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OFFICE HOURS

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

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SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon**
(**12:00 noon September to June)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 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 - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League
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Katie 416-433-4324

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905-877-1779

Holy Cross School
905-877-4451

Saint Catherine School
905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, April 14 <i>Easter 3</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, April 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Tomas Funtanilla & Edgardo Lim	
TUESDAY, April 16	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Leslie Rutherford	
WEDNESDAY, April 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Domenico Tucci	
THURSDAY, April 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jean Falzon	
FRIDAY, April 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Kevin Cachia & Barbara Larner † Sharron Fernandes † St. Joseph (I) Michelle Antao (I) in thanksgiving	
SATURDAY, April 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Georgette Milliere	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Dario Medina Jr.; Rita Christensen; Dragan Stojak; Sonya & Czeslaw Biczak; Jose & Maria Galvao; Zaida Correia; Robert Brown.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Burgi Seelos.

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus appears once more to the disciples in today's gospel and offers them the simple greeting, "Peace be with you". He shows them his hands and his feet, he asks to eat with them and to put their minds at ease. He's not there for revenge because they abandon him on the road to Calvary or because of their sin, but rather he has come to reveal himself as risen from the dead to bring new life to all those that he encounters. This is a message that he wants to be delivered to the entire world – he wants to reveal himself and make *all of us* witnesses to his Resurrection, and to the Good News. In rising from the dead he has defeated sin and death forever, a reality that is central to our Christian faith. We have been reconciled and if we are humble of heart we are always able to approach the Lord, seek forgiveness, and know that we are loved beyond all comprehension by the Divine Love. No matter where we are at in our lives, when we approach the Lord the greeting is always the same: "Peace be with you, I am with you."

Quote of the Week

"It is good to teach, if the one who speaks also acts." — St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sunday Smile

I asked my friend Nick if he had 5 cents I could borrow. But he was Nicholas.

Summer Camps 2024 - Save the Dates!!

Sports & Virtue Day Camp is back - for children entering **Grades 4-7** this fall. The camp will run from **Mon. July 8 – Fri. July 12 from 9 am to 3 pm** at Christ the King High School.

VBS – Vacation Bible School - for children entering **Kindergarten to Gr. 4** in the fall. **Mon. Aug. 19 – Fri. Aug. 23 from 9 am to 12 pm** at Holy Cross Parish.

REGISTRATION BEGINS the weekend of April 27/28 after all Masses.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

The Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Saturday, April 27 at 11:00am. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

CWL News

The April General Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, in Cote Hall after the 7:00 pm Mass. We will be hosting our annual Baby Shower, supporting Shifra Homes. A representative from Shifra will be at this meeting to accept donations of clothing, cash, or gift cards and will give a short presentation on this charity. Voting will be held for several Diocesan executive positions - vice president, treasurer, secretary and standing committee chairs. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Music Therapy Awareness

The Canadian Association of Music Therapy (CAMT) defines music therapy as a discipline in which Certified Music Therapists (MTAs) use music purposefully within therapeutic relationships to support development, health, and well-being. MTAs are highly trained, board-certified practitioners who work with a wide variety of individuals to help manage pain, reduce stress, express emotion, enhance memory, improve communication, and promote physical rehabilitation. They use music safely and ethically to address human needs within cognitive, communicative, emotional, musical, physical, social, and spiritual domains. Music is a natural part of life for everyone. It can be soothing, keep us active, enhance relationships and routines, and music supports other forms of therapeutic care. For more information, visit www.musictherapy.ca and www.musiccare.org

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic after all Sunday Masses on April 28. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help with any of our Blood Pressure Clinics, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

Coffee Sunday

Sunday, April 28th is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses for refreshments and fellowship. Hosted by Holy Cross Catholic Women's League.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

There is sometimes confusion over what the Sacrament of the Sick is. Anyone experiencing serious illness may receive the sacrament, not just those who are close to death. In fact, it is preferable to receive the sacrament early in an

illness when the person in ill health can benefit from the healing graces available as they battle their sickness. It is also the case that one can receive the Sacrament more than once during a time of serious illness, so there is no need to wait until the 'last minute' to call the priest. 'Last Rites', as the sacrament is often referred to, is actually the receiving of three sacraments if the person is able – *Reconciliation*, *Anointing of the Sick*, and *Holy Communion*. If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with a serious illness, contact the office to set up a time to receive the sacrament. If it is a hospital emergency (at any hospital, not just Georgetown), the nurses will have the contact information of local on-call priests which you can request.

Hospital Stays

For your information - Due to privacy laws, the hospital does not provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you! If it is an emergency, ask a nurse to contact the on-call priest.

Friday Morning Adoration

We have Adoration every Friday morning from 9:30am (after Mass) until 12:00pm. A sign-up sheet is available for parishioners to commit to a timeslot so that someone is always present during this time.

Sanctuary Lamp

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Please contact the parish office for further details.

Hike for Hospice - Saturday, May 4 at 10:00am

We are rallying community strength and raising funds to build the first hospice residence in North Halton. A hospice is a facility that serves the needs of terminally ill people and their families, by providing access to care, support, and compassion. We encourage all participants to complete a 5km or 2km hike, walk, bike, or run! Everyone is welcome to participate! Join as an individual or create a team with your friends, family, or colleagues and collect pledges. Registration fee: \$25. Visit www.townsend-smith.ca/events/hike-for-hospice/

The Fine Art of Being Happily Married

In his poem, *The Art of Marriage*, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in a relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, May 4th from 9:30am - 3:00pm at the Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext.2249.

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