

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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Established as a Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

Office hours

Monday 12 Noon \sim 4:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. \sim 4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. \sim 12 Noon

Parish Staff

Father K. Cull, Pastor Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance

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Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

(Saturday) 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. (October to April)

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

(Bulletin has weekly schedule of Masses)

Parish Membership

Welcome! New parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a *parish registration* form, available in the Narthex or the Parish Office. You may wish to consider offering financial support to the parish by using *Sunday Offering Envelopes or pre-authorized withdrawals*. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Sacramental Information

Baptism - Infants and young children of parishioners are baptized on Sunday afternoons, except during the Season of Lent. Adults requesting baptism, or the other sacraments of initiation should inquire about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Marriage - Weddings for parishioners are generally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Kindly contact the Pastor a minimum of one year before the desired date of marriage. Preparation is provided in the Parish.

Sacrament of the Sick - Visits to the sick, either at home or in hospital, can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Arrangements can be made for the *Sacrament of the Sick* and for *Holy Communion*. If you are admitted to the Georgetown Hospital please be sure to identify yourself as a "Catholic" at the time of admission.

Priesthood & Religious Life - Contact Father Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Burial at Holy Redeemer Cemetery - Contact Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton (905) 877-8500.

Catholic Women's League Jane Santaluce, President (905) 877-7226

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

| Date | Time | Eucharist | Parish Meetings |
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| PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, Aril 13 | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Matthew 21.1-11; Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Matthew 26.14 - 27.66) | |
| MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 14 | | No Mass | |
| | 6:30 p.m. | | 9 am Choir Rehearsal - All Members |
| TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 15 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Isaiah 49.1-6; John 13.21-33, 36-38) † Robert Brown | |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Daily Mass 합 Lisa Marie Quinn | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Reconciliation (until 8:30 p.m.) | |
| WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Isaiah 50.4-9a; Matthew 26.14-26) (I) Barb Egan | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Reconciliation (until 8:00 p.m.) | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 5 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room |
| HOLY THURSDAY, April 17 | 7:30 p.m. | Mass of the Lord's Supper | |
| GOOD FRIDAY, April 18 | 11:00 a.m. | Celebration of the Passion of the Lord | |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Celebration of the Passion of the Lord | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Prayer at the Cross | |
| HOLY SATURDAY, April 19 | 12 Noon | | Blessing of Easter Food |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Solemn Easter Vigil | |

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Jose Tavares.

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES

During the Easter Season, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes express our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life and help to beautify the church. Forms are available in the narthex this weekend for all who wish to make a donation. Envelope users may simply use the special envelope provided in their box. The names of all the deceased will be placed near the altar and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Octave of Easter.

CWL ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

The Catholic Women's League Baby Shower which supports St. Martin's Manor and Birthright Milton, will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in Cote Hall following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Refreshments will be served. All ladies are welcome.

Birthright Milton is struggling financially so all monetary donations collected this year will go to

Birthright. Cheques can be made out to BIRTHRIGHT MILTON. For a cash donation of \$20 or more, please include your name and address to receive a Tax Receipt. All new baby items received such as sleepers, sweater sets, diapers, crib sheets and blankets will be donated to St. Martin's Manor. This year, Kathy Holmes, representing St. Martin's Manor, will be our guest speaker.

All parishioners are welcome to participate in this endeavour. If you would like your donation to be collected from your home, please contact Toni (905-877-2929) or Jane (905-877-7226). On behalf of Birthright Milton and St. Martin's Manor, the CWL thanks you in advance for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A Holy Hour in honour of the Divine Mercy of Jesus will be held on Sunday, April 27th from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Sacre Coeur Parish, 39 Guelph Street, Georgetown. All are welcome to attend.

THE SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, we enter into the three holiest days of the Church year with the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**. In his Gospel, John does not mention the institution of the Eucharist. Instead he, and he alone, tells how Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and said "I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done to you." The ceremony of the washing of the feet, following the Gospel, teaches us that the Eucharist must mean giving up our lives "in memory of Him."

The Holy Oils, blessed by Bishop Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica earlier in the week, are given a special place in the Holy Thursday Mass. The Oils of Catechumens, Chrism and the Sick are used during the celebration of the sacraments, in which Christ continues to pour out His love in the new and everlasting covenant that He established with us on the eve of His death.

Following Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession throughout the church and will repose in the Sacred Heart room. You are invited to remain for Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus said "This is My body which will be given up for you." On Good Friday, He DID it. The simple, austere **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** calls us to watch and pray in hope of the resurrection.

The Proclamation of the Passion is always from John who portrays Christ as the conqueror of sin and death. The General Intercessions, especially solemn today, are for the world which Jesus redeemed. The Cross is carried in solemn procession and we adore it as the symbol of Christ's victory.

Although the Mass is not celebrated, we do receive Holy Communion (from the hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday). Holy Communion is the pledge of our union with Christ as we daily die to sin and rise to new life. Sacraments are not celebrated (except in danger of death) until the Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection. The holy water and votive candle are removed form the church.

You are invited to return to the church at 7:00 p.m. for **Prayer at the Cross**.

HOLY SATURDAY

It is the tradition of many cultures to ask for God's blessing on the festive foods to be used at Easter. The **Blessing of Easter Food** will take place on Holy Saturday at 12:00 noon in Cote Hall. There will be blessings of meat, bread, dairy food, eggs, cakes and pastries, other foods and wine. Please gather to pray for God's blessing upon these foods and upon us.

On Holy Saturday evening, we arrive to take up our vigil at the tomb. The sun is nearly setting as we assemble for the **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**. In gathering, we recall that before Christ's death and resurrection the world was in darkness: "From the sixth hour, darkness covered the whole earth."

The Easter Fire is lit. The procession with the Easter Candle into the darkened church and the singing of the Exultet, are not only the entrance into our Mas but a vivid reminder that the light of Christ has come into the world. All we say, do and sing repeats the theme: "Christ is risen!" We celebrate our Passover with Christ: from darkness to light, from death to new life! By the baptismal symbols of light and water and by the Eucharistic sacrifice we celebrate, we proclaim the Mystery of our Faith.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Mass of Chrism

Monday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Bishop Crosby will bless the Oils to be used in the Sacraments for the coming year in the Diocese of Hamilton. All are welcome.

Additional Reconciliation Times

Tuesday, April 15th - 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. *Wednesday, April* 16th - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17th

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th

11:00 a.m. Solemn Celebration of the Passion3:00 p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Passion

7:00 p.m. Prayer at the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19th

12 Noon Blessing of Easter Foods (Cote Hall)

8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th

<u>7:30 a.m.</u>; 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. & <u>12:30 p.m.</u> [No Sunday 7:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.]

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