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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
Monday 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 21 Ordinary 3	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, January 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Georgette Milliere	
TUESDAY, January 23	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Marilyn Major	
WEDNESDAY, January 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Philomena Quadros Pereira	
THURSDAY, January 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Corazon Dizon Tayag	
FRIDAY, January 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Filomena Aguiar † Zygfryd Paciejo † Jean Falzon † St. Joseph (I) in thanksgiving	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, January 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Bronislawa & Tadeusz Walczyk	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Ugo D' Andrea; Marilyn Major; Ray Delaney; Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar; Pasquale & Ciara Santarelli; Giuseppina (Pina) Anthony; Rose Vieira and Souls in Purgatory.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the living and deceased members of our families and friends.

From the Pastor's Desk

The gospel of Mark which we hear from in this year's liturgical cycle of readings is 'action packed'. In a short passage today we hear of John the Baptist's arrest, Jesus beginning his ministry, and the selection of Simon, Andrew and James as his first disciples. Jesus begins his ministry with the central focus of his message: "Repent and believe in the Good News," and then recruits disciples to help spread the gospel in an urgent fashion. The men leave their boats 'immediately' and follow him. The Lord is patient with us, but there is some urgency to his message. In these sleepy days of January, are we listening? Let's take time to reflect on our relationship with Christ, and renew our desire to drop everything, and follow him!

Quote of the Week

"Be wise, my soul, and trust in God alone; cling to God and cast your cares on God alone." — *St. Robert Bellarmine*

Sunday Smile

I had a happy childhood. My Dad used to put me in tires and roll me down hills. Those were Goodyears

Life Talk: Medical Assistance in Dying

On Thursday, January 25th at 7:00pm our Halton Life Team and the CWL will be hosting a seminar on the topic of Medical Assistance in Dying. Join us for an interactive video presentation to learn more about euthanasia in Canada and how we can respond. Our Life Team has a table at the back for more information, and to register.

Sunday of the Word of God

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/the-bible-speaks-2024/>

OPEN CHURCH: A Speakers Forum for the Middle

Holy Cross Parish - Friday, Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ***This event is for*** parents of young families of Holy Cross Parish. As we continue to ponder the Holy Family as the model of God's action in the "ordinariness" of life, we find it is precisely here in "the middle" of life that our Lord wants to meet us, save us, and heal us. ***The purpose of this event*** is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into a deeper experience of prayer and into a more intimate relationship with our God. He wants to fill us and to use us for the good of our families, our communities, and the Church, all for the glory of the Father. ***Join us as we hear from dynamic speakers*** from the Hamilton Diocese who will lead us to an encounter with Christ as we go deeper in understanding the Love of the Father and God's only begotten Son, Jesus. We will have an opportunity to deepen our understanding and awareness of the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how to put that into practice. ***Come as you are. Come when you want. Stay if you want.*** Child care is available. **To Register**, please visit <https://forms.gle/CNL4k8mW1B3Jh5Sj8>. For more information or if you wish to volunteer for this event, please send an email to holycrossgeorgetownreg@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 905-873-1887.

Coffee Sunday

Next Sunday, January 28th is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses for refreshments and fellowship.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic after all Sunday Masses on January 28. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help with any of our Blood Pressure Clinics, please contact Katie at 416-436-4324.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Mental Health Awareness

Bell Let's Talk day is Wednesday, January 24 - who will you be reaching out to? Did you know: more than 1 in 2 people struggling with their mental health aren't getting the help they need; 1 in 4 Canadians have been experiencing high levels of anxiety; more than 200 Canadians will attempt suicide every day and 12 will die; the number of opioid overdose deaths in Canada went up more than 90% during the pandemic and it's now 20 per day. For more information visit Mental Health Research Canada at www.mhrc.ca/key-facts-on-mental-health and the Government of Canada at www.health-infobase.canada.ca/substance-related-harms/opioids-stimulants at www.alzheimer.ca

Vocations Mass

The Serra Club of Halton invites you to a Vocations Mass to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, Religious Life and Consecrated Life. Bishop Crosby will speak following Mass. Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 pm, St. Gabriel's Parish, 2261 Parkway Drive, Burlington. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following Bishop Crosby's talk.

Rental Unit Needed for GFORCe3 Afghan Family

GFORCe3 is widening its search for a rental unit for its second Afghan Family. We will now be looking for a 3-bedroom rental unit within walking distance of amenities, especially a grocery store within Georgetown, Acton or Milton. GFORCe3 will be responsible for all costs associated with the unit until the family has lived here for 1-year. Please let others know of this need. Contact Greg MacDonald (416-219-9113), Don Robinson (905-703-0043), or Susan Tupling (416-200-8675) with any possibilities.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2024 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. Your 2023 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Register Your Child for Kindergarten at HCDSB!

Kindergarten registration at the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Parents and guardians who are interested in registering their child for Kindergarten are invited to visit the HCDSB website for more information: <https://hcdsb.info/KindergartenRegistration>

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.

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