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*Established as a Parish in the
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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 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**
(**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 - Contact Father Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League

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Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 18 <i>Lent 1</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10.31 - 11.1; Mark 1.40-45)	
MONDAY, February 19		No Mass	
TUESDAY, February 20	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (James 1.12-18; Mark 8.14-21) † Marinus Pater	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:30 p.m.		CWL General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY February 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (James 1.12-18; Mark 8.14-21) † Walter Van Gool	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
	7:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Confirmation – Holy Cross School	
THURSDAY, February 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25) † St. Joseph for the sick & dying	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Francis of Assisi School	
FRIDAY, February 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15) † Teresa & Felicitas Bumanlag † Sadie Duffy (I) In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
	9:30 a.m.	Stations of the Cross	
	7:30 p.m.		Crosspoint Sr. – Cote Hall
SATURDAY, February 24	10:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Brigid School	
	1:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Catherine School	
	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maryann Pizzimenti; Hermano Almeida; Maria Vieira; Olga King; Lorenzo Consentino; Socorro Apoderado; George Miehm; Verginio deSousa	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in Thanksgiving.
	6:15 p.m.		Crosspoint Jr. – Cote Hall

WELCOM BISHOP CROSBY

This coming week we welcome Bishop Crosby for 4 celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation with over 220 young members of the parish. Please remember the young people in your prayers.

Message from Father Cull • SEASON OF LENT

The *Season of Lent* began on **Ash Wednesday** (February 14th). The imposition of ashes is a tangible sign that we are willing to repent and believe in the Gospel. During the 40 days we make sacrifices, take

on penance, fast and abstain from non-essentials, so that we might focus more directly on the Lord in our lives. During this season, catechumens (those who are preparing for baptism) prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation -

Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion - and all of us are invited to recall our baptism and adopt a penitential spirit to prepare for the joy of Easter.

Please prayerfully consider the following ways of entering more fully into the spirit of the Lenten season:

- **Praying** over the scripture readings for each day of the Lenten season. You are encouraged to use the resource that will be made available this Lent entitled "Joyful Steps" by Father Thomas Connery.

- **Fasting** by giving some precious time each week to either participate at Holy Mass on Tuesday Evenings or to gather for the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings or Friday mornings.

- **Almsgiving** by setting aside one dollar a day in support of the Share Lent Offering (or some other charity such as Canadian Food for Children).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Wednesday Evenings and Friday Mornings of Lent

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays and at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays. 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 **Parish Penance Celebration will take place on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

CROSSPOINT SR.

Grades 9 - 12 - On Friday, February 23 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Cote Hall. "Heart to Heart" with Special Guest David Venning. Snacks and hot chocolate are included. Join us as we delve into a heart-fitting night on the dignity of every human life - it's big stuff and you won't want to miss it!

CROSSPOINT JR.

Grades 6-8. On Saturday February 24th from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Cote Hall. "Ready, Set, Go" - teamwork makes the dream work. Come join us for a game night that will help you get set for Lent (it makes sense we promise) - it's going to be a blast! See you there!!

CWL NEWS

Just a friendly reminder that the next CWL General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m., following 7:00 p.m. Mass. Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada who will focus on "Heart Healthy Living" and how to fight against heart disease and strokes. For anyone who is interested, the Heart and Stroke Foundation representative will be selling their toques (hats) for \$5.00. We will also be collecting hot cereals, canned pasta, canned salmon, tuna and meats, or cash donations for the Food Bank at the General Meeting. Thank you for your support. Also please be reminded that 2018 Membership fees are due, so if you have not had a chance to pay your fees yet, you may do so at the General Meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

⇒ *Roses for Life* will be available after all Holy Masses on February 17/18.

⇒ *Knights of Columbus Online Membership* now provides a *Faster Way to Join the Knights* - one of the most common objections to joining the Knights of Columbus is "I don't have time." Through Online Membership, this 'join process' now takes five minutes. Eligible men can join the Order online by going to www.kofc.org/joinup

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who helped out with our Annual Chili Night on February 3rd. It was a great success. Thank you to all who attended, especially those who donated chili and desserts. Thanks to the Social Committee for organizing and selling tickets, the Knights of Columbus for the bbq hotdogs, and to all who helped out. Hope to see you again next year.

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