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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12 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**
(**Please note Mass time changes)

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

Catholic Women's League

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905-877-1176
Michele Meitz, Co-President
416-505-4354

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905-873-6455

Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 7 Ordinary 5	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	<i>LIVE STREAM</i> Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	ONLINE ONLY
MONDAY, February 8	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † John & Jeremiah deOliveira	
TUESDAY, February 9	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour - CANCELLED	
	6-6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Mabel Hives	
WEDNESDAY, February 10	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Michael Sibley	
THURSDAY, February 11	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Laura Trapani	
FRIDAY, February 12	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Luis Botelho † Souls of the dearly departed † Carmen Directo † John Jacobi	
SATURDAY, February 13	4-4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	5:00 p.m. (ON LINE at 6am <u>Sunday</u>)	Vigil Mass - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Laveena Moraes; Gordon Bartlett; Maria Vieira; Dorothy Wallace; Ewa Podoski; John Cachia; Glenn Anderson.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttil.

From the Pastor's Desk

It has been a long month of imposed closures, but we dare to hope! With schools reopening this coming week and rumours of the provincial government beginning to lift restrictions on businesses, let's pray that they begin to lift restrictions on places of worship as well! We truly look forward to the day (hopefully soon!) when the doors of the church can be open for Mass again! In the meantime, we continue to pray for all of you and for an end to this time of pandemic, and we ask for your continued prayers for the parish as well. Have a great week everyone! – Fr. Dave

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – We Launch in February!

We continue to plan for the upcoming One Heart, One Soul Campaign which will launch at the end of February to help address our many pressing needs as a parish, and to assist in

funding some shared ministries in the Diocese such as ministry to our hospitals, prisons, migrant workers and university campuses. On February 21st, Fr. Dave will preach about the campaign, outlining our goals and how it will work, and inviting all of you to participate. Each household on our mailing list will receive a campaign package, and we will follow up to answer any questions you may have. We encourage you to pray for the success of this Campaign, and we look forward to any support that you are able to help with! For a 'sneak peak' at our fund raising goals and to learn more about the Campaign you can visit the webpage at: www.oneheartonesoul.ca/holycrossgeorgetown

One Heart, One Soul - Volunteers Needed!

To successfully conduct the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign we are looking to recruit as many 'Campaign Ambassadors' as possible. The role of the volunteer in this role will simply be to make a few phone calls to fellow parishioners to ask if they have any questions about the Campaign or the package that they have received in the mail. To be clear, the volunteer is not asking for money, but rather offering information about the Campaign. Online training will be provided. If you are able to help, please let Fr. Dave know at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone at 905-873-1887 ext. 6.

One Heart, One Soul Campaign – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the Diocese help organizations outside of it?

Yes, the Diocese is generous to many in need. For example, the Diocese has an ongoing financial commitment to help the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is still suffering from the effects of the devastating earthquake in 2010, and the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay, which includes northern Manitoba and the territory of Nunavut. The Diocese also supports many worthy causes within and outside of the Diocese, such as: organizations that support the poor and marginalized - like St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd and several others: health care initiatives including hospice care and conscience protection for those in the medical field; community organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization, Catholic Family Services and Catholic Children's Aid; and several other organizations and causes in need that do the work of the gospel. Additionally, the Diocese is proud to have made a significant gift to St. Peter's Seminary in London, helping to ensure the seminary can continue its mission to form priests for our Diocese and the Church in Canada.

2. How will the parishes benefit from the campaign?

This campaign is first and foremost about the renewal and transformation of parishes. That's why 85 percent of the funds raised will go toward parish projects (of the parishes' choosing). In addition, a matching pool of campaign funds (10 percent of all funds raised) will be used to benefit the parishes most in need of additional support. In many cases, a parish in need will end up receiving more money than it raised, once the "pool" fund matches a portion of what the parish raises.

3. What types of projects could the parishes choose for the use of campaign funds?

Overall, the parish projects should aim to bring vitality to the parish, promote participation in parish life, and evangelize and serve the faithful and the surrounding community. Some obvious options include building projects, renovations of existing buildings, overdue maintenance needs, debt reduction or the building up of a contingency fund. Other options might take more of a direct ministry approach, such as adding an employee to develop a new ministry or providing materials for an existing ministry.

We will publish more of these Frequently Asked Questions in the coming weeks...

The Provincial Lockdown and Churches – We are Closed

Many of you have naturally wondered how the province-wide lockdown announced by Premier Ford on December 21st affects Churches. The answer is that we are included in the lockdown effective December 26th at 12:01am. This means that we are closed for all public Masses until further notice. We will keep you posted through our website, Facebook and Twitter on when we are able to re-open.

Office is Also Closed Until Further Notice

The provincial lockdown order includes the closure of our parish office as well. Although we will still be checking messages and working, the office will be closed except for necessary in-person appointments. All other ministry will be offered by phone, email or online video conference services.

The Building Is Closed, But We're Still Here!

Although the building will be closed during the lockdown, that doesn't mean that we're not here! Fr. Hayden and Fr. Dave will still be celebrating Mass daily for the scheduled intentions, and for the intentions of the parish. We will still post content online including the Sunday Mass, daily Gospel Reflections, and will work to offer more ways of engaging online. Further, we will still be offering ministry by phone, and are available for emergencies to offer the Sacrament of the Sick, abiding by the protocols of our hospitals, senior homes, and emergency visits to your personal homes. The building may be closed, but the Church is never closed!

Donations to the Parish During the Lockdown

We thank you for your continued generosity during these difficult months. It is so much appreciated in helping to keep all our bills paid! During the lockdown there are several options to continue making your offerings: 1) **Drop off your envelopes** (we have a locked mailbox outside the office door that is checked several times each day); 2) **Pre-Authorized Giving** - 'Set it, and forget it!' Forms are available on the website to begin making donations automatically from your bank account through pre-authorized giving; 3) **Donate Online** - there is a link on our website home page which allows you to make one-time donations with your credit card.

Halton Alive — Inspire Hope

Join Halton Alive in touching the hearts of over 5000 residents of long term care and retirement homes through our 2021 Inspire Hope Campaigns! **February Letter Writing Campaign: Volunteers needed! Help write and distribute letters.** Choose a template and let your creative juices flow in a personal letter to a resident. Includes discussion starters for families and teachers. Volunteers will drop off kits full of letters for an assigned facility (following all COVID-19 protocols). Sign up at www.haltionalive.ca/inspirehope or contact Tawnya Stanus at 905-632-3232.

Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

March 5 – 7, 2021 In these stressful times, give your marriage a *booster shot!* Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925 or visit www.wwme.org

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