cost \$45 per person. Call box office at 905-681-6000 or go online at [www.burlingtonpac.ca](http://www.burlingtonpac.ca). **Sponsored by the Burlington Knights of Columbus.**

### SEEKING THE SACRED: The Soul's Slow Ripening 7 Tuesday afternoons starting Jan. 29, 2019

Join this Senior Adult Workshop series taking place Tuesdays from 1:30 – 3:30 pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. The workshop explores 12 unique Celtic-Christian spiritual practices which are intended to provide practical ways for deepening our relationship with God and all of creation. Facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon, SSND. Cost is \$35. **Register by Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>**. For info call 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check the website at: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

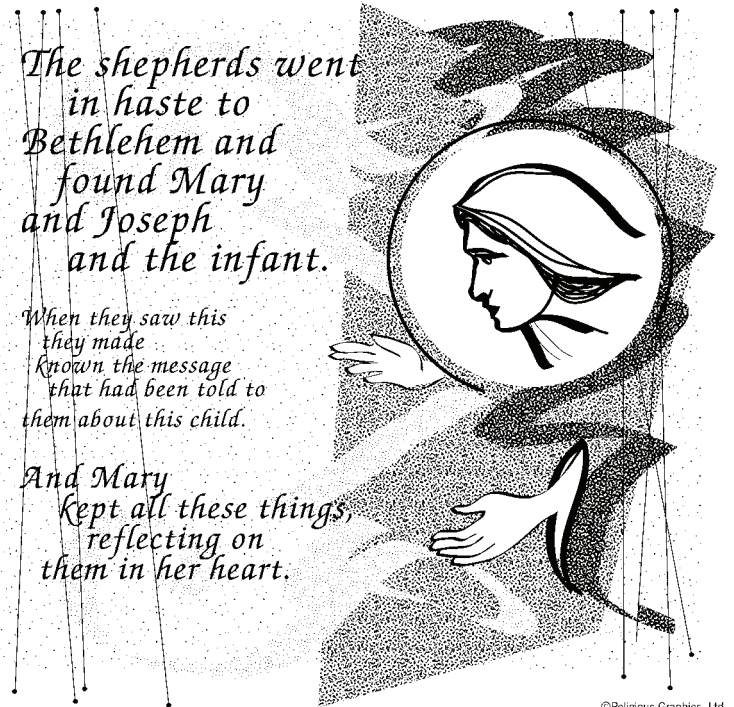
## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

January 1, 2019

*The shepherds went  
in haste to  
Bethlehem and  
found Mary  
and Joseph  
and the infant.*

*When they saw this  
they made  
known the message  
that had been told to  
them about this child.*

*And Mary  
kept all these things,  
reflecting on  
them in her heart.*



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We are still in the midst of the Christmas Time, 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.**



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