

SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

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Dear Parishioners,

The beginning of the school year offers us the opportunity to begin a new Pastoral Year in our Parish. Father John Bosco, our new Associate, and I are very eager to work with you, pray with you, and walk with you this coming year.

This newsletter will outline the various celebrations, meetings and events in our Parish. As you know, Saint Benedict Parish is a very large and active community. We are very grateful for the many ways our parishioners support the ministry and work of our Parish. Please also know that there are opportunities for you to be involved. Please prayerfully consider joining one of the ministries or groups in the Parish. The rewards are out of this world!

As we begin this new Pastoral Year, I would like to acknowledge our Parish Staff for their commitment to the Parish and for their very good and hard work on our behalf.

Be assured of our prayers as we begin this new Pastoral Year at Saint Benedict Parish.

In Christ Jesus,

Father Dave

Reverend David A. Wynn

Pastor



MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

There are seven Catholic elementary Schools and two Catholic secondary Schools associated with Saint Benedict Parish. We look forward to co-operating with school administration, staff, parents and to celebrate the faith with our students.

School Masses

Fall 2026 –

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in Saint Benedict Church

Guardian Angels	September 22
Lumen Christi	September 29
Our Lady of Fatima	October 6
Saint Benedict	October 27
Saint Josephine	November 3
Saint Scholastica	November 17
Saint Veronica	November 24

Spring 2027 –

Saint Veronica	April 6
Saint Scholastica	April 13
Saint Josephine	April 20
Saint Benedict	April 27
Lumen Christi	May 11
Guardian Angels	May 18
Our Lady of Fatima	May 25

Confirmation(Grade 7)–at Saint Benedict Church

Guardian Angels	7 p.m. Friday, Nov 20
Lumen Christi	10:30 Saturday, Nov 21
Our Lady of Fatima	1 p.m. Saturday, Nov 21
Saint Benedict	7 p.m. Thursday, Dec 3
Saint Josephine	7 p.m. Friday, Dec 4
Saint Scholastica	10:30 Saturday, Dec 5
Saint Veronica	1 p.m. Saturday, Dec 5

First Reconciliation (Grade 2) – at Saint Benedict

Saturday, Feb 20	9:30 Saint Veronica
	11 am Saint Scholastica
	1 pm Saint Josephine
	2:30 Saint Benedict

First Eucharist (Grade 2) – at Saint Benedict

Saturday, April 17	10 am Guardian Angels
	1 pm Lumen Christi

Saturday, April 24	10 am Our Lady of Fatima
	1 pm Saint Benedict
Saturday, May 8	10 am Saint Josephine
	1 pm Saint Scholastica
Saturday, May 15	10 am Saint Veronica

PARISH GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS



Catholic Women's League

Members work for God and Canada in the largest association of women in our nation. Local monthly and executive meetings. Membership open to women 18 years and older.



Knights of Columbus

The Knights are an international association of Catholic men who, through works of charity, support the Church at the Parish, Diocesan and Universal levels. Meetings here monthly. New members are always welcome.



Legion of Mary

An international organization of Catholic men and women who dedicate themselves to Our Lady and in the spirit of the Visitation serve wherever there is a need. In our Parish they meet weekly – both Senior and Junior groups. Their apostolate is mainly serving the elderly in care homes in our Parish.

Catholic Mom's Group

Offers a monthly opportunity for mothers to gather, pray and reflect together. Great support to new and experienced moms!

That Man is You & She Shall Be Called Woman

Programs of spiritual enrichment and recollection offered for men and women in the Parish. Video input, small group discussion, social time together. Great support in living a life of faith.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Supported by the generous donations of parishioners, Vincentians offer assistance to our dear neighbours who need help with food and other essentials. Open to new members who can share in the work.

Young Adults

Regular gatherings of 18+ young people for prayer, social functions, reflection and service.

Youth Group for senior elementary and high school students.

Food for Life

Volunteer parishioners host a weekly distribution of food rescued from supermarkets. Neighbours in our community can supplement their food budget through their good work.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Offers weekly sessions for adults seeking to learn about the faith and to become members of the Church through baptism, confirmation and reception of first Eucharist. The process begins in September for non-baptized adults and concludes in the Easter Season.

Catholic Update

A series of sessions for those baptized in other Christian Churches who seek to become Catholics, and for Catholics looking to update their understanding of the faith.

For information and registration for the RCIA or for Catholic Update - contact our Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parish Choirs

Each of our Sunday liturgies is served by a choir ... new members are always welcome to join - speak to the choir leader at the Mass you attend. Don't be shy!

Ministers of the Word

Catholics who assist with the proclamation of the Word at our Sunday liturgies. Open to Catholics who have already celebrated Confirmation. Training provided.

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Catholics who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Training is provided. Open to fully initiated Catholics 16 years of age or older.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This ministry gathers children at our 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses to reflect on God's Word during those Masses. Volunteer helpers are needed - perfect for Secondary School students. Training and safeguarding screening provided and required.

Altar Servers

Young people who assist at the Altar during the Sunday liturgy. Open to children in Grade 4 or older. Training provided.

Adult Servers

Assist at Daily Mass and Funerals. Training provided.

Baptismal Preparation Ministry

Monthly meetings to assist parents preparing to baptize a child. Training provided.

Ministers of Hospitality

Often the first face of Saint Benedict Parish that parishioners and visitors encounter - assist with greeting before Mass, helping people find seats, assist with the collection, distribute bulletins and other duties. Volunteer screening and training provided.

Parish Volunteer Fair

**Sunday, September 27
(Saturday, September 26)
after all Masses**

OTHER GROUPS ...

Prayer Group

Parishioners gather for praise & worship, mutual support, and prayer.

Challenge/Conquest

Programs for children and young people offered through Holy Rosary Parish. Activities include regular meetings by age group and summer camps.

VOLUNTEERS OR DISCIPLES

Volunteering with the Parish is a gateway to becoming a *disciple* who is committed to the life of the Parish and our parishioners. We need more disciples to help grow our Parish community. Being a disciple means that we work on our life of prayer, become a joyful presence at Sunday Mass. Participate or lead small groups. Be available to assist as needed in the Parish.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

As disciples living faith in this Parish community, we make a commitment of our *time* to assist in ministry or with groups; the gift of our *talent* supports the work of the Parish. Our *treasure* helps build up the Parish - we pay for programs, staff, and care of the physical buildings. Be part of the stewardship of our Parish!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2026

The Season of Advent – a brief period of preparation for the feast of Christmas – also marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. In “Year B” we will hear mainly from the Gospel of Mark (John’s Gospel during Christmas, Easter, and several weeks in the Summer). Advent begins on Sunday, November 29.

Sat November 28 – K of C Children’s Party 3:00 p.m.
Sun December 6 – Christmas Market (after Masses)
Thurs December 17 – Advent Family Mass 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Milton Advent Confessions

Wed December 16 – 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Parish

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24, 2026

4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, 2026

12:00 Midnight Mass
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon

No afternoon or evening Masses in Hamilton Diocese.

Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Sunday, December 27 – Regular Mass Schedule
(Saturday) 5 p.m.; 9 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 12 Noon
(Note: No Confessions on Saturday, Dec. 26)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1, 2027
(Thursday) 5:00 p.m.; 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.; 12 Noon
A Holy Day of Obligation in Canada

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3, 2027 – regular schedule

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2027 – regular schedule.

LENT 2027

The Season of Lent is a period characterized by *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving* in preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter.

Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2027

Ashes will be imposed only during Mass:
9:00 a.m.
12:00 Noon
7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m

Lent School Family Mass: Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Please note time changes for Masses

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

Sunday, March 21, 2027
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.;
Sunday 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m

Mass of Chrism

Bishop Dabrowski blesses and consecrates the Oils at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King – Monday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. (Note – no 9 a.m. Mass here).

Milton Lenten Penance Celebration

Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. – Holy Rosary Parish

HOLY THURSDAY, March 25

(No 9 a.m. Mass)
Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7:00 p.m. followed by prayer before the reserved Blessed Sacrament (Hall).

GOOD FRIDAY, March 26

The Church gathers to hear the Passion and Venerate the Cross. There will be three Solemn Liturgies in our Parish today:
9:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon 3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 27

12:00 Noon – Blessing of Food
8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, March 28

Masses: **8:30 a.m.**; 10:30 a.m.; **12:30 p.m.**
No afternoon or evening Masses in Hamilton Diocese