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*Established as a Parish in the
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 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 - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

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Marleen Cushing, President
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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

| Date | Time | Holy Mass | Parish Meetings |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| SUNDAY, April 16 Easter 2 | 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon | Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i> | |
| MONDAY, April 17 | | No Mass | |
| TUESDAY, April 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour | |
| | 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Daily Mass ✠ Mary Tucker | |
| WEDNESDAY, April 19 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass ✠ Jean Falzon | |
| THURSDAY, April 20 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass ✠ Ilda & Jose DeMelo | |
| FRIDAY, April 21 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass ✠ Juraj, Mara & George Sebalj ✠ Souls in Purgatory (I) Linda Rainville (I) Corina Sibley (I) Marilaura Wall | |
| SATURDAY, April 22 | 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Renato Dias; Roderick Selwyn Fisher; Deodata Almeida; Mary Ellen Van Clieaf; Savarippillai Asirvatham; Deceased Members of the Medeiros & Costa Families. | This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for Special Intentions. |

From the Pastor's Desk

Our gospel this Sunday relates the story of Jesus appearing to his disciples in the locked room offering the simple greeting, "Peace be with you." And with his offering of peace, we see that fear is immediately banished because they know for certain that Jesus has risen from the dead, meaning that he has conquered death by rising from it, meaning ultimately, there is no need to fear! Because Jesus rose from the dead, our fear of death can be turned into the hope that comes from knowing that there is life beyond this world; and because Jesus has risen from the dead, all that he promised and instructed in his earthly teachings has authority – the Church that we have is the Church founded by Christ; the sacraments we have were instituted by Christ himself; and the graces we receive by living our lives as Christ instructed us can give us confidence knowing that our Lord has shown us the path that he knows is best for us. As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection this Easter season, we should concentrate on what this means for us – fear is banished, and hope reigns, because indeed, Christ is Risen!

Sunday Smile

A wife asked if her husband had seen the dog bowl. The husband said, "No, I didn't know he could!"

Quote of the Week

"Before prayer, endeavour to realize whose presence you are approaching, and to whom you are about to speak." — *St. Teresa of Avila*

Divine Mercy Sunday - 3:00pm Holy Hour

This Sunday, April 16th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gifts that flowed from Christ's death, burial, and resurrection - his mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the Easter celebrations and welcomes the ultimate gift that Christ gave after his crucifixion. **We will be offering a Holy Hour beginning at 3:00pm**, the hour of Divine Mercy. Following Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet along with some reflections from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. Father Dave will also be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Holy Hour. All are welcome!

CWL News

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18th after the 7:00 p.m. Mass in Cote Hall. Membership fees are now due. Members of the Executive will be available in the narthex after all Masses on April 15/16 to facilitate the process. You may also pay at the April 18th meeting. The membership fee is

\$45. The April meeting is a potluck supper. Ladies please prepare a favourite recipe and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Seniors Spring Social

All Seniors in our Parish are warmly invited to attend a 'Spring Social' on Wednesday, April 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Cote Hall for an afternoon of relaxation and fellowship. Enjoy entertainment provided by the Children's Choir conducted by Lily Muir and a 'sing-along' led by other talented parishioners! Light refreshments will be served. As the Committee would love to know that you are planning to attend, please r.s.v.p. to Rita Foxe at 647-518-9401 or email her at foxe_rita@yahoo.com Please leave your telephone number, number attending from your family (including yourself) and if you need help with transportation.

Catholic Day Camp

Are you looking for an amazing summer experience for your kids? We have a great opportunity for you! The Sports and Virtue Day Camp is for boys and girls entering grades 4-7 in fall. It will run on July 4-7 at Christ the King Secondary School in Georgetown. Activities consist of sports, tournaments, faith formation and more. Fun guaranteed! See the poster/bulletin for more information. You can also contact Jennifer Cauchi at HCPastoralAssistant@outlook.com or call 905-873-1887 ext. #7. Hope to see you there!

Attention All High School Graduates

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus are each sponsoring one bursary of \$1000 for Holy Cross parishioners who are graduating from high school this year and will be attending a post-secondary school in the Fall. All of the details and the application form are on the Holy Cross Parish website. The deadline for application is May 15, 2023.

Rosary Repairs

Do you have a broken rosary lying around that you're not sure what to do with? Well, there's good news! We have a parishioner that has the skills and tools to repair rosaries, and is more than happy to do so for you! There is a box in the narthex titled 'Rosary Repairs' – simply take an envelope from the box to insert the broken rosary, write your name and contact information on it and we will let you know when it's fixed and ready to pick up.

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.

2023 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2023 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

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.

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children

We have resumed collections for Dr. Simone's Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse directly at 905-274-9239 or visit www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

Life Team - Halton Alive

Halton Alive, our local pro-life advocacy organization invites those interested to join their Parish Life Teams. Parish Life Teams commit themselves to creating an awareness and building the Culture of Life in their church community. If you are interested in joining our Life Team here at Holy Cross, please contact Marilaura Wall at wallmarilaura@gmail.com

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