

Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary,
Pray for us.

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Our Lord's Day Liturgies

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Catholic Funeral Rites

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New Parishioners

We welcome you. Please complete a
Registration Form in the book rack.

Contact us

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Holy Rosary was formed out of portions of the Cathedral parish in Hamilton, St. John's, Burlington and St. Thomas, Waterdown. Father Bernard Harrigan was the first Pastor and the first Mass was celebrated on June 6, 1947 in the chapel of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Holy Rosary School was built in 1951. Under the leadership of Father Blake Ryan (1953-1964) a new Church and rectory were built. The 400 seat church was dedicated on May 1, 1955. In 1987, during the pastorate of Father Anthony Ciavarro, the church was redesigned with a 180 degree rotation. Beautiful stained glass, statuary, and sculpture adorn the renewed space. Other pastors who served the parish were: Msgr. Bernard Harrigan, Father Blake Ryan, Father Harold Smith, Father Carlo Bianchi, Father Anthony Ciavarro, Father Ron Cote, Father Frank Trzupsek, Msgr. Murray Kroetsch and the present pastor, Msgr. Edward House. Today there are over 600 registered families.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10	Ethel Parisi
Wednesday, Dec. 11	Silvano Abballe
Thursday, Dec. 12	Maureen White
Friday, Dec. 13	Joe Pal
Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:00 pm	Special Intention

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 9	Rev. Bill Clarke (S. J.)
Tues. Dec. 10	Rev. Roger Yarworski (S. J.)
Wed. Dec. 11	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
Thurs. Dec. 12	Rev. Michael McHugh
Fri. Dec. 13	Rev. Dennis Noon
Sat. Dec. 14	Rev. Piotr Golinski (S.A.C.)

PARISH REGISTRATION

We wish to invite all worshippers at Holy Rosary Church to register with the parish office. Registration Forms can be found at the back of the Church.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2014

The church envelopes for 2014 are available in the Parish Centre this weekend and next. **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 Third Sunday of Advent is: **Matthew 11.2—12.***

CHRISTMAS MAILING

We are preparing to send out our Christmas mailing to all parishioners who are registered members of the parish. This may be a good opportunity for you to register with the parish if you have not done so already. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 8, 2013**



WONDERS

The normal response to a surprise is amazement, gratitude, and delight. By definition, we don't anticipate surprises. Their occurrence reminds us that we cannot always guess or shape the future. Granted, we do what we can do; we attend to the daily tasks, as we must. For grace is surely here in the mundane, and God is in the details. But God is in the happy surprises, too. Today's readings are filled with startling developments. We hear the clarion cry of one of those rare prophets announcing the coming of the Lord. Isaiah proclaims startling, surprising images of the nearly impossible reconciliation of opposites: calf and lion, leopard and young goat, child and serpent. Isaiah's vision sees all of these creatures living in harmony. This is Eden again; this is paradise. It is God's surprise and promise.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace" is the often-memorized definition of sacrament, but through four decades of reform we have rediscovered the power of sacrament to bestow grace by reshaping our lives as individuals and communities. Not so long ago, most people were not attentive to the nature of sacrament as an act of the Church, a power that flows from the Body of Christ. Fifty years ago, we were inclined to see a sacrament as an encounter between Christ and an individual. Today, we see that definition does not go far enough. God's grace is not a trickle, but a gushing torrent washing over the whole Church. Like a photographer pulling back the camera for a broader picture, today we are not only interested in the person who is being baptized, reconciled, or anointed. We think about how celebrating a sacrament transforms a community. We think about the grace given by Christ to the community that baptizes or marries or ordains or confirms. Sacraments are for the good of the community. Even when it appears to be a private, hidden moment, as in individual confession, a sacrament is always for the sake of the whole body, always more than "meets the eye." –Rev. James Field, Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.



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

December 1st Collections:

Regular Sunday Envelopes	Loose Collection	Pre-Authorized Debit (Reg. Sunday)	Church Maintenance Collection
\$4,147.	\$400.	\$1,555.	\$858.

Philippines Disaster Collection....\$3,685.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank parishioners for their generous response to the Philippine disaster. We have collected **\$5,000** so far and this money will be matched dollar for dollar by the government of Canada.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Tuesday, Dec. 10 1:00 pm – Seniors Bridge Group – Parish Centre
Wednesday, Dec. 11 7:30 pm – Choir Practice – Parish Centre
Saturday, Dec. 14 6:00 pm – Second Saturday Social – Parish Centre

SECOND SATURDAY SOCIAL

Our Second Saturday Social for December will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 6 p.m. Our movie this month, **Come to the Stable**, is a 1949 American film which tells the story of two French nuns who come to a small New England town and involve the townsfolk in helping them to build a children's hospital. It stars Loretta Young and Celeste Holm. Please join us for dinner and the movie.

WE NEED YOUR COOKIES!



In the spirit of Christmas, the Catholic Women's League is asking ladies to bake cookies for giving to the annual Christmas Dinner held every year at East Plains United Church. This event provides dinner for people who have nowhere to go on Christmas Day. If you can help, please **bring any type of cookies** (no squares, tarts, bars) to the church on the weekend of Dec. 14/15 or to the Parish Centre at 9:00 a.m. on **Wed. Dec. 18**. If you'd like to help package cookies, come to Parish Centre at 9 am on Wed. Dec. 18 or call Bev at 905-577-0470 for info.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY December 9th, 2013

Living the Paschal Mystery



What reaction might we have if we heard an angel say to us, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." In fact, this is exactly what is promised to us in baptism. Mary "found favour with God." What does this mean for us? Just as both Mary and her divine Son said yes to God's will for them, so are we called through our baptismal commitment to do the same. Like Mary, our whole lives are to be spent hearing God's word and saying yes to God's will.

True, Mary and Jesus were conceived in privileged ways. But that does not mean that their example of holiness and fidelity is beyond us. Their lives were ordinary—wife and mother, son of a carpenter—but they lived the ordinary "according to [God's] word." Our ordinary days—being wife or husband, mother or father, brother or sister, neighbour or friend, employer or employee—are to be lived as a yes to God. This is how we are holy, too. This is how we give as a gift God's Presence to others.

Holiness, then, really means simply living so that others encounter God's Presence within us. We do not need to do anything "extra" to be holy; we simply need to do the everyday things with the conviction that we are God's adopted sons and daughters called to say yes to God's will. By keeping God's Presence ever before us, we can be that Presence for others. By saying yes to God we give each other the greatest Gift possible—the Presence of God first given to us at baptism. (taken from the Living Liturgy for Sundays and Solemnities)

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION Thursday, December 19 @ 7:00 PM



We gather in the church for a communal preparation for this sacrament, followed by individual reconciliation (confession) with five priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of God's Mercy and Compassion.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

8TH ANNUAL WHITE MASS – Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton, with Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Miehm celebrating the mass. We pray for the intentions of health care professionals, pastoral care workers, clergy and religious counselors. All are welcome. Reception and video to follow. For info. call 905-335-6902.



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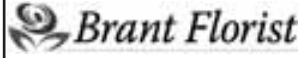


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