



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## 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

## 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\*\*  
(\*\*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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 17 Advent 3	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, December 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Souls in Purgatory	
TUESDAY, December 19	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Paul Brazukas	
WEDNESDAY, December 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) In thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
THURSDAY, December 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Jean Falzon	
FRIDAY, December 22	8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Luis Botelho ✠ Jennifer Zabjek ✠ Marica Bukovcan ✠ Ernesto Henriques, Joaquim C, Maria de Jesus & Alda Pereira (I) in thanksgiving (I) Chris Fines	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, December 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Tom Ellard	
	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - <i>Last chance before Christmas</i>	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Mary Stone; Deceased Members of the Maclean, Barnard & Staynor Families; Kim Faria; Steve Posavec; Renato Dias; Ernie Harris; Burgi Seelos.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Amado Aguilar.

### From the Pastor's Desk

On this third Sunday of Advent we are reminded of how close we are to the Lord's birth! The rose coloured vestments are a visual reminder of the joy we are to have in our hearts as we prepare for Jesus' birth at Christmas. Let's not take this for granted – the Son of God coming into the world in the flesh just like you and I. It's an incredible reality we should reflect on this week as we prepare our hearts and minds so that we can make the 'main thing' the 'main thing' this Christmas – Jesus Christ born into our world – the Prince of Peace, the Saviour of the world!

### Quote of the Week

"If we would please this Divine Infant, we too must become children, simple and humble; we must carry to Him flowers of virtue, of meekness, of mortification, of charity; we must clasp him in the arms of our love." — *St. Alphonsus Ligouri*

### Sunday Smile

How much does Santa pay to park his sleigh? Nothing, it's on the house ...

### Extra Confession Times This Week

To make sure everyone has an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas, we have added the following times for Confession this week:

Tue, Dec 19 - 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Fri, Dec 22 - 8:00am - 8:45 am

Sat, Dec 23 - 3:30pm - 4:30 pm (last chance before Christmas!)

### Looking Ahead to Christmas!

Believe it or not, Christmas is only a week away! For those who have been asking, our Christmas Mass Schedule will be: **Christmas Eve** - 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 12midnight. **Christmas Day** - 9am, 10:30am.

### Christmas and the Sunday Obligation

If you've looked forward on the calendar you have probably noticed

that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday! So, what does a Catholic do? Our Sunday obligation (an obligation of love for our Lord!) remains to attend Mass on Sunday *and* for Christmas. This can mean a morning Mass on Sun, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> and a Christmas Eve Mass that same day, or it could mean any other combination of ONE Sunday Mass on Dec 23/24 and ONE Christmas Mass on Dec 24/25. You have many options, but for those who have asked, yes, we are still to participated in one Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, and one Mass for Christmas! (We will find ourselves in the same situation for New Years as we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God – same rules apply!)

### **Bambinelli Sunday – Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines**

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed both the people and their Baby Jesus figurine from their family nativity set in St. Peter’s Square. The blessing takes place on Gaudette Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Our parish will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday on December 16/17 at all Masses. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figure from your home to Mass that day to be blessed. After the blessing we suggest you take your “bambinelli” home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and open it as the first gift at Christmas, placing your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.

### **Knights of Columbus**

Again this year the Knights of Columbus will be collecting “Toonies for Turkeys” in support of our local food bank to provide Christmas dinner needs for local families. Collections will be held after Masses on the weekends of December 9th and 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

#### **Fibromyalgia Awareness**

According to the Fibromyalgia Association Canada, fibromyalgia is a condition characterized by widespread pain, stiff muscles, profound fatigue, disturbed sleep, memory, and mood issues. Many people who have fibromyalgia also have tension headaches, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders, irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, and depression. This chronic condition affects up to 6% of the population. The vast majority of those diagnosed with fibromyalgia are women, but men and children can also have the illness. While there is no cure for fibromyalgia, a variety of medications can help control symptoms. Exercise, relaxation, and stress-reduction measures also may help. Speak to your doctor for more information. Visit [www.fibrocanada.ca](http://www.fibrocanada.ca) for more information.

### **Sunday (Novalis) Missals**

2024 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 2023 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

### **Register Your Child for Kindergarten at HCDSB!**

Kindergarten registration at the Haltopn Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Parents and guardians who are interested in registering their child for Kindergarten are invited to visit the HCDSB website for more information: <https://hcdsb.info/KindergartenRegistration>

### **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.

### **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.

### **Sanctuary Lamp**

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Please contact the parish office for further details.

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