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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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 4 Ordinary 5	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 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Maria Branco	
TUESDAY, February 6	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Louise Arsenault	
WEDNESDAY, February 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Christa Williams	
THURSDAY, February 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Giuseppe Montesano	
FRIDAY, February 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Marco & Barbara Babic & deceased members of the Babic Family ✠ Teresa & Feleccitas Bumanlag (I) Chris Fines (I) Dave Hassell	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, February 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Leslie Rutherford	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Deodata & Hermano Almeida; Ricardo Medeiros; Maria & Frank Vieira; Mike Santarelli & Ardwin De Lellis; John & Jeremiah deOliviera.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Doug & Mary Hartley.

From the Pastor's Desk

When we look to the gospel today, we see that there is never any shortage of work to be done to build up God's kingdom. Jesus is running around, *preaching, healing the sick, and casting out demons*, and there is never any shortage of demand for his *time* and his *presence* – but fortunately he is very generous to those seeking him out. But also notice what the gospel says about his prayer time – he *'went away by himself very early in the morning to pray.'* Jesus, in his humanity, needed that time first with God. His prayer time was so important that he would get up before everyone else to be spiritually strengthened so that he could go out to heal and preach the Gospel to all. We are a contemplative and active church – the two modes of 'being church' work together. We need time to be nourished by the Lord in Word, prayer and sacrament so that we may have some to give, to go out of these church doors so that we may 'Glorify the Lord by our lives!'

Quote of the Week

"When it is in your power to do good, do not hold back!" —
St. Polycarp

Sunday Smile

Are mountains funny? You bet! They are hill areas!

Wed, Feb 14th - Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this year on Wed, Feb 14th as we commemorate Ash Wednesday. We will have two Masses that day at **9:00am and 7:00pm** as well as liturgies in each of our parish schools. Be sure to join us on this solemn day as we begin our Lenten journey!

Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent

Once again this year we will be hosting Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent. Join us at 7:00pm each Friday beginning on Feb 16th for this traditional Lenten devotion.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2024 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2023 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Eating Disorders Awareness Week is February 1-7, 2024

The National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC) provides information, resources, referrals, and support to anyone affected by an eating disorder. The goal of awareness is to reduce the prevalence of anorexia, bulimia, dieting and body image problems through a public education program. Eating disorders are complex mental illnesses with physical manifestations. Because eating disorders and mental illness are still stigmatized, some people who have disordered eating may be secretive or ashamed and go to great lengths to hide their disorder. While eating disorders are serious and can have life-threatening complications, they are also treatable illnesses. For more information, visit www.nedic.ca

Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner & Dance

In support of the Townsend Smith Foundation, Saturday, February 10th at Granite Ridge Golf Club Milton. To serve the communities of Milton, Acton and Georgetown, the proposed hospice will be a 10-bed facility built on the site of Hillcrest United Church, which is located on the southwest corner of 5th Side Road and Trafalgar Road. The residence will provide 24-hour palliative care for those with a life-limited illness and support services for their loved ones. Tickets are \$100 per person which includes a fabulous four course dinner with wine, music by Black Creek Music, door prizes and silent auctions. For more information and to buy tickets, go to www.holyrosaryknights.ca/valentines-gala

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Have You Moved Recently?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

Friday Morning Adoration

We have Adoration every Friday morning from 9:30am (after Mass) until 12:00pm. A sign-up sheet is available for parishioners to commit to a timeslot so that someone is always present during this time.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

There is sometimes confusion over what the Sacrament of the Sick is. Anyone experiencing serious illness may receive the sacrament, not just those who are close to death. In fact, it is preferable to receive the sacrament early in an illness when the person in ill health can benefit from the healing graces available as they battle their sickness. It is also the case that one can receive the Sacrament more than once during a time of serious illness, so there is no need to wait until the 'last minute' to call the priest. 'Last Rites', as the sacrament is often referred to, is actually the receiving of three sacraments if the person is able – *Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Communion*. If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with a serious illness, contact the office to set up a time to receive the sacrament. If it is a hospital emergency (at any hospital, not just Georgetown), the nurses will have the contact information of local on-call priests which you can request.

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.

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children

We are accepting donations for Dr. Simone's Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse at 905-274-9239 or www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Please contact the parish office for further details.

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