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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

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



MASSES THIS WEEK
(7:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Join us to pray the Rosary before Mass. Rosary starts at 7:15 a.m.

Tues. Jan. 5	Intentions of St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation
Wed. Jan. 6	Ernesta Bosanac
Thur. Jan. 7	Louis Belovari
Fri. Jan. 8	Steve & Anna Franceschini
Sat. Jan. 9 @ 5:00 p.m.	Bea McDonough Rita Young Robert Carbin

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: "20 + C + M + B + 16." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names. The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalking blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 4	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Tues. Jan. 5	Rev. Aurimas Rudinskas, O.P.
Wed. Jan. 6	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
Thurs. Jan. 7	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Fri. Jan. 8	Rev. David Wilhelm
Sat. Jan. 9	Rev. Robert Stainsby

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3rd, 2016



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LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

"Appearances can be deceiving," as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the "appearing" of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true. What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives. We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS / EVENTS

Monday 7:00 pm – CWL Bridge – Parish Centre
Wednesday 7:00 pm – Quest Small Group Bible study – Library
Thursday 7:00 pm – Pastoral Advisory Council – Heritage Rm. 7:30 pm – Choir Practice – Parish Centre
Sunday (Jan. 10) 12 noon – Young Vincentians – Parish Centre

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

December 20th Collection.....\$ 8,663.
Christmas Collection.....\$46,837.
December 27th Collection.....\$ 5,505.

THANK YOU

Msgr. House wishes to thank parishioners for their kind cards and gifts at Christmas to him and the parish staff. Many thanks for your kindness.

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week! The Gospel for the Baptism of the Lord is:

Luke 3.15–16, 21–22

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN GRADE 2 IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL

If your child is in Grade 2 and is not attending Holy Rosary School, there will be a parish preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Communion beginning in February. A meeting for parents will be held on **Wednesday, January 27th @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. For further information, please contact Mary Edmondstone at 905-734-7441.

MERCY: A STUDY IN SCRIPTURE

A Senior Adult Workshop Series

7 Wednesdays—starts Jan. 6 from 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown

Explore the theme of Mercy in the Old Testament to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of Mercy in our lives today. Facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler. Cost \$75 includes textbook & resources. To register contact Monica at 905-528-7988, extension 2238 or go to: www.hamiltondiocese.com

GROUP BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOPS 'HEAL YOUR HEART'

Wednesdays – Jan. 20 to Feb. 24 from 7 – 9pm

Broken hearts are painful—don't get stuck in the pain of conflicting emotions.

Are you dealing with a loss in your life? (Death of spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home, health, a pet; infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents?) There is help—you are invited to join us for a series of workshops at St. Michael Parish, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville. For more info. call Ilse at 905-338-1778. To register, call Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or go to: www.hamiltondiocese.com Cost \$35 includes material.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Our parish is blessed with a wonderful group of people who knit or crochet beautiful prayer shawls. As they work, they pray for the intentions of the person who will receive the shawl. Once finished, the shawls are blessed by Monsignor. If you know a friend, neighbour or family member who is ill, grieving or experiencing difficult times, you are welcome to share a prayer shawl with them. For further info. please contact Mary Edmondstone at 905-634-7441.

BURLINGTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SWINGING WITH THE BIG BANDS

BIG BAND CONCERT – Sun. Jan. 31 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre.



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decorators. Msgr. House wishes to thank the Office Staff whose duties increase during the Advent/Christmas Season. Thank you Chris Gibbons, Mary Edmondstone and David Walker (Custodian).

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #67 – Life is not perfect and neither are we, which means that in every relationship there will be moments when things go wrong. When these times occur we can discuss what is wrong and find a solution to the situation, or we can tap into the "blame game" by attributing the problem to our spouse's behaviour, a character weakness within them, or one of their so called "flaws." This type of behaviour never resolves problems or issues, but leads to defensiveness and anger in both spouses. When you make solving the issue or problem your common goal, you will look together at what needs to be done to make the situation better. When that happens you can unite in a solution, instead of isolating yourselves from the one you love. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office,

905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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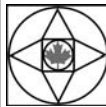
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