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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

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

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Prayer Network
Gladys (905) 877-6389
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Saint Francis School
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(905) 877-1779

Holy Cross Youth Group
hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

Holy Cross School
(905) 877-4451

Saint Catherine School
(905) 702-8001

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 21 Lent 2	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3.17 - 4.1; Luke 9.28b-36)	
MONDAY, February 22		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, February 23	11:00 a.m.	Small Faith Group Initiative - Session #1	Cote Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 1.10, 16-20,27-28,31; Matthew 23.1-12) † Lou & June Dreyer	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC Executive Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY February 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 18.18-20; Matthew 20.17-28) (I) Special Intentions	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:00 p.m.	Small Faith Group Initiative - Session #1	Cote Hall
THURSDAY, February 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 17.5-10; Luke 16.19-31) (I) Barb Lavoie	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, February 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46) † Holy Souls † Salvatore Di Bartolo † Antonio Minichillo & Maria Pittarelli	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, February 27	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Third Sunday in Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Sue Luciani; Lorenzo Cosentino; John Donnelly; Deceased Members of the Matos & Vieira Families; Artur Raposo.	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in thanksgiving for the d'Oliveira Family and for Souls in Purgatory.

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 also be available for pick up.

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.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

World Day of Prayer was begun by women in Canada and the United States in 1922 and is now observed in more than 170 countries. By participating in this year's *World Day of Prayer* service, you are joining in worship with Christians around the world and in almost 2000 communities across Canada. This year's *World Day of Prayer* will take place on Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph Street. The service for this year has been prepared by the Women of Cuba and the theme for this year is: **"Receive children, Receive me."** Each year we have a good number attending from Holy Cross Parish. All are invited.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

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 Praturlon 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.

COAT, MITTEN, HAT DRIVE

With much gratitude for your generosity, the Health and Wellness Committee, on January 16/17, collected 213 coats, 220 pairs of gloves/mittens, 155 scarves, 350 hats, 37 pairs of socks, and 45 sweaters/sweatshirts and other assorted clothing items which were distributed on January 23/24 to the needy in our community and beyond. J.V. Clothing was generous in donating many brand new clothing items. The support

from the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, the Youth Group and parishioners helped make this initiative meaningful to the recipients. Clothing items were picked up during the Open House with items remaining being donated to the Food for Life Bank at St. John's United Church, Georgetown, Regeneration Community Outreach in Brampton, Bridge Prison Ministry in Brampton which is collection clothing for Syrian refugees, Links-2-Care, Georgetown and to Dr. Simone who sends donations to the needy overseas. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

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.

160th ANNIV. OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 160th Anniversary of the Diocese of Hamilton on Sunday, February 28th at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, will preach the homily for the Anniversary Mass. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2016? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 29th, 2016** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King 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). Contact the parish office for information or to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

MEN'S LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT

Saturday, February 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Deacon Doctor Greg DeMarchi will preach on the theme "God's Mercy as an Entrance to Prayer and Spiritual Life." Coffee cart with muffin on arrival and a full hot meal at lunch is included. To register please call 905-278-5229.

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