

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

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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 - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League
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905-877-1779

Saint Catherine School
905-702-8001

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 15 <i>Ordinary 2</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 16		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 17	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Mary McLean	
WEDNESDAY, January 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Lucyna Kaczanowska	
THURSDAY, January 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Giovanni Romanet	
FRIDAY, January 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † George Sebalj † Toni Jedlinksi † Joseph Francis d'souza (I) Patti Burke (I) Jaremko Family	
SATURDAY, January 21	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Andrea Lanzarotta; Drago & Bara Daganjac; Patrick McCarthy; Dario Medina; Nish Lee.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Andrea Lanzarotta.

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday marks a transition in our Church calendar. Christmas is over, and as our lives get back into their regular routines, the Church also gets back into a regular cycle of readings which unfolds for us the life of Christ. Christmas is a wonderful and joyful time as we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus, however, we know that Christ didn't come into the world to remain as an infant – Jesus grew up, and as we move on in the liturgical year we begin to reflect on Christ's mission in this world. Although we are back into 'Ordinary Time' in the Church year, there is certainly nothing 'ordinary' about Christ's life. Let's take time to read and listen to the readings proclaimed at Mass in the coming weeks, really taking the time to better understand the earthly ministry and teachings of Jesus. I think we will continually find that there is nothing merely 'ordinary' about our faith in Christ.

Sunday Smile

A pastor was leaving his parish and was saying farewell to his congregation at the Church doors for the last time. He shook the hand of an elderly lady as she walked out. She said, "Your successor won't be as good as you." "Nonsense", said the pastor, in a flattered tone. "No, really", said the lady, "I've been here under five different priests, and each new one has been worse than the last!"

Fr. Dave Away on Vacation – Jan 16-23

Fr. Dave will be away on vacation this coming week. Filling in will be Msgr. Sheridan for the Tuesday 7:00pm Mass; Fr. Malcolm Katzenberger will be here for the 9:00am Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and Fr. Adam Zettel will be here to cover the weekend Mass schedule. A big 'thank you' to all the priests coming in to help out!

Rosary Repairs

Do you have a broken rosary lying around that you're not sure what to do with? Well, there's good news! We have a parishioner that has the skills and tools to repair rosaries, and is more than happy to do so for you! There is a box in the narthex titled 'Rosary Repairs' – simply take an envelope from the box to insert the broken rosary, write your name and contact information on it and we will let you know when it's fixed and ready to pick up.

Ministry Fair/Volunteer Sign-Up - Jan 28/29

Good tidings as we begin a new calendar year at Holy Cross Parish! It is time once again to come together to build our parish ministries and to respond to God's call to each one of us to be good stewards of all God's gifts. God is asking us to make a commitment to share our time, talent and treasure with others in our parish and beyond.

Saturday, January 28 and Sunday January 29 after all Masses, Ministry Fair tables will be on display in the Narthex and Cote Hall. There will be many opportunities for you to get involved. Take some time to reflect on how the Holy Spirit is calling you. Do you have the gift of Hospitality? Communication? Mercy? Leadership? Other gifts? How can you best share your gifts? Ministry leaders will be at the tables to answer any questions. Refreshments will be offered. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Hospital Stays

For your information - Due to privacy laws, the hospital does not provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you! If it is an emergency, ask a nurse to contact the on-call priest.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

There is sometimes confusion over what the Sacrament of the Sick is. Anyone experiencing serious illness may receive the sacrament, not just those who are close to death. In fact, it is preferable to receive the sacrament early in an illness when the person in ill health can benefit from the healing graces available as they battle their sickness. It is also the case that one can receive the Sacrament more than once during a time of serious illness, so there is no need to wait until the 'last minute' to call the priest. 'Last Rites', as the sacrament is often referred to, is actually the receiving of three sacraments if the person is able – *Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick,* and *Holy Communion*. If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with a serious illness, contact the office to set up a time to receive the sacrament. If it is a hospital emergency (at any hospital, not just Georgetown), the nurses will have the contact information of local on-call priests which you can request.

Catholic Women's League News!

The next general meeting for Holy Cross CWL is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023 following the 7:00 PM Mass in Cote Hall. This is a very important meeting for our council, as a new executive **must** be elected at this meeting to ensure the continuation of our council in 2023. Nominations will be accepted until the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Leslie Rutherford at 905-877-1176 to nominate a sister CWL member or to offer to stand for election yourself.

Rotary Club of Georgetown

The Rotary Club of Georgetown is looking for a person or family to host a Rotary Exchange student for three months over the coming year. Please contact Christine at 905-703-6239 for further information.

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 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.

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

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.

GFORCe3 Fundraising Event

GFORCe3 Afghan Sponsorship Team presents "A Lovely Evening with GFORCe3" Saturday, February 11 at Norval United Church, 14015 Danby Road, Georgetown. Cocktails at 6:15 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar - beer, wine, cider. Live Entertainment. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. Contact Susan Tupling at tupling@swdsl.com

Sanctuary Lamp

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Please contact the parish office for further details.

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