

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

## 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)

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 5 <i>Ordinary 5</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 6		No Mass	
TUESDAY, February 7	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Marie Simpson	
WEDNESDAY, February 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Souls in Purgatory	
THURSDAY, February 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Lucyna Kaczanowska	
FRIDAY, February 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Barbara, Marc Babic & deceased family members † John & Jeremiah deOliveira (I) Elizabeth Van Ravens (I) Mona May Hohendorf	
SATURDAY, February 11	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria & Frank Vieira; Jose Elias Soares; Kevin & Delia Soares; Artur Raposo. Intentions of Small Group Members.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Joanne Daquano.

### From the Pastor's Desk

The gospel this Sunday has Jesus exhorting us to be 'salt and light'. As Christian disciples, our Lord calls us to be his hands, his feet, and his voice. He asks us not to be idle, but to proclaim the gospel with our lives. To be 'salt' for others, and to be 'light' for the world is to radiate the divine life we have within. It's always good to take time to consider how we are living our lives for Christ, to think about how we are using our lives to live out and spread the Good News, and to pray that the Lord show us new ways that we can shine forth!

### Sunday Smile

A man bought a sweater that kept giving him a static shock. Thankfully, when he returned it to the store, they replaced it for another free of charge.

### Quote of the Week

"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best." – St. Jerome

### First Reconciliations

Our grade 2s are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the next few weeks! Keep them in prayer as they learn more about God's

merciful love for them, and as they receive this beautiful sacrament of God's forgiveness for the very first time!

### Whose Job Is It Anyway?

As a follow up to last Sunday's 'Ministry Fair', here is some humorous 'food for thought':

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Just a reminder to pray about ways that you can offer your time and talents to help out in the parish and in the community. There's a volunteer opportunity just right for all of us!

### Youth Fundraising Events

Two youths from our parish have been invited to participate in a Pilgrimage to Rome with the Milton chapter of Conquest in August 2023. Another youth is heading to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in July 2023. Together, the youth will be fundraising through various activities and will periodically have a table set up in the narthex. Get your taste buds ready for Dominos Pizza cards which give the bearer two free large pizzas

PLUS great deals on their favourite large pizza for six months. For dessert lovers, there will be a Valentine bake sale after all masses Feb 11 and 12 spoil your sweetheart. For information about the fundraising events or Conquest Youth Organization, see Gabe and Elias after 10:30 mass or email [romeconquest2023@gmail.com](mailto:romeconquest2023@gmail.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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will look at *Chapter 3 – The Moral Life of the Church*. 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.

### **The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is Back!**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

### **Cancer Assistance Service of Halton Hills (CASHh) - Volunteers**

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) is looking for Volunteer Drivers to help drive our clients to and from their cancer treatments and appointments. Our clients travel to different hospitals and clinics within the GTA and outside of the GTA (Toronto, Oakville, Mississauga, Hamilton, Brampton). We are in particular need for drivers willing to drive to downtown Toronto. Drivers are compensated for their mileage by CASHh. If you are interested in joining our wonderful organization and help make a someone's cancer journey just that little bit easier, please contact Wendy Molnar, our Transportation Coordinator at [transportation@cancerassistance.org](mailto:transportation@cancerassistance.org) or phone 905-702-8886.

### **GFORCe3 Fundraising Event**

GFORCe3 Afghan Sponsorship Team presents "A Lovely Evening with GFORCe3" Saturday, February 11 at Norval United Church, 14015 Danby Road, Georgetown. Cocktails at 6:15 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar - beer, wine, cider. Live Entertainment. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. Contact Susan Tupling at [tupling@swdsl.com](mailto:tupling@swdsl.com)

### **Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner and Dance in Support of the Townsend Smith Foundation**

Looking to enjoy a fabulous meal and an entertaining evening of music and dancing, door prizes, draws and silent auctions and at the same time support a much needed cause? The Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus in support of the Townsend Smith Foundation are having a Valentine Dinner Gala. The proposed hospice will provide a calm, peaceful, home-like environment where individuals with life-limiting illness, as well as their families and loved ones are supported through the resident's final stages of life.

The event happens on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Granite Ridge Golf Club, tickets cost \$100 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Daniel Varanelli at [dvaranelli@bellnet.ca](mailto:dvaranelli@bellnet.ca) or phone 905 875-6699.

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