

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## PARISH STAFF

Father David Walter, Pastor  
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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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

### Catholic Women's League

Leslie Rutherford, President  
905-877-1176  
Michele Meitz, Co-President  
416-505-4354

### Prayer Network

Chris 905-877-0462  
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## PALM SUNDAY

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION, April 14	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Luke 19.28-40; Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Luke 22.14 - 23.56)	
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 15		No Mass	
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 16	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 49.1-6; John 13.21-33, 36-28) † Richard Bowskill	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:30 p.m.		CWL General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 50.-49a; Matthew 26.14-26) † Bernhard Scholz	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
HOLY THURSDAY, April 18	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
		Adoration until 10:00 p.m.	
GOOD FRIDAY, April 19	11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
	7:00 p.m.	Taizé Prayer at the Cross	
HOLY SATURDAY, April 20	12 Noon		Blessing of Easter Food - Church
	8:00 p.m.	Solemn Easter Vigil	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Mary Beth Brown

### COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • March 31	\$ 8,675.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 410	
Average envelope donation – \$18.25	
Building Fund	\$ 77.00
Flowers for Easter	\$2,027.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$10,779.00</b>

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

There is a promise of marriage between Helga Napolitano and Amos Bassi (the third publication).

### PARISH PUB NIGHT - SOLD OUT!!

The Pub Night is Sold Out!! Contact the parish office if you would like to be placed on the waiting list for tickets. Sorry, no tickets will be sold at the door.

### CWL NEWS

The next CWL General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m., following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. We will be holding our annual Baby Shower and will welcome representatives from Birthright Hamilton and Shifra Homes Burlington. We will be collecting new, unwrapped baby items such as clothes, baby essentials or money donations for both

groups. All parishioners are welcome to join in this annual endeavour. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to make a donation of cash or a baby item, please call Leslie at 905-877-1176. All donations and gifts will be forwarded to Birthright Hamilton and Shifra Homes Burlington. We will not be collecting donations for the Georgetown Bread Basket this month. Thank you for your generous support.

Any members who wish to attend the closing banquet of the Diocesan Conference in Guelph on May 26<sup>th</sup> will need to register by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost of the banquet is \$60. The League will pay for half of the cost for CWL members wishing to attend. Sign-up forms will be available at the meeting on April 16, and your portion of \$30 will be payable at that time.

And finally, the CWL will be hosting a Bake Sale on April 27/28. So get your recipe books out, and think about what goodies you might be able to donate to the bake sale. Volunteers are also needed before and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday as well as before and after each of the three Sunday Masses. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting on April 16. We will also have a 50/50 draw, tickets will be sold for \$2 each or 3/\$5. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to CYO Camp Brebeuf.

## THE SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM

### HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, we enter into the three holiest days of the Church year with the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**. In his Gospel, John does not mention the institution of the Eucharist. Instead he, and he alone, tells how Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and said "I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done to you." The ceremony of the washing of the feet, following the Gospel, teaches us that the Eucharist must mean giving up our lives "in memory of Him."

The Holy Oils, blessed by Bishop Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica earlier in the week, are given a special place in the Holy Thursday Mass. The Oils of Catechumens, Chrism and the Sick are used during the celebration of the sacraments, in which Christ continues to pour out His love in the new and everlasting covenant that He established with us on the eve of His death.

Following Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession throughout the church and will repose in the Sacred Heart room. You are invited to remain for Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY

**Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.**

On Holy Thursday, Jesus said "This is My body which will be given up for you." On Good Friday, He DID it. The simple, austere **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** calls us to watch and pray in hope of the resurrection.

The Proclamation of the Passion is always from John who portrays Christ as the conqueror of sin and death. The General Intercessions, especially solemn today, are for the world which Jesus redeemed. The Cross is carried in solemn procession and we adore it as the symbol of Christ's victory.

Although Holy Mass is not celebrated, we do receive Holy Communion (from the hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday). Holy Communion is the pledge of our union with Christ as we daily die to sin and rise to new life. Sacraments are not celebrated (except in danger of death) until the Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection. The holy water and votive candle are removed from the church.

### HOLY SATURDAY

It is the tradition of many cultures to ask for God's blessing on the festive foods to be used at Easter. The **Blessing of Easter Food** will take place on Holy Saturday at 12:00 noon in the Church. There will be blessings of meat, bread, dairy food, eggs, cakes and pastries, other foods and wine. Please gather to pray for God's blessing upon these foods and upon us.

On Holy Saturday evening, we arrive to take up our vigil at the tomb. The sun is nearly setting as we assemble for the **Easter Vigil** on this holiest of nights. In gathering, we recall that before Christ's death and resurrection the world was in darkness: "From the sixth hour, darkness covered the whole earth."

The Easter Fire is lit. The procession with the Easter Candle into the darkened church and the singing of the Exultet, are not only the entrance into our Mass but a vivid reminder that the light of Christ has come into the world. All we say, do and sing repeats the theme: "Christ is risen!" We celebrate our Passover with Christ: from darkness to light, from death to new life! By the baptismal symbols of light and water and by the Eucharistic sacrifice we celebrate, we proclaim the Mystery of our Faith.

### TAIZÉ PRAYER AT THE CROSS

Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer is a distinctive style of meditative prayer developed by an ecumenical community in rural France. This quiet, moving reflective prayer combines elements of traditional Liturgy of the Hours with elements of contemplative meditation. A typical Taizé prayer service incorporates periods of silence with meditative readings from Scripture, prayers of praise and intercession. The use of simple, contemporary short songs or chants, repeated over and over, create a meditative environment and express basic realities of faith which can be easily grasped by the mind and the heart. The result is to gradually move prayer from the head to the heart. All are welcome to join us to fill our hearts and souls.

#### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

##### **HOLY THURSDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

##### **GOOD FRIDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m. *Solemn Celebration of the Passion*

3:00 p.m. *Solemn Celebration of the Passion*

7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer at the Cross

##### **HOLY SATURDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Foods (Church)

8:00 p.m. *Solemn Easter Vigil*

##### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 21<sup>st</sup>**


7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Note additional Mass for Easter morning.

### DIVINE MERCY



All are welcome to join a Holy Hour in honour of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:30 p.m. Father Dave will be our facilitator. The Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday and can be accessed at EWTN.com The Divine Mercy Novena.


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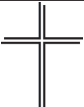

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