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Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church

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ALL ARE TO BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST

(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
Father Jonathan Reitzel, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Leonard Gallant, Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joseph Murphy, Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Karen Vitoria-Miguel, Pastoral Minister/Music Director
Mrs. Alma Paje, Office Administrator
Mrs. Rosario Pinto, Bookkeeper
Mrs. Lenie D'Souza, Office Assistant

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25++ 1 Corinthians 15.45-49 Luke 6.27-38 <i>"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"</i>	Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Our Parish Community +Virginia Te +Jojo Unico	
Monday, February 24 Sirach 1.1-10 Mark 9.14-29	NO MASS		Rev. Lourdusamy Subramani, SMA
Tuesday, February 25 Sirach 2.1-11 Mark 9.30-37	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+James D'Costa	Rev. Mark Morley
Wednesday, February 26 Sirach 4.11-19 Mark 9.38-40	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+Leonora Caldeiro	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J.
Thursday, February 27 St. Gregory of Narek Sirach 5.1-8 Mark 9.41-50	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+Caroline Pereira	Very Rev. Adrian Lee
Friday, February 28 Sirach 6.5-17 Mark 10.1-12	Mass 9:00 a.m. <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> 9:30am-10:30am	Special Intentions of Josephine, Noel & Family	Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk
Saturday, March 1 Sirach 17.1-4, 6-8, 10-15 Mark 10.13-16	Mass 9:00 a.m. 1 st Saturday 5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	+Guadalupe Ditan Ints. Of CWL members +Lilian Helen Lee Chong +Bernadette McMenemy +Eileen Trento +Alberto Binarao Magallanes Sp. Int. of Karen Akam Ints. Of Anita & Sieyf Shahabuddeen	Rev. Marko Stefanec

For more information, please click: [JUBILEE 2025- PILGRIMS OF HOPE](#)



Our parish bulletin is also available online. For more information, updates and events, please visit our parish website: www.stbenedictparish.ca

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES




Thank you to all parishioners who have already picked-up their donation envelopes. If you haven't done so yet, the envelopes are located in the hallway, just outside the parish office. Unclaimed envelopes by **February 28th**, will be re-assigned.

2024 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

St. Benedict Donation tax receipts are now available for pick-up at the table in the Narthex (just outside the parish office). They are arranged Alphabetically by Last Name.



We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have generously donated and continue to support our parish. Your contributions have greatly helped our parish. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated.

ASH WEDNESDAY- March 5th

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Masses will held at **9am and 7pm.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 7th to April 18th Fridays at 7pm

LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING MASS

March 7th to April 11th Fridays at 7:30pm



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS


The KOC general council meeting is on Thursday, **February 27th** in the parish hall. All members are requested to attend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. BENEDICT PARISH COUNCIL GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Support our parish while shopping for your everyday essentials! Pay for your everyday shopping with gift cards purchased from KOC. Each purchase automatically includes a donation to our parish fundraiser. **How Does It Work?** *Purchase a \$25 gift card from a participating retailer through us, you receive the full \$25 to spend.*A portion of your purchase is donated directly to our parish by the retailer—at no extra cost to you! **Why Participate?** *Use gift cards for your everyday shopping. *Share them as thoughtful gifts for family and friends. **How to Get Involved:***Scan the QR code available in the church entrance. *Or, connect with a Knight of Columbus member for more information.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

 On the weekend of **February 22/23**, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors after Mass to accept your donations. Your generosity is most appreciated, and we thank you on behalf of society and the needy of our community.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 2025**



The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

JOIN US FOR LENTEN EVENTS WITH THE CWL



The Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to participate in two special Lenten events on the first weekend of March!

Rosary Making - Saturday, March 1st

Come together in prayer and craftsmanship as we host a Rosary Making afternoon, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary. Join us **from 1:00pm - 3:00pm** in the Parish Hall. The cost is **\$10**, which includes all supplies, plus a pouch to carry your rosary. Space is limited, so be sure to register early by visiting the Narthex after Mass for registration and payment.

Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 2nd

Start your Sunday with a delicious Pancake Breakfast and hot beverages, available after all Masses in the Parish Hall. For just **\$5**, enjoy a warm meal and great company. We look forward to welcoming you to both events and thank you for your continued support of the CWL!

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications sets up the advertisements for our church bulletin. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637 to advertise your product or service.



HEROES OF HOPE

is a monthly newsletter from the Diocese of Hamilton, shining a light on the extraordinary individuals and ministries who inspire hope and transform lives in our communities. **February 2025** is available on the website.



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #166

Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #146

February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take some time to reflect on your contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment, apologize, when necessary, show love through action in what you do for your spouse, pray for your spouse daily and make the time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong.



**STRUGGLING IN YOUR MARRIAGE?
FIND HOPE WITH RETROUVAILLE**

Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples who are struggling to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and aids couples to reconnect. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org



MINISTERIAL FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondiocesearns.com.

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