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Epiphany of the Lord

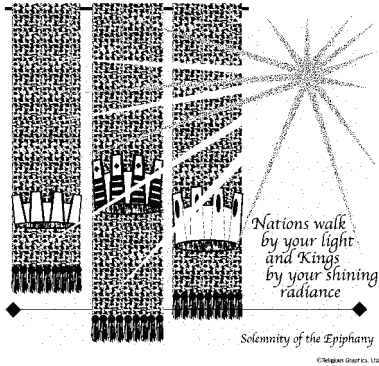


We have come to Homage Him.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

All nations walk by His light!



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord is:
Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

OUR GIFTS TO GOD December 22nd & 25th Collection

Sunday Envelopes	Sunday Loose	Pre-Authorized Debit	Christmas Env/Loose
\$ 5,107	\$ 310	\$ 1,632	\$ 18,135

We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish. Your generosity has made 2024 another successful year.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 6	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Tues. Jan. 7	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.
Wed. Jan. 8	Diocesan Priests
Thurs. Jan. 9	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Fri. Jan. 10	Rev. David Avila
Sat. Jan. 11	Married Couples

VOCATION AWARENESS

Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? 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.

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope the Lord's Day worship spiritually enriches you.



Mass Intentions

(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Join us in praying for the Rosary for Vocations before Mass.

The rosary starts at 7:30 a.m.

Tues., Jan. 7	†Bill Fasullo
Wed., Jan. 8	†Joao Amaral
Thurs., Jan. 9	†Mariano & Iva Araujo
Fri., Jan. 10	†Ludovina & Manuel Freitas
Sat., Jan 11 5:00 p.m.	†Alberta Torrijos †Larry Helm †Henry Rudachyk †Nella Abballe

2025 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church envelopes for 2025 **are still available for pickup** in the main entrance. After next weekend, unclaimed boxes will be removed back to the Rectory Office. Free 2025 Church Calendars, sponsored again this year by Smith's Funeral Homes, are available in the main entrance.

If you do not have regular Sunday envelopes, please consider registering for these, especially with the new year 2025 coming soon. It does not matter how much you contribute to the parish, but it is important to contribute something each week as a sign of support and gratitude to God for our blessings. Remember the gospel of the widow's mite! Be aware that the parish issues Official Receipts for Income Tax purposes, which helps to reduce your taxable income. To arrange for Sunday envelopes, please use the sign-up sheet on the table with the envelopes or get in touch with Divine Dimaranan at the rectory office, and a set will be prepared for you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

This way of giving for your regular weekly Sunday contributions is available for your convenience, call Divine at the church office at 905-634-7441 to sign up.

If you already use pre-authorized giving and still wish to use envelopes to place in the collection basket or for any Special Collections, please don't hesitate to give us a call or email hrosary@cogeco.net and request envelopes. A set will be provided for you. Write PAD on the front of the envelope and place it in the collection basket at the mass you attend.

PARISH LECTOR'S WORKSHOP FOR NEW AND CURRENT LECTORS

There will be a parish workshop for all current Lector's and those who wish to serve as Lectors at Sunday Masses and other Liturgies. The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Centre. It is important that all Lector's attend this one hour workshop.

ADULT FUNERAL SERVERS TRAINING

All existing funeral servers and those who wish to serve at funerals are invited to a parish training session on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK TRAINING

This training session is for those who were NOT at the Fall workshop for Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Communion to the Sick. ***It is for anyone who brings communion to the sick from any of the masses here.*** There are some very important changes coming for the way in which pyxes are prepared and distributed, so it is vital that anyone who currently brings communion attend this training. This training will take place on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Centre.

CHAIR YOGA



We're thrilled to announce that **Chair Yoga** is returning on Thursday, January 9th, 2025 @ 11:00am – 12:00nn. 10 weeks @ \$50.00.

Register before class by 10:30am. Drop ins are welcome for \$ 6.00/class.

CRAFT CLUB RESUMES!!!

Holy Rosary Craft ladies get back to business, already thinking about next November's Bell Bazaar. New crafters always welcome. Sessions are on Thursdays, starting January 9th @ 1:00 p.m., in the Parish Centre. Contact Carol Morosin (905-525-1426) or Stephanie MacDonald (905-631-5745) for further information.

TORONTO ALL-STAR BIG BAND CONCERT BENEFITING CARPENTER HOSPICE, BURLINGTON FOOD BANK, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE WORKS



Sunday, January 26, 2025 2:00 to 4:30 PM at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Step back to an era when "Swing" reigned supreme in Burlington. Come join us and experience an evening of great swing music. This is an ideal Christmas Gift for that person who has everything.

The price per ticket is only \$48.00. You can go on-line to reserve your seat by calling the box office at 905-681-6000 or by going to their website at [Upcoming Events - The Burlington Performing Arts Centre](#)

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

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

On behalf of all, I wish to express abundant thanks to all the many people who helped make our Christmas Day Liturgies so prayerful and beautiful. Thanks to our decoration team, under the direction of Janet James for decorating the Church so festively. Thanks also to those who organized the Children's Pageant at the Christmas Eve 5:00 Mass and the children who participated. Thanks to our liturgical ministers and to our musicians, Vicky Chen and Trevor Price and to the fabulous cantors and choirs who did a tremendous job, helping to make these liturgies a worthy act of praise to God for the gift of His Son.

On behalf of myself and our staff, I wish to also express joyful thanks for your generosity over the Christmas season. Thanks to all those who sent us cards and gifts of various kinds (which we will be enjoying for some time to come!) We are humbled by the goodness and generosity of many of our parishioners! May God bless you and your families in the coming year.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

With the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Pope Francis officially began the 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope.

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year for the entire Church. We are invited to experience in a profound way the transforming power of God's mercy and forgiveness, and a renewal of our faith and commitment to love God and our neighbour as God has first loved us.

The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope". In our world suffering from the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19, the climate crisis, economic hardships, and countless afflictions of mind, body and spirit, Pope Francis is inviting us to rekindle the hope which is rooted in our faith: *our sure hope which never disappoints.*

Last Sunday, the Jubilee Year was initiated in all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton. Prayer books and prayer cards were handed out to parishioners after Mass. There are extra copies on the table in the main foyer, as long as supplies last.

Jubilee Years happen every 25 years (and occasionally for special years to highlight an important theme, like God's Mercy.

In the document initiating the Jubilee Year *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint), Pope Francis stated: Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwell as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt... For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. May the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" of our salvation whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope.' (SC!)



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