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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

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SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

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.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Women's League

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Holy Cross Youth Group

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 14 Lent 1	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Romans 10.8-13; Luke 4.1-13)	
MONDAY, February 15		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, February 16	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15) † Kathleen Williams	
	7:30 p.m.		CWL General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY February 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jonah 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32) † Deceased Members of the Lolic & Lescak Families	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, February 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7.7-12) † Gerald Fitzpatrick	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, February 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ezekiel 18.21-28; Matthew 5.20-26) † Ljubica Babic † Patrick Melvin † Stephen Hawes	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, February 20	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Second Sunday in Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Monique Gamesh; George Miehm; Darrell Borden; Mary Kennedy Cauchi; Robert Ehmann. And for the Intentions of Bridget Kent.	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Clarence & Madeline Varey.

Message from Father Cull SEASON OF LENT

The *Season of Lent* began with **Ash Wednesday** (February 10th). The imposition of ashes is a tangible sign that we are willing to repent and believe in the Gospel. During the 40 days (including Sundays) 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:

- Participating in the parish wide Small Faith Group Initiative. Over the past several months, the Pastoral Advisory Council has been focussing on adult faith formation and small faith groups. The Season of Lent offers an ideal time to initiate small faith group sharing on a parish wide basis by focussing on the Sunday readings. We will be using a resource called *Celebrating the Word* produced by the Congregation of the Resurrection which is offered free of charge. The 3 sharing sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Dates for the sessions are as follows: February 23/24, March 8/9 and March 22/23.

You are encouraged to register for these sessions after any of the Holy Masses this weekend. Materials for the first session will be available for pick up the following weekend, February 20/21.

-Praying over the scripture readings for each day of the forty days of Lent. Consider signing up for daily inspirational reflections during Lent from Matthew Kelly under "Best Lent Ever" at www.dynamiccatholic.com or Bishop Robert Barron from Word on Fire at www.lentreflections.com

-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 Friday evenings.

-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 - FRIDAYS OF LENT

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. 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 16th at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Just a friendly reminder that the next Catholic Women's League General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 16th following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. We have planned a Mini Retreat with guest speaker Father Cull. All women of the parish are invited to attend and take part in an evening with Father Cull and his inspiration through reflection and prayer. We will also be collecting grocery store gift cards for the Georgetown Bread Basket.

PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY

You are welcome to make a *Year of Mercy* pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, February 21st, 2016**. You may enter through the *Door of Mercy* (located near the elevator entrance). At 2:00 p.m. we will begin with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be offered at 3:00 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims are most welcome to stay for our regular 4:00 p.m. Mass that day. All are welcome to come and share in the Father's mercy and peace.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Position of Youth Minister . . . Over the past few months, the parish has been actively seeking to hire a full-time Youth Minister. Until we can engage a candidate who will take on the position, I am pleased to announce that Brittany Pratulon has agreed to lead the youth group on a part-time basis. Brittany is an energetic and faith filled member of the parish who is completing her undergraduate degree and who has already put forward a great deal of effort and enthusiasm as a member of the Youth Ministry Team. I am confident that the young people of the parish will be blessed by Brittany's guidance and gentle spirit. *Calling all youth . . .* If you are currently in grades 7-12 and want to join other youth in fun, faith-filled activities, we invite you to join the youth group for our Winter hike on **Sunday, February 21** following the 12 Noon Mass. Join us in Cote Hall for hot chocolate and pizza when we return. For more information, please contact us at hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

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