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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. ~ 12:00 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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905-877-1176
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michael.simpson@cogeco.ca

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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 5 <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 6		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 7	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Ron Hulme	
WEDNESDAY December 8 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Holy Cross Parish	
	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Wendy & Richard Valere & deceased family members	
THURSDAY, December 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jack May	
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Family Mass for Schools	
FRIDAY, December 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Nicola Varricchio † Luis Botelho † Helen & Joe Groch (I) Special Intentions † Elisa Ciantani, Vincenzo Testa & Francesco Vallecoccia † Deceased members of the McElroy & Curley Families	
SATURDAY, December 11	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Frank & Maria Vieira; Patrick Stoyles; Amelia Matos; Renata & Jerry Stepkoff; Paolo Melo & Maria Silva; Marie & Gerald Haire & Tammy Underwood.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

From the Pastor's Desk

Advent is upon us, and it truly is a time to prepare our hearts with joyful hope for the coming of the Lord! We have planned a few opportunities to assist you in rising above the clutter of the 'holiday' season in order to help bring Christ into focus. On Wednesday, December 8th we're planning what I hope becomes a new parish tradition, a 'Sunrise Mass' to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Also, we will be offering for the first time this year a devotion called 'The Stations of the Nativity' on Friday, December 17th. Much like the Stations of the Cross that we celebrate during Lent, the Stations of the Nativity is a meditation on the events leading up to Christ's birth. And as already announced, we will be celebrating our Advent Day of Penance next Saturday, December 11th from 10am – 4:30pm. Further details for each liturgy can be found below. Welcome to Advent everyone!

Sunday Smile

A priest decided to skip Mass one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. During this hike, he came face-to-face with a big, growling bear. The ferocious bear looked hungry and started to charge at him. Afraid for his life, the

priest prayed to God, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping Mass today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!" At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the priest's feet: "Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts...."

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. There will be no lighting in the church other than 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.

Advent Day of Penance - December 11, 2021

Holy Cross Parish will be hosting an 'Advent Day of Penance' on **Saturday, December 11 from 10:00am - 4:30pm**. We encourage you to drop in at any point during the day to receive God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lord wants nothing more than to set us free from our sins -mark your calendars to receive this great Christmas gift of our Lord's loving forgiveness!

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!

Daily Advent Reflections

Just a reminder that Fr. Dave is still offering daily gospel reflections each morning online via our Facebook and Youtube pages. If you would like a quick, 3-4 minute Advent reflection to start each day, look us up on Facebook or Youtube. The video reflections are available for streaming each morning starting at 6:00 am.

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, 10:30am, 12:00pm
****Mass will also be streamed online starting at 6:00am on Christmas morning****

Thank You!

Community Unity Halton Hills would like to thank all of you who helped out with the Fall Yard Clean Up this year. With such a late summer the leaves stayed on the trees much longer making the clean up last well in to November. Overall we helped 31 homeowners who, due to illness, age or circumstance, needed our good will to get their lawns ready for winter. **Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this clean up happen.** These small (and not so small) acts of great love truly show to the community how we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Blessings.

Children's Aid Society of Halton

Foster a Child...Change a Life! Are you an enthusiastic, caring individual interested in providing care to children 0 to 16 years of age? We welcome caregivers from all walks of life and all cultural, ethnic, spiritual and religious backgrounds. Every child deserves an opportunity to thrive. Information sessions to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 6th and Monday, December 13th at Georgetown CRC, 11611 Trafalgar Road. **Registration is required.** To register, please email Elizabeth at fosteringhope2013@gmail.com

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 Church, 14400 Argyll Road in Georgetown, for only two performances, Saturday December 18th at 8:00pm and Sunday December 19th at 2:00pm. 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.

Queen of Apostles Upcoming Retreat

Bereavement Retreat - Journey with Others Who Share your Experience - Saturday, December 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost \$40 per person. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. Call 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

Hamilton Serra Clubs - Vocations

Second Sunday of Advent - Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister to help our world of today to truly 'prepare the way of the Lord?' Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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.

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