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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
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Christ the King Secondary
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Holy Cross School
905-877-4451

Saint Catherine School
905-702-8001

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, April 7 <i>Easter 2</i> <i>(Divine Mercy)</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 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Abbott Family	
TUESDAY, April 9	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Dorothy Hawes	
WEDNESDAY, April 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Christa Williams	
THURSDAY, April 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Brian Egan	
FRIDAY, April 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maximino Medeiros Travers † Eugenio Paiva, Amelia Leste & Luis Paiva † St. Joseph (I) Derek Fisher (I) Margaret Rizzo	
SATURDAY, April 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) In thanksgiving	
	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> David Frias; Steve Posavec; Maria dos Anjos Almeida; John Heaney; Helen Bilik; Carole Jawdek & Clara Benito; Fred Marks; Moyro Fullicino.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the living and deceased members of our families and friends.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's gospel, Jesus appears with his disciples in the locked room offering that simple greeting, "*Peace be with you.*" And with his offering of peace, we see that fear is immediately banished, because the disciples know for certain that Jesus has risen from the dead. The further meaning is that he has conquered death by rising from it, meaning ultimately, *there is no need to fear!* And that is what the Resurrection *means*. Even though Jesus died, he rose again from death, showing that life doesn't end with our earthly demise. Through him who defeats sin on the cross, our lives too are preserved from the ultimate *finality* of death. Through our baptisms we are *linked* to God through Christ who removes those barriers and leads us to life everlasting. Fear is banished, and peace reigns in our hearts. This is our great hope as Christians, the great hope of eternal life for those that place their trust in the Risen Lord!

Quote of the Week

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." — *St. Francis of Assisi*

Sunday Smile

I've just had a stack of toilet paper rolls fall on me in the supermarket... I'm ok though, just soft tissue damage.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. Fr. Carlos will lead a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3:00pm - 4:00pm, along with praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and offering the Divine Mercy Praises.

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.

For registration information, watch the bulletin, parish web site and narthex in the coming weeks.

Seniors Spring Social

The Health and Wellness Committee warmly invites all Seniors in our Parish to attend a 'Spring Social' on **Friday, April 12th**

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 Malcolm MacDonald and Pierre Arsenault. Light refreshments will be served. We are looking forward to seeing you and any family members who would bring you to and from this special get-together!

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Solar Eclipse Health & Safety

On Monday, April 8, a total solar eclipse will occur over parts of North America, Mexico, United States, and Canada. For **Halton Region**, the eclipse is forecasted to begin at approximately 2:04 PM and end at 4:31 PM. The main event (where the sun will be most eclipsed by the moon) is forecast to occur at approximately 3:19 PM. During a solar eclipse, as light fades, the pupils dilate. When the sun re-emerges, it happens quickly, faster than the pupils can contract, making your eyes more vulnerable to damage from the sun. Exposing your eyes to the sun without proper eye protection during a solar eclipse can cause "eclipse blindness" or retinal burns, also known as solar retinopathy. This exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light can cause damage or even destroy cells in the retina (the back of the eye). These cells are responsible for transmitting what you see to your brain. It is important to note that the retina does not have pain receptors, so we do not feel the injury when it occurs. Regular sunglasses will NOT provide sufficient protection while looking directly at the sun. Eye protection meeting the ISO standard must be used. If you are considering wearing eye protection visit the American Astronomical Society (www.eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/viewers-filters) for a list of their approved vendors.

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.

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

Step/Blended Family: Smart Steps for Building Family

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, April 20, 2024. Register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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.

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.

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