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*Established as a Parish in the
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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

Catholic Women's League
Marleen Cushing, President
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Katie 416-433-4324

Saint Francis School
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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 12 <i>Ordinary 6</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, February 13		No Mass	
TUESDAY, February 14	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Ronald Halverson	
WEDNESDAY, February 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Sofia Tabsin	
THURSDAY, February 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Jim Clarke	
FRIDAY, February 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Ray & Virginia Odorico † Liberal Raposo (I) Nancy McLaughlin (I) In thanksgiving to St. Michael	
SATURDAY, February 18	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> John Moore; Ronald d'Entremont; Deceased Members of the Bumanlag Family; Antonine Landry; Lorraine Tarullo.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of R. Barnard.

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus challenges us in this Sunday's gospel by affirming God's laws (the 10 Commandments), but also by taking them to another level. As Christians, we're challenged to not just adhere to the bare minimum expected of us, but to go beyond. We're never done growing in love, which is the effect of adhering to God's laws and the teachings of Christ. Each day is a new challenge to live our lives in God's light, and to strive to conform ourselves to Christ. This is the path of holiness. Let's resolve to continue that path of holiness without compromise, praying for the grace of knowing God's will for our lives, and to do it.

Sunday Smile

A man walked into a seafood restaurant and asked for a lobster tail. The waitress smiled sweetly and said - "Once upon a time, there was this handsome lobster..."

Quote of the Week

"A tree is known by its fruit; a person by their deeds." – St. Basil

YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Two youths from our parish have been invited to participate in a Pilgrimage to Rome with the Milton chapter of Conquest in August 2023. Another youth is

heading to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in July 2023. Together, the youth will be fundraising through various activities and will periodically have a table set up in the narthex. Get your taste buds ready for Dominos Pizza cards which give the bearer two free large pizzas PLUS 15 buy one get one free events of our favourite large pizza for six months. Cards are \$25 and can be purchased after Mass. For dessert lovers, there will be a Valentine bake sale after all Masses Feb 11 and 12. Don't forget to bring some CASH so you can spoil your special Valentine (or yourself)! For information about the fundraising events or Conquest Youth Organization, see Gabe and Elias after 10:30 a.m. mass or email romeconquest2023@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday – Feb 22

Lent is only a couple of weeks away. We will have two Masses on Ash Wednesday – 9am and 7pm. We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7pm. On Friday, March 31st at 7pm, we will also be hosting a concert of Lenten songs with John B. Miller and Friends (the group that offered a concert for us in Advent). Mark your

CWL News

CWL Members, please note: there will be no General Council Meeting in February to give all the new Executive time to prepare for their roles. We look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf is HIRING!

C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf is preparing for another exciting summer of offering Catholic camping experiences to young people as well as job opportunities for high school students and young adults. This summer they will be offering 7 weeks of both overnight and day camp programs. Apply online at www.campbrebeuf.ca or contact their office at 519-856-4671. Interviews for successful candidates will take place on March 3/4 and mandatory training will take place May 1-5, 2023.

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.

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.

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.

Evenings with His Excellency

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second

Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will look at *Chapter 3 – The Moral Life of the Church*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

Young Adults Night - March 4th in Waterloo

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20's and early 30's) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm). Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm). Prais Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 4th at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information. Please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is Back!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com

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 <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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