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*Established as a Parish in the
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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
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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905-702-8001

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 26 <i>Lent 1</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, February 27		No Mass	
TUESDAY, February 28	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Family School Mass (I) Our Parish Schools	
WEDNESDAY, March 1	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) In thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
THURSDAY, March 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Corina Sibley	
FRIDAY, March 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Deceased Members of the Lynas & Ennett Families ✠ St. Joseph for sick and dying ✠ Arlene Buckley (I) Gary Brown	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 4	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Second Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria Branco; Maria Testa & Damiano & Nazzareno Alfonzi; Ivan Krkuc; Krystal Rogelj; John Francis D'souza; Maria Borges. Intentions of the McCarthy Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners.

From the Pastor's Desk

We have come to this first Sunday of Lent as we begin the 40 day journey to the cross with our Lord. On Ash Wednesday we humbly subject ourselves to the imposition of ashes on our foreheads which is our public acknowledgement that we are not perfect, and in need of God's mercy in our lives. But we receive these ashes joyfully in a sense, confident that we're not perfect but God loves us anyway. In fact, he loves us so much that he sends his Son to the cross to die for our sins. This Lent as with every Lent, we're called to 'Repent and believe in the Gospel'. Let's not let the next few weeks pass us by without striving for repentance and growing in our belief in the Gospel. Let's truly journey with the Lord for these 40 days so that we can fully experience the glory of His resurrection at Easter!

Sunday Smile

My Visa was declined at the sweater store, so the cashier had to ask for my cardigan.

Quote of the Week

"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about." *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

Wed, March 1st – Mass at 8am

Due to a scheduling conflict for Fr. Dave, please note that ***Mass on Wed, March 1st will be at 8:00am.*** There will be no 9:00am Mass this day.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent

We will be hosting Stations of the Cross each Friday evening in Lent at 7pm. Join us each week as a beautiful way of living out this Lenten penitential journey in our lives!

Youth Pilgrimage Bake Sale – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the amazing parishioners of Holy Cross Parish. We are overwhelmed with your generosity. From the large donations of baked goods to the amazing support of the raffle and purchase of treats. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. A thank you also to our neighbours at Metro Georgetown and Argentina for their generous donation of serving trays to help us organize the baked goods and distribute them safely. We will be pausing fundraising in order to place our focus on Lent!

Concert of Lenten Songs

On Fri, March 31st at 7pm, we will be hosting a concert of Lenten songs with John B. Miller and Friends (the group that offered a concert for us in Advent). Mark your calendar!

Easter Basket Brigade - March 25th, 2023

CUHH is working hard to provide Easter Baskets for those in need in our community. 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 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 box in the narthex after mass OR place envelopes through the Church mailbox located at the Parish office entrance.

2. Volunteers to Assemble and Deliver (Drivers needed): We are pleased to announce that we will be gathering as a large group with other Churches to assemble and deliver the Easter Baskets at **9:30 am on March 25th.** More details to follow. To sign up to be part of this inspiring ecumenical experience please contact Celia Stokoe at cuhhholycross@gamil.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.

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 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Hospital Stays

For your information - Due to privacy laws, the hospital does not provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you! If it is an emergency, ask a nurse to contact the on-call priest.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is Back!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Rosary Repairs

Do you have a broken rosary lying around that you're not sure what to do with? Well, there's good news! We have a parishioner that has the skills and tools to repair rosaries, and is more than happy to do so for you! There is a box in the narthex titled 'Rosary Repairs' – simply take an envelope from the box to insert the broken rosary, write your name and contact information on it and we will let you know when it's fixed and ready to pick up.

GFORCe3's Fundraising Dinner

The fundraising dinner "A Lovely Evening with GFORCe3" on February 11th raised over \$9,000 to support 2 Afghan families to come to Canada. The first, a family of 5, is scheduled to arrive this year. Many thanks to all those who attended, made appetizers and desserts, and donated silent auction items. The dinner's success was a wonderful melding of efforts from members of multiple churches and the community. Thank you.

Life Talks Conference

*Are you concerned about the expansion of Medical Aid in Dying in Canada? Want to learn how to better support someone making an end of life or pregnancy decision? Do you know the warning signs of human trafficking? Do you struggle to talk to your kids about tough life issues topics? Come learn at Halton Alive's Life Talks Conference: an in-person event featuring Canadian leaders, experts and advocates for life. Discover the education and inspiration you need to become a more effective ambassador for life by attending Life Talks. Register today! **Date:** March 25, 2023. **Cost:** \$40 Adults/\$20 Students (lunch & refreshments included). **Location:** St George's Church, 4691 Palladium Way, Burlington. **Details and registration:** www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks or call/text Elea 905-632-3232.*

Evenings with His Excellency

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will begin our look at *The 10 Commandments*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

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