

Holy Rosary Parish

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Corina Thomas, Parish Secretary
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Feast of the Holy Family



Tuesday, Dec 31, 2024
No Morning Mass



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st, 2024
5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Thursday, Jan 2, 2025 – *Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen*
8:00 a.m. †Annama Savarimuthu

Friday, Jan 3, 2025
8:00 a.m. †Felipe Nurwandi

Saturday, Jan 4, 2025 – *The Epiphany of the Lord*
5:00 p.m. †Renato Tenefrancia; †Angelo Marzano;
†Muliady Sutedjo; †Nunziata Baio

Sanctuary Lamp – Week of Dec 29th, 2024
In Loving Memory of Jason Seary

Readings for Sunday, Jan 5th, 2025:
Isaiah 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2.1-12

“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

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2025 JUBILEE OF HOPE



The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as *“Pilgrims of Hope!”*. We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service, and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Refer to our website: www.holyrosaryparish.ca for additional events, information, & updates.

Happy New Year!

JANUARY 1st, 2025



To our Parishioners, may God be with you through the New Year and fill your life with comfort, love, and cheer. May this day and the days ahead hold many blessings for you and yours.



WORLD DAY OF PEACE
JANUARY 1, 2025

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that *“every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.”* The theme for 2025 is *“Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace”*.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS



How blessed are we to be here with you at Holy Rosary Parish! The entire parish staff are very grateful to the many people who were so kind and gave us cards, Masses, and gifts this Christmas. We are always heart-warmed by the kindness of so many who take the time to help make our Christmas special. Your generosity and goodness are always a sign to us of God’s love. Showers of blessings on all of you!



THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED TO MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS LITURGIES SO BEAUTIFUL

We wish to thank all of those who contributed time and talent to help make our Christmas liturgies prayerful and joyful. The church looked very beautiful for Christmas and our Christmas liturgies were truly inspiring. It takes a lot of work and many generous people to make this happen.

Thanks to our Directors, Music Ministers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers who have faithfully served this past year. Thank you to Dennis Herrero, our property manager, our office staff, and our decorators, for their hard work in preparing our church for the celebration of Our Saviour's birth.

May God, through the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, keep you and your loved ones in His love.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next **CWL meeting** will be on **Thursday, January 9th at 6:00 pm** in the parish hall.

PAJAMAS FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to all who donated pajamas for boys and girls in our community. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

2025 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES



The new Offering Envelopes for 2025 are available in **ALPHABETICAL ORDER** on the tables in the outer foyer of the Church.

- Please ensure that you take the envelopes with your name and address on them.
- If you did not use envelopes last year and wish to contribute to the parish, or if you have changed your address, please contact the parish office.
- We ask you to please recycle all old church envelopes from previous years.
- We appreciate it when you put your name on the outside of the first couple of envelopes to ensure accurate posting of your donation to your name.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Please sign up for 1-hour Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life the **first Friday of every month**, starting at 8:30 a.m., continuing until Saturday 8:30 a.m. The sign-up book is available in the main foyer of the church. For additional information contact **Carmie Liberta** at **(905) 854-4204**.



NOT REGISTERED YET?

If you attend Holy Rosary Parish regularly, but have not yet registered, please complete a Parish Registration form available on the parish website at: www.holyrosaryparish.ca/general-information.html or call the office at **(905) 878-6535**.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our parish office will remain closed between Christmas and New Year's. Regular office hours will resume on **Thursday, January 2nd**. General mailbox messages will be checked daily.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

Dec 30 – Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony

Dec 31 – Rev. Felix Nwatu

Jan 01 – *Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God*

Jan 02 – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

Jan 03 – Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.

Jan 04 – Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.



OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Eric Sillius, Johannes "John" Wysman, Betty Bertasson, Alberto Magallanes, Berna McIntosh, Kathleen "Kay" Lewis, Juanita Kinney, and Paulo Gomes**, whose funerals were held recently.

We especially want to pray for their families in this time of loss. May God console them and help them to draw strength from their faith to continue along life's journey.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the **faith** you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of **charity** enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed **hope**
for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



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