

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

Catholic Women's League Marleen Cushing, President (647) 223-2461

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PALM SUNDAY

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, April 2	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 3		No Mass	
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 4	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Last opportunity before Easter
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Louise Aresneault	
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Maria Branco	
HOLY THURSDAY, April 6	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
GOOD FRIDAY, April 7	11:00 a.m & 3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
HOLY SATURDAY, April 8	12:00 noon	Blessing of Easter Food	
	8:00 p.m.	Solemn Easter Vigil	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the Special Intentions of the Rizzo Family.

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday as we begin the commemoration of Holy Week. This is the week that changed the world forever. We begin on a high note with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but as we know, things spiraled quickly out of control as Jesus is arrested and forced to suffer the torturous journey of the cross. Let's take time this Holy Week to really enter into our Lord's Passion and Death so that we can fully celebrate his glorious resurrection at Easter!

Sunday Smile

I was the best man for my friend's wedding in Paris. At the reception, I raised my Champagne glass and said "Eggs, Cinnamon, Bread, and Maple Syrup." It was a French Toast.

Quote of the Week

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen." Henri Nouwen

Chrism Mass – Mon, April 3rd at 2:00pm

The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton will be celebrated on Monday, April 3rd at 2:00pm. The Chrism Mass is the special Liturgy where the bishop of a diocese will bless the Oils (Oil of the Sick; Oil of Catechumens; Oil of Chrism) that will be used in the various Sacraments throughout the year, surrounded by all of his priests. All are welcome!

Holy Week and Easter Liturgy Times

Looking ahead to Holy Week, here is this year's schedule:

Holy Thursday (Apr 6): 7:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (Apr 7): 11:00am & 3:00pm – The Passion of our

Lord

Holy Saturday: (Apr 8): 8:00pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: (Apr 9): 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm

Other Holy Week Times:

Confessions (last chance!): Tue, Apr. 4: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Stations of the Cross: Good Friday: 7:00pm

Blessing of Easter Foods: Holy Saturday: 12:00pm

'Last Chance' Confession Time Before Holy Week

Please note that the last opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Holy Week will be Tues, April 4^{th} from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Easter Youth Retreat

The parish youth grades 8-12 are invited to join us for an Easter youth retreat on Saturday April 15th from 10am to 2:30pm. Come meet fellow youth and play some games as we follow the journey of St. Peter and how he overcomes his fear and anxiety through his experience with the resurrected Jesus. Pizza lunch is included. To register please email Michelle Medeiros at

<u>conquest.challenge.hh@gmail.com</u> or scan the QR code in the Narthex. There is no cost for the retreat, but space is limited. Register soon to secure your spot.

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. by April 4th 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Due to COVID 19 our meetings cesased but we are now starting up again. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th from 2:00 -3:30pm in the Sacred Heart Room. Bring your knitting needles/crochet hooks. Come and join this wonderful Ministry.

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.

Online Grief Relief

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. from April 13th - May 18th, 2023 to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look for April 13th under Upcoming Events. To find out more, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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.

Evenings with His Excellency

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, from 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will continue our look at *The 10 Commandments*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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 their website www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

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