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Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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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

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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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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 24 Ordinary 3	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	<i>LIVE STREAM</i> Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	ONLINE ONLY
MONDAY, January 25	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass (I) Shannon Bettridge	
TUESDAY, January 26	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour - CANCELLED	
	6-6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Maria DeSousa	
WEDNESDAY, January 27	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass (I) Living and deceased members of the Duke family	
THURSDAY, January 28	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Ralph McQuaid	
FRIDAY, January 29	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Pat Hayes † Piet Schuurmans † Salvador Mora (I) In thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
SATURDAY, January 30	4-4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (ON LINE at 6am Sunday) <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Christopher Quinn; Antonio Alves; Kathleen Dwyer; Theresa Scholz; Tony Palumbo; Carmen Fenech; Jean Falzon.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Michael Norris.

From the Pastor's Desk

Last Sunday we began 'Ordinary Time' in the liturgical calendar which will last until we begin Lent in February. The term 'Ordinary Time' however has always struck me as an unfortunate description because we shouldn't think of Jesus' life as being 'Ordinary'. Instead, every week we learn more lessons from our Lord through the scriptures and internalize them as we grow in our relationship with Him. The colour of our vestments changes to green as a symbol of this time of growth. We should approach our prayer and sacramental life with this concept of growth always in mind because every encounter with our Lord is a new opportunity to know God in greater and deeper ways.

As we continue this time of lockdown it is very apparent that nothing is currently 'ordinary'. If we look at this time with an optimistic view, perhaps we can see our current experience as an opportunity to leave the 'ordinary' behind and accelerate our spiritual growth – to use some of our free time to intentionally grow our faith through prayer and the reading of scripture. Growth in our faith is always a positive experience, and when we step out in an intentional way God is always there to lead us closer to Him. Have a good week everyone! – Fr. Dave

One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – We Launch in February!

We have been hearing a lot about the upcoming Capital Campaign ever since our anticipated launch date of March 2020. Then, as we all know, COVID happened. The status of the campaign has been uncertain, but a decision has been made for parishes in the Diocese to officially launch the Campaign next month, in February 2021! Some of you have already received your packages as part of a 'soft' launch, and we appreciate everyone that has supported us so far with a pledge. You will be hearing more about the campaign in the coming weeks as we prepare to launch in Holy Cross parish. It has been a tough time for many and we certainly recognize that – we just ask that you prayerfully consider helping us in any way that you can. If you have any questions or comments you are always welcome to reach out to Fr. Dave by phone or email.

Volunteers Needed!

To successfully conduct the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign we are looking to recruit as many 'Campaign Ambassadors' as possible. The role of the volunteer in this role will simply be to make a few phone calls to fellow parishioners to ask if

they have any questions about the Campaign or the package that they have received in the mail. To be clear, the volunteer is not asking for money, but rather offering information about the Campaign. Online training will be provided. If you are able to help, please let Fr. Dave know at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone at 905-873-1887 ext. 6.

One Heart, One Souls - Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a capital campaign?

A capital campaign is an effort to raise money in a fairly short time (three to five years) to pay for a significant project or build up an endowment or heritage fund for future use. For a Catholic diocese or parish, this refers to gifts and pledges over and above a parishioner's regular giving to the Sunday collection. Parishioners who make pledges to the Diocese of Hamilton's campaign will have three years to fulfill their commitment.

2. Why can't I just support my parish directly?

Frankly, we hope you continue to support your parish directly through your regular Sunday giving. This campaign is not intended to divert funds that go toward normal operating needs. The campaign is a special effort to meet needs that go beyond the routine and that can help to set up parishes (and the Diocese) to thrive for years to come. In short, supporting this campaign *is* supporting your parish directly - as well as other parishes in need and various diocesan ministries.

3. What are the Diocese's specific goals for the portion of funds it receives?

Fifteen percent of the funds raised will go toward shared diocesan ministries. These include campus ministry to college and university students as well as several ministries focused on those in need: hospital ministry, prison ministry and ministry to migrant workers.

We will publish more of these Frequently Asked Questions in the coming weeks...

Year of St. Joseph - Online Series by Fr. Hayden

On Dec 8th, 2020, Pope Francis proclaimed a 'Year of St. Joseph', encouraging all Christians to reflect on the life of Joseph and his role in salvation history. Starting **Thursday, Jan 21 at 7:00pm**, Fr. Hayden will begin the first in a series of Thursday online reflections on St. Joseph to assist us in celebrating this time of focus on the man that God the Father chose to raise and care for his Divine Son on this earth. A new reflection will be released each week at 7:00pm on Thursday evenings on our Facebook and Youtube pages.

The Provincial Lockdown and Churches – We are Closed

Many of you have naturally wondered how the province-wide lockdown announced by Premier Ford on December

21st affects Churches. The answer is that we are included in the lockdown effective December 26th at 12:01am. This means that we are closed for all public Masses until further notice. We will keep you posted through our website, Facebook and Twitter on when we are able to re-open.

Office is Also Closed Until Further Notice

The provincial lockdown order includes the closure of our parish office as well. Although we will still be checking messages and working, the office will be closed except for necessary in-person appointments. All other ministry will be offered by phone, email or online video conference services.

The Building Is Closed, But We're Still Here!

Although the building will be closed during the lockdown, that doesn't mean that we're not here! Fr. Hayden and Fr. Dave will still be celebrating Mass daily for the scheduled intentions, and for the intentions of the parish. We will still post content online including the Sunday Mass, daily Gospel Reflections, and will work to offer more ways of engaging online. Further, we will still be offering ministry by phone, and are available for emergencies to offer the Sacrament of the Sick, abiding by the protocols of our hospitals, senior homes, and emergency visits to your personal homes. The building may be closed, but the Church is never closed!

Donations to the Parish During the Lockdown

We thank you for your continued generosity during these difficult months. It is so much appreciated in helping to keep all our bills paid! During the lockdown there are several options to continue making your offerings:

- 1) **Drop off your envelopes** (we have a locked mailbox outside the office door that is checked several times each day)
- 2) **Pre-Authorized Giving** - 'Set it, and forget it!' Forms are available on the website to begin making donations automatically from your bank account through pre-authorized giving
- 3) **Donate Online** - there is a link on our website home page which allows you to make one-time donations with your credit card.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2021

For those that have not been able to pick up their Sunday Offering envelopes for 2021, let us know at the office. We have volunteers that will happily deliver them to your door!

Online Resources

We will continue to engage with the parish online. A list of links to online resources will be published on our parish website, including links to our Facebook, Twitter and Youtube channels. We can't currently gather in person, but we will certainly do all that we can do to stay in touch!

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