



# 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

## 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** - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

### Catholic Women's League

Leslie Rutherford, President  
905-877-1176  
Michele Meitz, Co-President  
416-505-4354

### Knights of Columbus

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

### Prayer Network

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905-877-1779

### Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 23 Ordinary 7	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3.16-23; Matthew 5.38-48)	
MONDAY, February 24		No Mass	
TUESDAY, February 25	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (James 4.1-10; Mark 9.30-37) † Jim Banks	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:30 p.m.		KofC Executive Meeting - Cote Hall
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> February 26	<b>9:00 a.m. &amp; 7:00 p.m.</b>	Mass with Distribution of Ashes (Joel 2.12-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18) (I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, February 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25) † (I) Mary & Doug Tucker	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rhrl - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, February 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15) † In thanksgiving to St. Anthony † Jane Stephenson (I) Joan Jennejohn (I) Kathy Moulton	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, February 29	4 - 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> Lorenzo Cosentino; Sebastian Aguiar & Valerie Aguiar; Shannon Connolly; Albertina Pimentel. Intentions of Rena Beaton.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Renato Dias.

### **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. 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Fridays in Lent - This Lent, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until 6:45 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Room. It's a great opportunity to drop by to spend some quiet time with Our Lord. You can enter through the Parish Centre doors. Sign-up sheets will be posted asking you to commit an hour of your time during the day to assure someone is always present during this time of Exposition.

HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: March 7-11  
**"Conversion in the Ordinary: Discovering God in Everyday Life"** - March 7/8 Weekend Masses: We welcome Father David B. Perrin, Professor at St. Jerome's University who will preach and preside at all Masses the weekend of March 7/8. The homily will focus on the importance of "retreat" - taking time away from the usual routines to focus on our relationship with God, self, others and creation. This will launch our Lenten Retreat 2020. Copies of Fr. Perrin's new book *The 20 Minute Retreat: 18 Sessions With the Saints to Nourish Your Faith* will also be available for purchase (\$20 - cash or cheque to Fr. Perrin) before and after all the Sunday Masses.

**Spiritual Conference at 7:00 p.m. each evening, beginning Sunday night:**

**Sunday, March 8:** "Cast Your Net Into the Sea of Life"

**Monday, March 9:** "Baptized Into the Life of God"

**Tuesday, March 10:** "I Encounter God in My Body"

**Wednesday, March 11:** "The Cross As the Central Symbol of Our Faith"

\*\*\*We will also begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings\*\*\*

**Please note:** There will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, March 11.

### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass

on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please contact the parish office for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

### CWL NEWS

On Saturday, March 7, our CWL council will be hosting the CWL Regional meeting. Join us to meet and greet your sisters from other councils! As we are hosting this event, please consider donating home-made breakfast goodies, yogurt cups, or fruit to treat our guests. If you are able to help by donating food, please call Leslie at 905-877-1176 to let her know what you will be contributing.

### CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus will **each** be offering one (1) \$1,000 bursary for a graduating high school student who will be entering post-secondary education in the Fall of 2020-2021 school year. The Catholic Women's League will support a female candidate from Holy Cross Parish, and the Knights of Columbus will support a male candidate either from Holy Cross Parish or from Sacre Coeur Parish. Students interested in applying for this bursary can obtain information about the process from the Holy Cross Parish Website. Hard copies are also available at the Church office. *The final deadline for submissions is March 31, 2020.*

### HOLY CROSS HELPS

Members of Holy Cross HELPS will be at the doors of the church after all Masses this weekend to accept your donation towards their corporal works of mercy in the community. The January collection was \$1,456.50 and we helped 14 clients. We would like to thank parishioners for their continued support and generosity.

### 2020 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2020 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriage outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

### GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL & SICK VISITS

Father David Walter and our hospital visitors make regular visits to the sick in the Georgetown Hospital. Kindly be sure to identify yourself as a Catholic so that your name can be given to us when we visit.



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