



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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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

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Michele Meitz, Co-President
416-505-4354

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Francis St. Pierre, Grand Knight
905-873-6455

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905-877-1779

Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 14 Ordinary 6	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	<i>LIVE STREAM</i> Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	ONLINE ONLY
MONDAY, February 15	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Benny Gilby	
TUESDAY, February 16	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour - CANCELLED	
	6-6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † William Sizer	
<i>Ash Wednesday</i> , February 17	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass (if we are able to open 9am & 7pm)	
THURSDAY, February 18	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † St. Joseph for sick & dying	
FRIDAY, February 19	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Kevin Stamp † Jean Falzon † Souls in Purgatory (I) Geoff & Andria Freeman	
SATURDAY, February 20	4-4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	5:00 p.m. (ON LINE at 6am Sunday)	Vigil Mass - First Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George Miehme; Alexandra Frew; Concetta Fernicola; Ed Smellie; Macedonio Alanes	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Mora Family.

From the Pastor's Desk

At the time I write this message on Thursday morning I'm still eagerly awaiting further word on the reopening plans for Halton Region. We expect to be told soon where we will fit in the reopening framework, and hopefully that will mean that we can once again open at 30% capacity as we have been doing during the pandemic. The publication deadline for the bulletin is Thursday morning so once you read this things may have changed, but as it stands this morning we still do not know if we can open or not next week. Please stay tuned to our website, Facebook and Twitter feeds for the most up-to-date information. Regardless of what happens with reopening plans we begin Lent this week with Ash Wednesday. Lent is always a beautiful time of our liturgical year where we intentionally take time to walk with Jesus over the next 40 days so that we can more meaningfully commemorate our Lord's Passion on Holy Week, and celebrate the Resurrection at Easter! I pray for you and your family during this time, and I pray that we all have a meaningful and fruitful Lent – regardless of what is happening around us during the uncertainty of the pandemic. Have a great week everyone! – Fr. Dave

Ash Wednesday

As I mentioned above, at the time this bulletin is published we still don't know if we will be allowed to be open for public

Masses this coming week. So, we have two scenarios which we will make clear on our website and social media feeds as the information is made clear:

IF WE ARE ABLE TO BE OPEN FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: We will celebrate at **Mass at 9am and 7pm**. The 9am Mass will also be recorded, and available to view online by 12noon that day.

IF WE REMAIN CLOSED: A gospel reflection will be posted at 6:00am as usual, and the Mass will be recorded and streamed by 12noon.

Ash Wednesday at Home

The Diocese of Hamilton has made available a resource to help families celebrate Ash Wednesday at home, including a video message from Bishop Crosby. You will find this resource at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/lent2021/>

One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – We Launch February 21st!

Our launch date for the One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign is coming next Sunday! Fr. Dave will preach about the campaign, about its importance for the parish, and about how you can participate. This is a great opportunity Holy Cross Parish and for the Diocese, and we look forward to presenting

it to you! For a 'sneak peak' at our fund raising goals and to learn more about the Campaign you can visit the webpage at: www.oneheartonesoul.ca/holycrossgeorgetown

One Heart, One Soul - Volunteers Needed!

We continue to look for volunteers to assist with the One Heart, One Soul campaign. If you are able to help or just wish to have more information, please contact Fr. Dave. Online training will be provided. Fr. Dave's contact information is: dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone at 905-873-1887 ext. 6.

One Heart, One Soul Campaign – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who will actually conduct the campaign at each parish?

The Diocese, with the help of the Steier Group, will manage the overall campaign effort, including the preparation of materials. At each parish, the pastor will identify campaign leaders who will work with the Steier Group. Those parish leaders will help recruit other volunteers to form a campaign team that will become Campaign Ambassadors to assist in contributing to the success of the campaign.

2. How much help with the campaign can our parish expect to get from the Diocese and the consulting firm?

The Diocese will pay the financial costs of the campaign. Parishes will not be responsible for any campaign expenses such as postage, printing or diocesan events held at the parish. If a parish hosts an event to promote the campaign to its parishioners, the parish will bear those costs. In addition, several Steier Group campaign managers will guide the parishes through the campaign process. The parish will be responsible for forming a team of volunteers that implements the necessary elements of the process.

3. How long will this take?

On a diocesan level, the entire campaign will run through early 2021. On a parish level, there will be four campaign "waves." A parish's particular wave will run for six to seven months. That includes preparation, solicitation and follow-up phases. The active solicitation period will last three to four months.

We will publish more of these Frequently Asked Questions in the coming weeks...

Donations to the Parish During the Lockdown

We thank you for your continued generosity during these difficult months. It is so much appreciated in helping to keep all our bills paid! During the lockdown there are several options to continue making your offerings: 1) **Drop off your envelopes** (we have a locked mailbox outside the office door that is checked several times each day); 2) **Pre-Authorized Giving** - 'Set it, and forget it!' Forms are available on the website to begin making donations automatically from your

bank account through pre-authorized giving; 3) **Donate Online** - there is a link on our website home page which allows you to make one-time donations with your credit card.

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2021

For those that have not been able to pick up their Sunday Offering envelopes for 2021, let us know at the office. We have volunteers that will happily deliver them to your door!

Sunday Missals for 2021

Sunday Missals for Advent and Sundays of 2021 are available in the church for \$5 each. If you are not able to get to the church, you may contact the Knights of Columbus at fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca to arrange home delivery of your book.

'Virtual' Children's Liturgy

We really miss welcoming our little ones each Sunday for Children's Liturgy. Until we are able to safely offer this program again, we have an online option – visit our website to follow our link to 'Children's Liturgy' each week to find some fun information and activities for families!

Halton Alive — Inspire Hope

Join Halton Alive in touching the hearts of over 5000 residents of long term care and retirement homes through our 2021 Inspire Hope Campaigns! **February Letter Writing Campaign: Volunteers needed! Help write and distribute letters.** Choose a template and let your creative juices flow in a personal letter to a resident. Includes discussion starters for families and teachers. Volunteers will drop off kits full of letters for an assigned facility (following all COVID-19 protocols). Sign up at www.haltionalive.ca/inspirehope or contact Tawnya Stanus at 905-632-3232.

Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

March 5 – 7, 2021 In these stressful times, give your marriage a *booster shot*! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925 or visit www.wwme.org

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