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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 Noon

PARISH STAFF

Father K. Cull, Pastor
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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 - Contact Father Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 11 <i>Ordinary 6</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10.31 - 11.1; Mark 1.40-45)	
MONDAY, February 12		No Mass	
TUESDAY, February 13	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (James 1.12-18; Mark 8.14-21) † Mary Stone	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
ASH WEDNESDAY February 14	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
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
THURSDAY, February 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25) (I) Suzy Fernando and Peggy Hurley	
	7:00 p.m.		Workshop - Communion Ministers
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, February 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15) † Bob Ehmann † Lisa Quinn † Michele Graziani (I) In Thanksgiving	
	9:30 a.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, February 17	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - First Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Ellen McKinnon; Irene Silva; Steven Hawes; Joe Esteireiro; Renata & Jerry Stepcoff; Maria Adelaide Medeiros; Sebastian Aguiar. Intentions of the Crane Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Iva Waters.

Message from Father Cull • SEASON OF LENT

The *Season of Lent* begins with **Ash Wednesday** (February 14th). 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:

- **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 “Joyful Steps” by Father Thomas Connery.

- **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 Wednesday evenings or Friday mornings.

-**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 - Wednesday Evenings and Friday Mornings of Lent

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays and at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays. 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, a **Parish Penance Celebration will take place on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

This distribution of Holy Communion at Holy Mass and to the sick and homebound is a wonderful ministry. In order to train new ministers and to offer a refresher to current ones, the second of two workshops for Ministers of Holy Communion will be on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. All ministers, new and current, are expected to attend a workshop.

CWL NEWS

Just a friendly reminder that the next CWL General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m., following 7:00 p.m. Mass. Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada who will focus on "Heart Healthy Living" and how to fight against heart disease and strokes. We will also be collecting hot cereals, canned pasta, canned salmon, tuna and meats, or cash donations for the Food Bank at the General Meeting. Thank you for your support. Also please be reminded that 2018 Membership fees are due, so if you have not had a chance to pay your fees yet, you may do so at the General Meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

► *Roses for Life* will be available after all Holy Masses on February 17/18.

► *Knights of Columbus Online Membership* now provides a *Faster Way to Join the Knights* - one of the most common objections to joining the Knights of Columbus is "I don't have time." Through Online Membership, this 'join process' now takes five minutes. Eligible men can join the Order online by going to www.kofc.org/joinup

HEALTH & WELLNESS UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior's Get Together . . . Monday, February 12th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Cote Hall. Seniors are invited for an afternoon of relaxation and fellowship. This is an opportunity to hear favourite musical arrangements and songs performed by Dino Arsenault. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Theresa Scholz at 905-873-1887 if you require transportation.

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