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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

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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

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905-702-8001

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 4 <i>Advent 2</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 5		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 6	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Gord Morton	
WEDNESDAY, December 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Branco	
	<i>10:30 a.m. at Church</i>	St. Brigid School Advent Mass † Brian Kinnon	
THURSDAY, December 8 <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:30 a.m.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Sunrise Mass	
	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Jon Duncan	
	<i>10:30 a.m. at Church</i>	St. Catherine of Alexandria School Advent Mass † Chester Giancola	
FRIDAY, December 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Nicolo Varricchio † Evaristo Botelho & Maria Trindade Botelho † Michael David Marleau † Manny & Tomas Funtanilla & Edgardo Lim	
SATURDAY, December 10	<i>10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</i>	Advent Day of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick Stoyles; Marie Polera; Dolores Mazuran; Jean-Louis Landry; Ilda & Jose DeMelo; Gosia Pok; Reynaldo Bumanlag.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Cynthia Tobin.

From the Pastor's Desk

This second Sunday of Advent, the gospel focuses on John the Baptist – ‘a voice crying out in the wilderness’ – a voice of repentance, the voice of Advent. Advent then is not just the waiting period for Christmas, nor the celebration of Christ’s birth in Bethlehem, but the time we give to allow Jesus into our lives in a more deliberate way. The more open we are to His birth within us, the straighter and smoother our ways become. As we begin this second week of Advent, we should take some time to remember the message of John the Baptist who calls us to repentance, because he is the *true voice* of one crying out in the wilderness – he is the voice of Advent.

Sunday Smile

Joseph and Mary are having breakfast. Mary puts down her coffee and says: “You know Joseph, at the end of my life, I’m going straight to heaven!” Joseph looks up from his newspaper and replies: “That’s quite the assumption, Mary.”

Conquest Boys Rome Pilgrimage Fundraising Events

Two youths from Holy Cross Parish have been invited to participate in a Pilgrimage to Rome with the Milton chapter of Conquest in August 2023. The boys will be raising funds through various activities and will periodically have a table set up in the narthex. The first event will be a **CHRISTMAS DROP AND SHOP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY** for children aged 6-11 years on Dec 3rd from 11-3. The fee is \$30/child with siblings an additional \$10. The second event will be a **Cocoa & Craft Night on Dec 14 at 7:00 pm**. Sip some cocoa and create your own 11” Round Farmhouse Christmas sign. Cost is \$50. Events will take place in the church hall. Register for events after Mass with Gabe and Elias or email romeconquest2023@gmail.com Coming in January are Little Caesar’s Pizza kits. You won’t want to miss these fun events.

Advent Day of Reconciliation

Sat, Dec 10th – 10am – 4:30pm

Our Advent Day of Reconciliation will be on Sat, Dec 10th from 10am – 4:30pm. Drop in at any point during this window of time to have your confession heard before Christmas. A number of area priests will be helping throughout the day. Whether it's been 1 week or 30 years since your last confession, come out to receive God's infinite mercy!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Sunrise Mass

On **December 8th at 7:30 am**, 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 at Christmas 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. Those who attend can expect to be rewarded with a uniquely beautiful Mass. Everyone is welcome! We will still celebrate our usual 9am Mass this day as well.

Bambinelli Sunday – Dec 10/11

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to any Mass on the weekend of Dec 10/11 to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday at Holy Cross parish. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2023 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 2022 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Concert - Advent & the Sounds of Christmas

Fri, Dec 16th at 7:00pm

On Friday, December 16th 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 played at Holy Cross in 2019 to rave reviews and we look forward to welcoming them back again this year! Admission is a free-will offering. To learn more about John B. Miller and Friends, you can visit their website and listen to samples of their music at: www.johnbmiller.ca

A Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Crosby's 25th Anniversary

Bishop Crosby will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination as a Bishop on January 2, 2023. In thanksgiving for his ministry, the faithful are asked to contribute to a 'spiritual bouquet' of prayers to be presented to him on the occasion. If you would like to participate, please send an email to Fr. Dave at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com with the number of Rosaries, Morning Offerings, Acts of Charity, Acts of Mercy, or Holy Communion you would be willing to commit to. We keep our bishop in continued prayer!

Cancer Assistance Service of Halton Hills (CASHh) - Volunteers

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) is looking for Volunteer Drivers to help drive our clients to and from their cancer treatments and appointments. Our clients travel to different hospitals and clinics within the GTA and outside of the GTA (Toronto, Oakville, Mississauga, Hamilton, Brampton). We are in particular need for drivers willing to drive to downtown Toronto. Drivers are compensated for their mileage by CASHh. If you are interested in joining our wonderful organization and help make a someone's cancer journey just that little bit easier, please contact Wendy Molnar, our Transportation Coordinator at transportation@cancerassistance.org or phone 905-702-8886.

Carmelite Spirituality Group - Our Lady of the Rosary

Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women who "live in the following of Jesus Christ according to the traditions and spirit of Carmel." They are called to a vocation of love, seeking God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. Carmelite spirituality, an 800-year-old tradition of contemplative prayer, community, and ministry, is a path to holiness embraced by St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Thérèse de Lisieux and many others. For more information, contact Noreen D'Souza at noreendsouza72@gmail.com or visit one of the following sites: <https://www.laycarmelites.org/come-and-see> or <http://www.laycarmelitespcm.org/generalinfo.php> or <https://ocarm.org/en/carmelites-around-the-world/lay-carmelites-third-order>

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