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Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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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

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905-702-8001

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 3 Advent 1	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 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) In thanksgiving to St. Joseph	
TUESDAY, December 5	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Joyce Stone	
WEDNESDAY, December 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Branco	
THURSDAY, December 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Lynas & Ennett Families	
FRIDAY, December 8	7:30 a.m.	Mass at Sunrise in Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Paul Brazukas † Matthew Boulanger † Cipras & Ann Matelis † Nicolo Varricchio † Eliza Cintini, Sante, Vincenzo & Nazzareno Testa	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, December 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Joe & Ana Rice	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick Stoyles; Peter Hrkac; Arch Durdle; Margaret Michelin; Gabriele Ciangetti; Sean Harte; Carlos Domingos.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Marcello Sabino & Flor Aguilar.

From the Pastor's Desk

We begin the season of Advent this Sunday, a time of preparation for the coming of our Lord. Advent is a time of renewal, of hope, of anticipation for the coming of Christ - of that great event of God coming into the world - of God himself becoming a human being just like you and I. His coming changed everything, and that is why each year, we commemorate again this season of Advent in preparation for the coming of Christ into the world, and of the coming of Christ into all of our lives. We prepare our hearts in order to address that most important question, *Will I be ready?* Let's not let this time of preparation slip by unnoticed – let's take time each day to prepare for the birth of our Lord so that Christmas will indeed be a joyful, grace-filled celebration!

Quote of the Week

“Wait upon the Lord. Be faithful to his commandments. He will elevate your hope and put you in possession of his kingdom.”
— *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

Sunday Smile

I'm told that 90% of bald people still own a comb. They just can't part with it.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Sunrise Mass – Dec 8 at 7:30am

On Fri, Dec 8th at 7:30am, we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a Mass at sunrise in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is a beautiful Advent tradition of celebrating a 'Rorate Caeli' Mass to coincide with the sunrise, symbolic of the Light of Christ soon coming into the world to banish the darkness, and to offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady and her role in the history of salvation. We will begin in darkness except for candles to light the altar, and as the Mass proceeds the church will become progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our faith is illumined by Christ. Everyone is welcome! (We will still celebrate our 9am Mass this day as well).

Concert – Advent & the Sounds of Christmas – Thu, Dec 14th at 7:00pm

On Thursday, December 14th we will be hosting an Advent concert by John B. Miller and Friends, an evening you won't want to miss! They are a group of professional musicians that tour area churches each year with a memorable evening of Advent and Christmas music. They have played at Holy Cross in past years and have always been well received by those attending! Admission is free, but a \$20 free-will offering is suggested. To learn more about John B. Miller and Friends, you can visit their website at: www.johnbmiller.ca

Looking Ahead to Christmas!

Believe it or not, Christmas is only 1-month away! For those who have been asking, our Christmas Mass Schedule will be: **Christmas Eve** - 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 12midnight. **Christmas Day** - 9am, 10:30am.

Advent Day of Reconciliation - Sat, Dec 16th

On Saturday, December 16th from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. we will be hosting our annual Advent Day of Reconciliation. Priests will be available at any time during that window to hear your confession and receive God's beautiful gift of mercy and forgiveness. Don't miss the opportunity to receive this sacrament before Christmas!

Rental Unit needed for GFORCE3 Afghan Family

GFORCE3 is pleased to announce that its second Afghan Family will be here by early 2024. We are looking for a 3-bedroom rental unit within walking distance of amenities, especially a grocery store. GFORCE3 will be responsible for all costs associated with the unit until the family has lived her for 1-year. Please let others know of this need. Please contact Greg MacDonald (416-219-9113), Don Robinson (905-703-0043), or Susan Tupling (416-200-8675) with any possibilities.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Crohn's and Colitis Week is December 1-7

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) describes a group of conditions, the two main forms of which are **Crohn's disease** and **ulcerative colitis**. These diseases inflame the lining of the gastrointestinal tract and disrupt the body's ability to digest food, absorb nutrition, and eliminate waste in a healthy manner. These are lifelong diseases and people can experience acute periods of active symptoms (active disease or flare), and other times when their symptoms are absent (remission). The exact cause of Crohn's and colitis remains unknown, and as a result, there is no cure for these diseases. For more information, talk to your Doctor or visit <https://crohnsandcolitis.ca>

Advent Prayer Night for Youth Ministers and Volunteers

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelton for our Advent gathering. For info and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com

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>

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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