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(Rule of Saint Benedict #53)

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
and 4:00 p.m. (en Français)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please see inside bulletin for complete schedule

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
(First Friday – 9:30am to 9:00 p.m.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Celebrated the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Contact the parish office to arrange date and to arrange pre-baptismal course at least two months before preferred date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF ADULTS

A period of preparation is necessary, and it is imperative that individuals complete the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please see Father Larry for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Kindly contact the parish office at least a year prior to desired date of marriage. Preparation course is essential.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family, please contact the parish office before contacting the funeral home, and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton website is: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information in discerning God's call to Church ministry, contact Father Larry or contact Father Mark Morley, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or visit the Vocations Services' website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations>

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office of confinement to home or hospitalization, so sacramental care may be provided.

PARISH STAFF

Father Lawrence Parent, Pastor
(lparent@hamiltondiocese.com)
Father Jonathan Reitzel, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Leonard Gallant, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joseph Murphy, Deacon
Mrs. Karen Viloría-Miguel, Pastoral Minister
Mrs. Janis Asdrubolini, Office Administrator
Mrs. Alma Paje, Office Receptionist

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Office is closed on weekends and public holidays.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and your family to Saint Benedict Parish! Please introduce yourself to Father Larry. Registration forms are available on the table at the church Narthex or from the website.

PARISH SCHOOLS

<u>Guardian Angels Elementary</u> Nick Laratta, Principal	905-876-2386
<u>Lumen Christi Elementary</u> Daniela Attardo, Principal	905-636-9692
<u>Our Lady of Fatima Elementary</u> Kelly Stephens, Principal	905-864-0720
<u>St. Benedict Elementary</u> Mark Witter, Principal	289-851-9353
<u>St. Josephine Bakhita Elementary</u> Vince Chininea, Principal	289-878-0918
<u>St. Scholastica Elementary</u> Ann-Marie Melchionna, Principal	905-864-0344
<u>St. Veronica Elementary</u> Angelina Barden- Principal	289-878-0916
<u>St. Francis Xavier Secondary School</u> Adriano Perusin, Principal	905-636-8799
<u>St. Kateri Tekakwitha Secondary School</u> Kevin Wong, Principal	289-878-2038

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 8th Second Sunday of Advent Baruch 5.1-9 Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11 Luke 3.1-6 <i>"We are made pure and blameless through Jesus Christ"</i>	Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	+Mary & +Manuel Correia Our Parish Community +Maria Sultana	
Monday, December 9th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Genesis 3.9-15, 20 Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12 Luke 1.26-38	Mass 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Hilary D'Souza +Bernadette & Alexis Nguiffo	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, December 10th Our Lady of Loreto Isaiah 40.1-11 Matthew 18.12-14	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+Jackson Mok	Rev. Lawrence Parent
Wednesday, December 11th St. Damasus I Isaiah 40.25-31 Matthew 11.28-30	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+Lydia Duque-Rous	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thursday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe Zechariah 2.10-13 or Revelation 11.19a; 12.1, 3-6a, 10ab Luke 1.39-47	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Fr. John	National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
Friday, December 13th St. Lucy Isaiah 48.17-19 Matthew 11.16-19	Mass 9:00 a.m. <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>9:30am-10:30am</i>	+Pura De Viterbo	Rev. John Ha
Saturday, December 14th St. John of the Cross Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17.10-13	Mass 5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	+Jose Aynikal +Vincenzo Russo +Francis Abreo +Frank Duff & Deceased members of the Legion of Mary Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES – DECEMBER 12TH

On **12 December**, the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the Church in Canada marks the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (formerly the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council). This year, the reflection by the Council is inspired by Pope Francis's words of healing and reconciliation spoken during his "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

TAX RECEIPTS



If anyone wishes to donate and include their donation for the 2024 tax receipts, the deadline to do so will be on **December 29th**. Thank you.

2025 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2025 Sunday Donation envelopes are now available for pick-up. A few notes/reminders:

- Envelope boxes are arranged in **Alphabetical order by Last Name**
- Please take only the box of envelopes with your **NAME and ADDRESS** on them.
- Envelopes will be available for pick-up for 3 months. Any unclaimed envelopes will be returned to inventory. Please call/email the office, we will issue a new set upon request.
- As we re-use UNCLAIMED envelopes, please **DO NOT use your old envelopes**. Your old envelope ID may have been re assigned to a new family.
- Please write your name on the first couple of envelopes to ensure that your donation is accurately posted to your name.

ADVENT EVENING OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 11th 6:30pm to 8:30pm

ST. BENEDICT PARISH CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE	
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
Christmas eve Tuesday, December 24 th	4:00 p.m.
	6 :00 p.m.
	8:00 p.m. (French)
	10:00 p.m.
Christmas Midnight Wednesday, December 25 th	12:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25 th	9:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
	12:00 p.m.
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Sat December 28 th 5pm
	Sun December 29 th 9am, 10:30am and 12pm
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	
New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31 st	5:00 p.m.
	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Eucharistic Adoration)
	8:00 p.m. (French)
New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1 st	9:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
	12:00 p.m.
The Epiphany of the Lord	Sat January 4 th 5pm
	Sun January 5 th 9am, 10:30am and 12pm



**CHRISTMAS CANTATA: SING JOY TO ALL THE
WORLD, A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Join us on Friday, **December 13th at 7pm** for a heartwarming evening of music and celebration as our talented Youth Choir presents a special Christmas Experience the joy and spirit of the season through beautiful carols and festive songs. Bring your family and friends to share in this magical event and support our wonderful young singers. We look forward to celebrating with you! ***Offerings at the door toward the Youth Ministry will be appreciated.*** For more information, please visit: St. Benedict Christmas Cantata 2024



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

The St. Benedict Knights of Columbus are selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs and car magnets after Mass this weekend. . **Lawn Signs: \$15 each; Car Magnets: \$5 each.**



**SIMBANG GABI (NIGHT MASS)
AT ST. BENEDICT PARISH**

Simbang Gabi! or "Night Mass," is a cherished Filipino Catholic tradition consisting of Masses leading up to Christmas. Join us for Simbang Gabi Masses on **December 17th , 20th and 23rd at 7:00 PM.** Let us come together in faith and joy as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please visit: St. Benedict- Simbang Gabi



**STAY HOME OR MASK UP:
HELP US STAY HEALTHY THIS FLU SEASON**

During this flu season, we kindly ask everyone to stay home if you're feeling unwell, or to wear a mask when attending mass to help prevent the spread of illness. Your cooperation is crucial in keeping our parish community safe and healthy. Thank you for your understanding and support. Stay well!



CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN

December 12, 2024 (7:00-8:00pm). The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to a live virtual viewing party of "The Shepherd", a special Christmas episode of "The Chosen," reflecting on the birth of Christ through the eyes of a young shepherd. This one hour gathering will include prayer, free streaming of the 20-minute episode, and well wishes for the Advent Season. Gather your friends and family, make the popcorn, and join us for this wonderful opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Savior! Registration is free and can be made here: <https://bit.ly/ChristmaswiththeChosen2024>



CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 4th** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
LAY CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP**

"Carmel, is a source of wealth for the whole Christian Community" Pope St. John Paul II . Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women who "live in the following of Jesus Christ according to the traditions and spirit of Carmel". They are called to a vocation of love, seeking God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. Our next meeting is on Saturday, **December 21st at 9:30 am** in Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Website: www.laycarmelites.org. For more information, contact: Noreen D'Souza: noreendsouza72@gmail.com

**3RD ANNUAL CROSS-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 pm**

Join us as we gather across churches to sing Christmas carols as we walk together along Main St. from Grace Anglican Church all the way to St. Paul's United Church. We'll be stopping along the way at Southside on Main, and Knox Presbyterian as well. We'll pause at each church to sing a few songs, get warm (if needed!) and then head out together in song as we walk to the next stop. We'll Meet at Grace Anglican Church, 317 Main St. E., Milton ON. [Click here for a map](#) . Looking forward to seeing you there!



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