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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
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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

| Date | Time | Holy Mass | Parish Meetings |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| SUNDAY, February 25 Lent 2 | 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 26 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Shanahan Family | |
| TUESDAY, February 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour | |
| | 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Daily Mass † William, Louis & June Dreyer | |
| WEDNESDAY February 28 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass † Lorenzo Cosentino | |
| THURSDAY, February 29 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass † Slavko Kucinac | |
| FRIDAY, March 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass † Manfred Raasch † John & Gilda Medeiros (I) Chris Fines (I) Nancy McLaughlin | <i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i> |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross | |
| SATURDAY, March 2 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass † Aurelia & Boleslaw Wegrzyn | |
| | 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - the Third Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Angela Flear; Chester & Florence Bugden; Bill McLean; John Wilcox. Int. of Maria Jaremko. | This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Matthew Boulanger. |

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's gospel we go from the desert of Lent to the mountaintop of triumph as we hear the account of Jesus' Transfiguration – of the revealing to his closest disciples that he is indeed the Son of God, and that his glory will triumph over all of the persecution, pain and suffering that will lie ahead. We are given this privileged glimpse of Christ's glory, and for those of us looking on with *eyes of faith* we are let in on this extraordinary vision which gives us a preview of the glory that will come with the resurrection – a preview that reminds us of the goal of our faith, and reminds us of the reasons that we use this 40 day period to spiritually prepare ourselves to celebrate the mysteries of Easter. We see the light at the end of the tunnel – let's make this a fruitful time of preparation!

Quote of the Week

"Going to Mass will prosper the whole day." — St. Peter Julian Eymard

Sunday Smile

I once swallowed a bunch on synonyms. It gave me thesaurus throat I've ever

Missions Youth Bottle Drive

A few of our youth will be spending their March Break on a mission trip to Montreal to serve the homeless. To raise money for their trip, they will be conducting a bottle drive next weekend. Bring your empties for drop off before or after the Masses this weekend (Feb 24/25) for the youth to pick up, and support this worthy initiative! For more information on Mission Youth, you can visit their website at: www.hamiltonmissionyouth.com

Easter Basket Brigade - March 16th, 2023.

Note: this is the second Saturday of March Break.

CUHH is working hard to provide Easter Baskets for those in need in our community. This is a particularly difficult year for many families and the need for our support is greater than in previous years. We need your help!

1. Donations: We are asking our Families in all of our congregations to share Easter with another family by providing funds to your Church Representative. Any amount of money is graciously accepted, to sponsor a whole family we ask for \$100 which will go toward purchasing **(2) \$50.00**

Grocery Store Gift Store Cards (which CUHH will purchase on your behalf.) To sponsor a needy family place cash (in an envelope marked EBB) or cheque (made out to Community Unity Halton Hills) in the offertory at Sunday Mass OR place envelopes through the Church mailbox located at the Parish office entrance. To get a tax receipt include your name and address with your donation.

2. Volunteers to Assemble and Deliver (Drivers needed): We will be gathering as a large group with other Churches to assemble and deliver the Easter Baskets at **9:30 am on March 16th**. More details to follow. To sign up to be part of this inspiring ecumenical experience please contact Celia Stokoe at holycrosscuhh@gmail.com

3. Easter Cards: We would like to get children involved by making Easter drawings to include with the gift card. Last year those drawings were really effective in making Easter special for those we helped. Please drop drawings and homemade cards into the box marked Easter Drawings in the narthex of the Church. All cards need to be received by Sunday March 10th to be included in this year's campaign.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a focused 40 day world-wide campaign of prayer, fasting, and a peaceful vigil for the first 40 days of Lent, Feb 14 – March 24, 2024. Our area campaign is 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.

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.

Friday Stations of the Cross Led By Our Youth

The Stations of the Cross on Fri, Mar 1st will be led by our Challenge Girls youth group. Come out to pray with the youth of our parish!

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.**

This Sunday is Coffee Sunday

Today is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses for refreshments and fellowship. February Coffee Sunday is hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Prayer Shawls

There will be a display of Prayer Shawls in the Narthex at Coffee Sunday, February 25th. Please stop by and pick up a shawl if you would like one.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic after all Sunday Masses on February 25. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help with any of our Blood Pressure Clinics, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Anti-bullying - Pink Shirt Day on February 28

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event to raise awareness about bullying. BullyingCanada is Canada's only wrap-around mental health service for bullied youth. They work one-on-one with the youth, their parents, and local supports for as long as it takes to bring an end to the bullying and help them heal. Bullying takes many forms, including physical, verbal, social or relational, and cyberbullying. Bullied Youth Support Network provides a safe space for youth to reach out by phone, texting or email, for expert help in bullying intervention and to learn how to deal with bullies. For more information or support, visit www.bullyingcanada.ca

Help with access to health services through 1 phone number

The Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team wants you to know they have a Health Navigation line that provides:

- **Easy Access to Health and Social Services:** Community members can now call this single number to get information and assistance in navigating the diverse health and social services within Halton.

- **Streamlined Care Coordination:** The navigation line serves as a central point for coordinating care, making it simpler for patients to get the support they need.

- **Availability:** The line is operational, ensuring that assistance is always just a phone call away.

- **Collaborative Effort:** This initiative is a testament to their collaborative spirit, bringing together various resources and expertise within our community.

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