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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 11 Ordinary 6	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, February 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Mary Raasch	
TUESDAY, February 13	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Carlos Domingos	
ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14	9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Mass with Distribution of Ashes	
THURSDAY, February 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Kurt Kaltianen	
FRIDAY, February 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Georgette Milliere † Joe Penney † William Pierson (I) Michelle Antao	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, February 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Janek Krzyzaniak	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - First Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> William McLean; Delia & Kevin Soares; John Mitchell; Cheryl Persad; Janey Resendes; Maria Borges.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Trudy Barnard.

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday's gospel recounts the moving story of a man with Leprosy approaching Jesus, asking for healing. Having leprosy was a life sentence of social isolation. The law prevented you from going near anyone because the disease was thought to be very contagious. This is what makes this encounter so provocative – not only does the leper approach Jesus, but Jesus allows him to! Everyone around him would have been shocked! The man humbly says, "Jesus, if you choose, you can make me clean." Jesus shows compassion and responds, "I do choose. Be made clean." It's a good reminder for us that there is nothing we can't bring to Jesus, even our darkest, most shameful sins. As we approach Lent, make a point of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bring all the messiness of your life to the Lord so that we may know his mercy and love. Because when we approach with humility, he always chooses to make us clean!

Quote of the Week

"Where love exists, it works great things." — *St. Gregory the Great*

Sunday Smile

My wife got angry at me for kicking the dropped ice cubes under the refrigerator ... But now it's all just water under the fridge.

Wed, Feb 14th - Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this year on Wed, Feb 14th as we commemorate Ash Wednesday. We will have two Masses that day at **9:00am and 7:00pm** as well as liturgies in each of our parish schools. Be sure to join us on this solemn day as we begin our Lenten journey!

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *universal fasting and abstinence from meat* for Catholics. The rules for abstaining from meat are simple. All Catholics, 14 years of age and older, may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday as a sign of penance. One may choose to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout the year or perform some act of charity in place of abstinence.

Fasting from food applies to Catholics, in good health, who are between the ages of 18 and 59 years of age. A fast may simply mean eating less food at the times of day we normally eat.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

Stations of the Cross - Friday Evenings

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent. The Stations of the Cross provide an opportunity to reflect on the depth of God's self-sacrificing love, to join our sufferings to those of Jesus and to become more sensitive to the needs of those around us. This is a wonderful Lenten devotion for individuals and families.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

During the penitential Season of Lent, I encourage you to make your peace with God in this graced encounter with the Father of all mercies. Pope Francis so beautifully reminds us: "Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms...How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost! Let me say once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy." There are opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. In addition, a **Lenten Day of Penance will take place on Saturday, March 16th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024

Boxed sets of 2024 envelopes are available for pick in the Narthex. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. If you would like to sign up for *Pre-Authorized Giving* there are forms in the Narthex or contact the office.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, February 13th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Her Heart Matters - wear red on February 13

According to the Canadian Women's Heart Health Centre, heart disease used to be considered a "man's disease", but no longer. While heart disease is on the decline among men, it is rising among women, it is the number one killer of women worldwide, and the leading cause of premature death in women in Canada. Much of what we know about the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease is based on research in men, but women's hearts and the way they experience heart disease are different in many ways. Women generally have higher heart rates and smaller hearts and arteries than men. While male hormones enlarge arteries, female hormones make them smaller, making women's arteries more prone to blood clots or blockages and more difficult to repair. For more information, visit www.swhh.ca or www.heartandstroke.ca/women

Halton Alive - 40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, a peaceful vigil, for the first 40 days of Lent, held near the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street in Oakville. Will you dedicate an hour to changing hearts and minds of all who see you? We keep vigil in a small group, while holding a sign offering help and hope to pregnant Women and anyone needing Post Abortion Support. For more information see www.40daysforLife.com/Oakville or contact Stephen Germann, 905-333-6472.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at www.hamiltondiocese.com

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.

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