

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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Established as a Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12 Noon \sim 4:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. \sim 4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. \sim 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

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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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 26 Ordinary 8	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 49.14-15; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5; Matthew 6.24-34)	
MONDAY, February 27	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
TUESDAY, February 28	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Sirach 35.1-12; Mark 10.28-31) † Marion MacDonald	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC Executive Meeting - Cote Hall
ASH WEDNESDAY March 1	9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Mass with Distribution of Ashes Joel 2.12-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20 - 6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18) (I) Holy Cross Parish	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, March 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25) 🕆 Dorothy Ferreira	
	6:15 p.m.		Alpha Course - Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, March 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15)	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 4	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - First Sunday of Lent Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: George & Nina Busuttil; Luis Botelho; Normanda Pimentel; Bento Borges; Frank Nunes Vas; Michael Solano; Joan Collins; Deceased Members of the Leste & Paiva Families.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Gilherme Pimentel.

Message from Father Cull • SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (March 1st). 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:

- Joining me for two sessions of Lenten Reflections. I will be offering two sessions this Lent. The sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Dates for the sessions are as follows: March 8/9 and March 22/23.
- **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 "The Joy of Mercy" by Father Joe Kempt. Copies have been inserted into the bulletin this weekend.
- **-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 Friday evenings.

-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).

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 - FRIDAYS OF LENT

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. 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 to a number of dates and times when the sacrament will be available during the latter part of the Season of Lent, a Parish Penance Celebration will take place on Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world. By participating in this year's World Day of Prayer service, you are joining in worship with Christians around the world and in almost 2000 communities across Canada. This year's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Georgetown Community Church at 271 Mountainview South. The service for this year has been prepared by the women of the Philippines. The theme for this year is: "Am I Being Unfair to You?" Each year we have a good number attending from our Parish. All are invited to attend.

BIRTHRIGHT MILTON

Baby bottles will be handed out this weekend before and after each Mass by a Birthright Volunteer. When you insert a cheque or fill your baby bottle with currency or coins you are helping to change the world - one life at a time - a ripple effect that will go on for eternity! Bottles are to be returned at each Mass the weekend of March 18/19. Tax receipts will also be available on both weekends to pick up. If you prefer to donate online, please visit www.canadahelps.org and search for Birthright of Milton. Thank you for your tax deductible gift of life!

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt "Thank you" to all parishioners and JV Clothing for all your contributions to the Coat, Hat and Mitten Drive on January 21/22. The following donations were received: 76 coats, 56 sweaters, 8 pairs of snow pants, 62 scarves, 73 hats, 58 men's shirts, 16 pairs of mittens, 26 undergarments, 3 pairs of boots, 12 pairs of socks. These donations were gratefully received by: Food for Life Food Bank, located at St. John's United Church; Regeneration in Brampton, serving the homeless and near homeless (men's clothing); Welcome In Drop In Centre in Guelph, coordinated by Loretto Sisters (women's clothing); St. Vincent de Paul Society in Guelph (children's clothing). Thank you again to all parishioners, members of the youth group and their leaders, and all others who helped with organizing, sorting and distributing.

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