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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
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
Marleen Cushing, President
(647) 223-2461

Prayer Network
Katie 416-433-4324

Saint Francis School
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Joe Crane, Grand Knight
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Christ the King Secondary
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905-877-1779

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905-877-4451

Saint Catherine School
905-702-8001

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, April 21 <i>Easter 4</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 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † George Sebalj & Juraj & Mara Sebalj	
TUESDAY, April 23	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Brian Egan	
WEDNESDAY, April 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Peter Kennedy	
THURSDAY, April 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Joe Mlodozenec	
FRIDAY, April 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Bill Kent † Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar † Noor Bakht (I) in thanksgiving	
SATURDAY, April 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Eileen Kellett	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Rita Barnard; Adelino de Matos, Maria Raposo & Jose Fernando Matos; Cleofe & Consuelo Funtanilla; Salomie Fernandes; Gilda Ponte; Jose Costa.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Janey Resendes.

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus calls himself 'The Good Shepherd' in today's gospel and promises that he lays down his life for his sheep. That is a bold promise, but we know that it was a promise kept through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. He lays it all down for you and me. Knowing that he is 'all in' to save us, the only appropriate response is to be 'all in' for him - to allow him to lead us. It takes some humility, but we should always be listening for his voice as he leads us back into his fold – to protect us, to care for us, and yes, to offer his life on the cross for us.

Quote of the Week

"God does not require of us fine prayers, but prayers which come from our heart." — *St. John Mary Vianney*

Sunday Smile

It's my first week working at the bicycle factory. They already made me a spokesperson.

Healing Retreat with Fr. Adam Zettel, L.C. - May 10-12

A retreat on inner healing led by Fr. Adam Zettel, L.C., and a team of collaborators will take place at St. Benedict's Parish in Milton from May 10-12. The retreat theme is

based on the teaching of Dr. Bob Schuchts, author of "Be Healed". This retreat seeks to help you uncover the lies that are rooted in past wounds and renounce them in the name of Jesus. From there, you will be free to find your identity as a son or daughter of God in the truth that he speaks to you in your place of brokenness. In a gentle approach that respects the time you may need, this healing retreat helps to open up the most difficult parts of your personal history to Jesus, in the context of his loving care for you, so that you can be restored by his love. The retreat on inner healing will include, Mass, Talks, Testimonials, Personal prayer time, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Lunch, dinner, and refreshments will be provided on Saturday. Light snacks on Friday and Sunday. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Please register at: www.regnumchristiantario.org/event-details/healing-retreat-2

Holy Cross H.E.L.P.S.

Members of Holy Cross HELPS will be at the doors of the church after all Masses next weekend, April 27/28 to accept your donation towards their corporal works of mercy in the community. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

Sports & Virtue Day Camp 2024

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. Please visit www.regnumchristiontario.org/ecyd to register for this camp.

VBS – Vacation Bible School

Children entering **Kindergarten to Gr. 4** in the fall are welcome to register for this camp beginning the weekend of April 27/28 after all Masses. **Mon. Aug. 19 – Fri. Aug. 23 from 9 am to 12 pm** at Holy Cross Parish.

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Epilepsy Awareness

Epilepsy is a debilitating neurological disorder characterized by repeated seizures of various types and severity. Seizures occur when abnormal electric signals from the brain change the way the body functions. There are many different types of seizures, which may cause anything from convulsions, muscle spasms, brief or prolonged loss of consciousness, strange sensations and emotions, and/or abnormal behaviours. Seizures can be triggered by an isolated incident such as high fever, infection, exposure to toxin, and metabolic abnormalities like hypoglycemia, but are frequently evidence of an underlying medical condition. Most patients benefit from medication that can help control the seizures' occurrences. For more information, visit Epilepsy Canada at www.epilepsy.ca, Canadian Epilepsy Alliance at www.canadianepilepsyalliance.org, or www.purpleday.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.

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!

Young Adults Night - Saturday, May 4th - Burlington

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, May 4th at the Holy Rosary Church (287 Plains Road East, Burlington, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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

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.

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children

We are accepting donations 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 at 905-274-9239 or www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

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