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Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church

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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
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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <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 |

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

| READINGS | LITURGY | INTENTION | PLEASE PRAY FOR |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday, March 9th First Sunday of Lent Deuteronomy 26.4-10 Romans 10.8-13 Luke 4.1-13 <i>"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness: there he was tempted"</i> | Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. | +Queteria & +Alvarino Ramos +Virginia Te Our Parish Community | |
| Monday, March 10th Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25.31-46 | NO MASS | | Rev. Adam Voisin |
| Tuesday, March 11th Isaiah 55.10-11 Matthew 6.7-15 | Mass 9:00 a.m. | Living & Deceased members of the Pimentel & Medeiros Families | Rev. Robert Bulbrook |
| Wednesday, March 12th Jonah 3.1-10 Luke 11.29-32 | Mass 9:00 a.m. | +Francis & +Maria Bruno | Permanent Diaconate Candidates |
| Thursday, March 13th Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14 Matthew 7.7-12 | Mass 9:00 a.m. <i>Eucharistic Adoration 4pm to 7pm</i> | +Gaspar Cabero | Rev. Jeffery Oehring |
| Friday, March 14th Ezekiel 18.21-28 Matthew 5.20-26 | Mass 9:00 a.m. <i>Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am to 10:30am</i> <i>Stations of the Cross 7pm</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Lenten Evening Friday Mass</i> | José Borges Silva +Elizabeth Marecki | Rev. Francesco Cucchi |
| Saturday, March 15th Deuteronomy, 26.16-19 Matthew 5.43-48 | Mass 5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i> | +Marjorie Fernandes +Bernadette McMenamy +Marcos Ong +Stella D'Souza Thanksgiving Int. of Fr. Clyde Phillips | Rev. Mark Gatto |

For more information: please visit: [Jubilee 2025](#)



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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins this Sunday, March 9th. Don't forget to set your clocks forward by one hour.



WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a yearly celebration of the Church in preparation for Easter. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, we are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

Lent is a privileged time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught.

When is Lent?

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 2025**, and continues until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday evening, on April 17th, 2025**. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2025/03/season-of-lent-let-us-journey-together-in-hope/>

LENT

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, in collaboration with the National Liturgy Office and the Office national de liturgie, launches the 2025 video series titled **Journey Through Lent.** Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 5 March 2025, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is designed for individuals, families, and communities, providing spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare for the Easter season.

(From Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website)

2025 LENT-HOLY WEEK-EASTER SCHEDULE

| | Date | Time |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Lenten Evening of Reconciliation | Thursday, April 10 th (at Holy Rosary Parish) | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| HOLY WEEK | | |
| Palm Sunday | Saturday, April 12 th | 5:00 p.m. |
| | Sunday, April 13 th | 8:30 a.m. |
| | | 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. (French) |
| TRIDUUM | | |
| Holy Thursday No 9am Daily Mass | April 17 th | 7:00 p.m. |
| Good Friday NO 9am Daily Mass NO Friday Eucharistic Adoration NO 730pm Lenten Evening Friday Mass | April 18 th | 11:00 a.m. (for Families) 3:00 p.m. (Solemn) |
| Holy Saturday NO 5pm mass | April 19 th Blessing of Easter Food | 10:30am |
| | Easter Vigil | 8:00 p.m. |
| Easter Sunday | April 20 th | 6:30 a.m. |
| | | 8:30 a.m. |
| | | 10:30 a.m. |
| | | 12:30 p.m. |
| There are no afternoon or evening masses in the Diocese of Hamilton on Easter Sunday. | | |



THRIVING THROUGH MENOPAUSE – DR. ZARI GILL

The Catholic Women’s League of St. Benedict’s Parish will be hosting an informative session with Dr Zari Gill – a global health physician on the topic – Thriving Through Menopause. Dr Gill will be covering topics on – Understanding the meaning of Menopause, how it impacts physical, emotional wellbeing, how to manage the symptoms and how to seek support. This session is open to all parishioners of our parish, and it will be held on **Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.**



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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, March 15th, 2025 at 9:30 am in Holy Rosary Parish Hall.** Website: www.laycarmelites.org. For more information, contact: Noreen D’Souza: noreendsouza72@gmail.com



VIRTUAL LEARNING WITH THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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. Interested in learning more about our programs? Have questions about the structure, course content and fees? Join us for a brief information session hosted by the VLCFF Coordination Team for the Diocese of Hamilton on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025 @ 7pm.** Registration: <https://bit.ly/VLCFFinfo>.



ReSTART: Moving Forward

Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will be offered from **March 17 - June 9** (no sessions April 21 & May 19) and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com



LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE

During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope. **Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 5, 2025, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, ON, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.**



TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025: MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

Mass is held in Our Lady of Victory Mausoleum at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at 4:30. All those interred at one of the Hamilton/Burlington Catholic Cemeteries during the previous month are remembered in particular during the Mass. All are welcome.

LENT RETREAT: ADVENTURE THROUGH THE MASS SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH, FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM

Have you ever wondered what’s really happening at Mass? What if it’s more than a ritual—a gift from God that can transform your heart? Join our Lent retreat to discover the Mystery of the Mass and the meaning behind its symbols, gestures, and prayers. Led by Fr. Jerek, Fr. Pierre, and a team of collaborators, the day will include Mass, talks, prayer time and more.

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