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Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 1 <i>New Years Day Mary, the Holy Mother of God</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, January 2		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 3	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Marie Cummings	
WEDNESDAY, January 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Bob O’Gorman	
THURSDAY, January 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Michael David Marleau	
FRIDAY, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Branco † Marissa Webster (I) Kaczanowski Family (I) Lucyna Kaczanowska	
SATURDAY, January 7	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Epiphany of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Sydney, Ellen, Elizabeth & John Moore; David Frias; Bernard & Helen Hastings; Florence & Jack Kelly; Judy Suda. Intentions of Sofia Tabsin & Family; Intentions of Jon Duncan.	This week’s Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Mary Beth Brown.

From the Pastor’s Desk

As we celebrate the New Year, we also take time to celebrate one of the biggest feast days on the Church calendar as well, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God – the title that honours our Heavenly Mother more than any other title, as it reminds us of the incredibly significant role that Mary plays in God’s plan for salvation – a role which allowed God himself to be born in the flesh – to become one like us – through the person of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we wish our heavenly Mother a ‘Happy Mother’s Day’ today, let’s entrust all our cares and concerns to her, and she will lead us by the hand to her divine Son. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Sunday Smile

A Sunday School teacher asked her class how they thought Mary and Joseph felt when they found out there was no room for them in the inn? One little girl replied, “It’s they’re own fault! They should have known better and called ahead to make a reservation – hotels are always busy at Christmas!”

Thank You for the Cards and Gifts!

I would like to thank everyone that left cards and gifts for me over Christmas – it was a gesture that was not necessary but

very much appreciated! I unfortunately don’t have time to write everyone a personal ‘thank you’ card, so please accept this little bulletin message as my expression of gratitude to all! May God bless you abundantly in the new year!

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 July 2023. Together, they will be raising funds through various activities and will periodically have a table set up in the narthex. The next event will be a COMMUNITY BOTTLE DRIVE on JAN 2nd from 10-2. The youth will be out in the community collecting empty liquor/beer bottles and cans. Bottles will also be collected in the church parking lot at all masses the weekend of Jan 7/8. Alternately, bottles can be dropped off to 29 Chelvin Drive or 86 Craig Cres. in the bins provided at any time that week. For information about the fundraising events or Conquest Youth Organization, see Gabe and Elias after 10:30 mass or email romeconquest2023@gmail.com Later in January we will be selling Little Caesar’s Pizza kits. You won’t want to miss these yummy and easy dinner kits.

The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Struggling in their Relationship

The primary goal is to provide help for couples who live with disappointment and pain in their marriage. The Retrouvaille weekend provides a safe setting where couples learn to communicate in a respectful manner. It helps couples rebuild their marriage and restore a loving relationship. You will find courage and strength in the realization that you are not alone in your struggle. You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain and rediscover each other in a new positive way. The next weekend program will be held in Mississauga on January 13-15. Please go to www.torontoretrovaille.com for more information.

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID): Did You Know?

As Catholics we acknowledge the giftedness of life as an inalienable right not to be taken away by others, the importance of compassion for the ill and the dying, as well as our responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us. With the passing of bill C 7

- natural death no longer needs to be “reasonably foreseeable.” This includes people with disabilities or chronic but not fatal illnesses.
- the 10 day waiting period was removed for those whose death is “reasonably foreseeable.” This makes it possible to apply and receive euthanasia on the same day. For those whose death is not reasonably foreseeable, the waiting period is 90 days.
- allows for advanced directives, making it possible for a medical practitioner to proceed with euthanasia after a patient is no longer able to give consent.
- permits euthanasia for reasons of mental illness alone, beginning in 2023

Let us pray for an end to euthanasia, which is expanding, and advocate for greater access to palliative care in our country!

2023 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2023 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year’s notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2023 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023

Boxed sets of 2023 envelopes are available for pick in the Narthex. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2023 were mailed last week - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish please contact the office.

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 or phone 905-702-8886.

Evenings with His Excellency

Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency.” 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. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available 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 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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

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