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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 HOUNBOUND

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, January 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 62.1-55 1 Corinthians 12.4-11 John 2.1-12 <i>"The Lord's love and care for us knows no bounds"</i>	Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	+Nenita Espiritu Our Parish Community +Vincent LaCavera	
Monday, January 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 2.18-22	NO MASS		Rev. James Curtin
Tuesday, January 21 St. Agnes Hebrews 6.10-20 Mark 2.23-28	Mass 9:00 a.m.	+Raffale Morga	Rev. Edward Hampson
Wednesday, January 22 St. Vincent Hebrews 7,1-3, 15-17 Mark 3.1-6	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Maureen Moore	Youth Ministers
Thursday, January 23 Hebrews 7.25-8.6 Mark 3.70-12	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Doug Moore	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Friday, January 24 St. Francis De Sales Hebrews 8.6-13 Mark 3.13-19	Mass 9:00 a.m. <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> 9:30am-10:30am	Intentions of the Thomas Family	Rev. Michael Bennett
Saturday, January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22.3-16 OR Acts 9.1-22 Mark 16.15-18	Mass 5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	+Stephen Kurhanowicz +Marlyn Barrozo +Richard Leszczewski Ints. of Ragul Ratnakumar Ints. and Thanksgiving of Phillips Family +Joseph Alanu	Rev. Ron Cote
For more information, please click this link: 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

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on **January 18-25**, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a long-standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, in order to include two Sundays. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 9:30m to 10:30am ; First Friday 930am to 9pm

SPECIAL MASS – FEAST of ST. BLAISE

A special mass will be celebrated on **Monday, February 3, 2025** at 9am. All are welcome!



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION. Click this [LINK](#) or scan this QR CODE. Deadline for registration: **February 14th 2025.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. BENEDICT COUNCIL MEETING

The Knights of Columbus (KOC) general council meeting is on **Thursday, January 23rd at 7pm** in the Parish hall. All members are requested to attend.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all who contributed to the Angel Tree this Christmas. Seventy-two (72) families received a total of \$14,000 in gift cards and personal items. Through the combined support of you, our parishioners, all the Catholic schools in our parish and Halton SSVP, our neighbours in need shared the joy and love of Christmas. If you would like to learn more about the SSVP ministry, please contact us at ssvp.stbenedictconference@gmail.com or by calling our phone line at 905-875-7995. We are actively recruiting for new members.

On the **weekend of January 25/26**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the doors to accept your donations. Your generosity is most appreciated, and we thank you on behalf of society and the needy of our community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE and DINNER DANCE

In support of the Townsend Smith Foundation, a charity proposing to build Hospice in North Halton Shake off those midwinter blues and at the same time support a great cause by joining us for a wonderful evening. Come out and enjoy a fabulous four course meal, music, door prize and silent auctions all in the elegance of the Granite Ridge Golf Club on **Saturday, February 15th**. All are welcome to this event so feel free to get a group of your friends together. For more information or to order tickets, go to www.holyrosaryknights.ca/valentines-gala or call Daniel Varanelli at (905) 875-6699.



RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evenings. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register for the sessions here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!



SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 7-9, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org



**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:
"I HOPE IN YOUR WORD" (PSALM 119:74)**

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 26th)

marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This year, within the context of the Jubilee, we celebrate the Sacred Scriptures as a great source of hope for all the faithful. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2025. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL



Join us January 23, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 PM for She Rises Up, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are working to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.



**RETREAT FOR COUPLES - 4 HABITS TO NOURISH
HAPPINESS IN MARRIED LIFE**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025, 9AM – 3:00 PM

This retreat is fruit of a partnership between St Benedict Parish and Regnum Christi. During the event, we will explore 4 habits that help increase happiness and how they can be lived in the beautiful vocation to married life. The content is based on cutting-edge scientific research and in the Gospel. It applies to all facets of life. Fr. Pierre Caouette LC will be leading it with a team of collaborators. The retreat will consist of fellowship, Mass, talks, personal prayer & one-on-one dynamics. Please see the parish website for registration details.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2025



Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Have a Good Day!

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