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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. ~ 12:00 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**
(**Please note Mass time changes)

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

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Leslie Rutherford, President
905-877-1176
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416-505-4354

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Michael Simpson, Grand Knight
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Katie 416-433-4324

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905-877-4451

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905-877-6928

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905-877-1779

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905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 23 <i>Ordinary 3</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 24		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 25	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased members of the Hausegger & Kirchmayr families	
WEDNESDAY, January 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Joe & Ana Rice	
THURSDAY, January 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar	
FRIDAY, January 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Joseph Galea † Napoleone Capili † Mrs. Suzanne Nankoo † Klaus George Hentschel & Gilda Hentschel (I) Lou & Tony Hurley	
SATURDAY, January 29	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Jim Larkin; Mary Rosset; Victoria & Guilherme Alves & Family; Sue Kennedy; Hermano Almeida; Amelia Matos; Melanie Luciani.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the living and deceased members of our families and friends.

From the Pastor's Desk

In 2019, Pope Francis instituted the 'Sunday of the Word of God' to be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time each year. It's a day to really focus on scripture, especially its importance in the liturgy and in our personal prayer lives. Of course, I like to think that every Sunday is 'Word of God Sunday', but it is good to specifically focus on scripture at the beginning of Ordinary Time to remind us of its importance – that scripture truly is the Word of God – it is through scripture that the Lord speaks to our hearts. This year we primarily follow the Gospel of Luke in our Sunday cycle of readings. I encourage you to grab your bibles and make a point of reading through Luke as well this year alongside our Sunday readings, praying with it, meditating on it, asking our Lord to draw you closer to Him through the wisdom of the bible. We will never regret spending more time with the Word!

Sunday Smile

A mother was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."

Bible Sunday

The Diocese of Hamilton celebrates Bible Sunday today. Bishop Crosby has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen. We encourage you to visit our Diocesan webpage dedicated to Bible Sunday 2022. Here you will find resources for adults, youth and children to help foster a relationship with God's living Word.

FORMED - The Catholic Faith, On Demand

FORMED is the 'Catholic Netflix' - an online streaming service that offers quality Catholic content for the whole family - from children's programming to faith-formation to religious movies and downloadable e-books. Our parish has been offered 40 annual subscriptions by an anonymous donor, free of charge! (The subscription cost is usually \$9.99/month). If you would like a free subscription, send your email to Fr. Dave at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com

How Do Current COVID Restrictions Affect Churches?

Many of you have been asking how COVID restrictions are affecting the church – the answer is that it's 'status quo' for us. The government has announced 50% capacity for places of worship, but this doesn't change what we've already been

doing. With the necessary 6ft distancing we've never been able to exceed 25-30% capacity. So, fortunately, it is business-as-usual while still observing masking, sanitizing and distancing protocols.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2022

Boxed sets of 2022 envelopes are available for pick up this weekend. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2022 were mailed last week to current users - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

CWL News

First of all, we want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Can't believe it's already 2022! We hope everyone had a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Sadly, because of Covid, we are still unable to hold our General Council Meetings. However, we want to remind you that your 2022 membership fees are now due. These can be paid by mailing your cheque, payable to "Catholic Women's League" to the Church office. Or you can drop off your payment in the locked mailbox outside the Office door. Remember to identify yourself, either by the name and address on your cheque, or on the envelope if dropped off in person and you are paying in cash.

Your Council Executives thank you for your continuing support during these unusual times. We sincerely hope we can soon meet again in person.

'Virtual' Children's Liturgy

We really miss welcoming our little ones each Sunday for Children's Liturgy. Until we are able to safely offer this program again, we have an online option - visit our website to follow our link to 'Children's Liturgy' each week to find some fun information and activities for families!

2022 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2022 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.

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2022 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 2021 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children - OPEN

We have resumed collections for Dr. Simone's Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse directly at 905-274-9239 or visit their website www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

Subscribe to our Parish Bulletin by Email

Would you like to receive the parish bulletin each week by email? Send a message to holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

Life Team - Halton Alive

Halton Alive, our local pro-life advocacy organization invites those interested to join their Parish Life Teams. Parish Life Teams commit themselves to creating an awareness and building the Culture of Life in their church community. If you are interested in joining our Life Team here at Holy Cross, please contact Marilaura Wall at wallmarilaura@gmail.com

Marriage Support

Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com

ReStart

Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new programs in early 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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