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

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

PARISH STAFF

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SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon**
(**Please note Mass time changes)

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

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416-505-4354

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905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 12 <i>Advent 3</i>	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, December 13		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 14	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Nish Clarke	
WEDNESDAY December 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Ilda & Jose DeMelo	
THURSDAY, December 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased members of the Lynas & Ennett families	
FRIDAY, December 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jean Falzon † Joseph Galea † Steve Posavec (I) Jean-Yves Nazroo (I) Lily Muir (I) Cristo Vasilaros (I) the Freeman Family	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Nativity	
SATURDAY, December 18	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Mary Stone; Maria Polera; Rosalina dos Anjos, Manuel Luis Pacheco & Maria Pauros; Len Walter; Maria Bunjo; Bento Borges.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Angelina dos Anjos.

From the Pastor's Desk

In this third week of Advent we light the rose coloured candle on our Advent wreath. The colour rose signifies a shift in our Advent preparation, reminding us that our time of repentance is leading to a time of great joy! The coming of Christ into the world is indeed a time for rejoicing, and as we enter these last couple of weeks before Christmas, let's resolve to nurture that joy in our hearts. To all of humanity a Saviour is about to be born – the very Son of God. In the hecticness of Christmas preparations, don't forget the 'reason for the season,' and begin to bring the joy of Christ to everyone that we encounter this December.

Sunday Smile

At the pearly gates, a taxi driver and priest are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." St. Peter next greets the priest saying, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." "Just a minute," says the priest. "That was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?" "Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

Milton Advent Penance Celebration - Thurs, Dec 16, 2021

Did you miss our Day of Reconciliation? St. Benedicts' Parish in Milton (300 Yates Dr., Milton ON L9T 2W3) will be hosting an Advent Penance Celebration on **Thurs, December 16th at 7:00 pm**. There will be a number of area priest present that evening to hear your confession if you wish to make the trek to Milton!

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Remaining Times Before Christmas

The last opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas will be:

Tuesday, December 14 - 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Friday, December 17 - 8:00am - 8:30am

Saturday, December 18 - 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 21 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Please plan to come during one of the scheduled times to receive God's mercy before Christmas!

Stations of the Nativity

On Friday, December 17th at 7:00pm, we will celebrate the 'Stations of the Nativity.' A relatively new devotion, it is much like the Stations of the Cross that we celebrate during Lent, with the meditations being based on 14 events in the Nativity story. Join us this evening to immerse yourself in the Nativity of our Lord, and to prepare your hearts in a new and beautiful way for Christmas!

Christmas Mass Registration - Begins Dec. 11th at 8:00 am

Due to the fact that we still have capacity restrictions in the church, we will once again this year be doing registrations for Christmas Masses. The good news is that we are allowed more people than we were last year, so we should be able to accommodate everyone who hopes to get a ticket. Registration for Christmas Masses will be available starting on Saturday, December 11th at 8:00 am. You will find the registration link on our website at that time: <https://holycrossrc.com>

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 12:00am

Christmas Day: 9:00am and 10:30am

Mass will also be streamed online starting at 6:00am on Christmas morning

Handels' Messiah

After almost two years, we at the Georgetown Bach Chorale invite you all to join us for our presentation of Messiah, Handel's brilliant masterpiece, accompanied on period instruments. Presented at Holy Cross Parish Church, 14400 Argyll Rd in Georgetown, for only two performances, Saturday Dec 18th at 8:00 pm and Sunday December 19th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$45 for Adults, \$10 for students. In accordance with health guidelines, proof of vaccinations as well as masks will be required. We look forward to seeing all of you, whom we have greatly missed, hoping you will join us in our celebration of the festive season.

2022 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2022 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.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2022 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2021 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children - OPEN

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 canadianfoodforchildren.net.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Pope Francis has recently announced that the theme for the next Synod of Bishops in 2023 will be '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*'. In preparation for their discussion at this meeting of the world's bishops, the Holy Father has asked for all Catholics to offer their input. Pope Francis said 'Celebrating the Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. *Encounter, listen and discern*. I would like to reflect on these three verbs that characterize the Synod.' To offer your insights, please visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod>

CWL News

Membership 2021 - Because of the pandemic and the various lock-downs and restrictions, there are still members who have not had an opportunity to pay their 2021 fees. However, in order to keep your CWL membership in good standing, your 2021 membership fee must be paid by December 10th. The 2021 membership fee is **\$30**. If you are able kindly mail a cheque, (no cash please) payable to "Catholic Women's League" to: Catholic Women's League c/o Holy Cross Church, 14400 Argyll Road, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 5S6. Please specify on the cheque that you are paying for the **2021** membership year. Or you can place your membership fees in the locked mailbox outside the Church's office door. If you are uncertain as to whether or not you have already paid your dues for 2021, please contact Pat Warman at (905) 877-7231 or at pswarman@cogeco.ca

Membership 2022 - If you are paying for **2022**, and you are attending Mass, you will see a table set up in back of the Narthex near the doors. Our beautiful CWL banner, Monsignor Sheridan's gift to our Council, will be present. On the table will be blue envelopes with CWL labels for you to pick up. Kindly return the blue envelopes with your payment inside (**\$30**) and your name and address clearly marked on the envelope. Cheques should be made payable to "Catholic Women's League". With Father Dave's kind permission, you can place the blue envelopes in the Offertory boxes located in the Narthex of the Church. If you know someone who would benefit from receiving an envelope and you are able to return it on their behalf, please take an extra.

If you are not yet attending Mass, kindly mail a cheque (no cash please) payable to "Catholic Women's League" to the same address as above, or drop it off in the Church's locked mailbox. Please specify on the cheque that you are paying for the **2022** membership year.

Together, supporting each other, we are making it through challenging times. Let's continue to do so, day by day. In the meantime, pick up the phone, and call someone you haven't seen in a while! Send an email or note to brighten someone's day! We hope to be able to gather again in 2022.

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