



# 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

## 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\*\*  
(\*\*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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

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905-877-4451

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 28 Ordinary 4	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 29	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Ivanka & Franc Zorman	
TUESDAY, January 30	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Josephine Ennett	
WEDNESDAY, January 31	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Zbigniew Gondek	
THURSDAY, February 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased members of the Ennett & Lynas Families	
FRIDAY, February 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Regina Kupferstein † Sharon Nagle (I) Linda Rainville (I) the Medeiros Family	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, February	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Gosia Pok	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Hermano & Deodata Almeida; John Wilcox; Suzanne O'Callaghan; Jean Robinson; Ewa Podoska; Luis Botelho. Special Intentions.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Maclean, Barnard & Staynor families.

### From the Pastor's Desk

We hear in today's gospel about the man with an unclean spirit coming into the synagogue where Jesus is teaching to cause a disturbance. And as we observe, the man is *completely powerless* over this spirit – it has taken *control* of his life, and there is nothing he can do under his own power to unbind himself from the evil that has taken hold within him. When we do some self-reflection, if we're honest with ourselves, we come to see that the one thing that is most difficult to give up in our lives is *control*. We all want to have a firm grip on our lives, and never want to admit to ourselves let alone others that we sometimes face situations and struggles that we simply are not able to manage on our own. It takes humility, but the answer is to admit we need assistance, and to give control to Christ. He is the only one that can truly set us free.

### Quote of the Week

"Be joyful through hope and trust in God's promises." — *St. Paulinus of Nola*

### Sunday Smile

I got hit in the head with a can of soda. Luckily it was a soft drink.

### Open Church

Holy Cross Parish - Friday, Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ***Come when you want. Stay if you want.*** This is an adult formation event geared for parents, but open to all. 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. ***Join us as we hear from dynamic speakers*** from the Hamilton Diocese, ***gather and pray*** together, and ***experience God's presence*** in our midst. Light lunch and child care is available. ***To Register***, please visit Holy Cross Parish web site at [www.holycrossrc.com](http://www.holycrossrc.com) ***Please register by Wednesday, January 31.*** For ***late registrations***, or to ***register by phone***, please call Jennifer at 416-578-9806.

### Sat, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - Feast of St. Blaise Throat Blessings

Each year on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>) there is a tradition of blessing throats through his intercession as patron of throat ailments. **We will offer the St. Blaise throat blessing following the 9:00am Mass this Saturday morning** for anyone who wishes to receive it.

### **Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024**

Boxed sets of 2024 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. If you would like to sign up for *Pre-Authorized Giving* there are forms in the Narthex or contact the office.

### **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.

### **Coffee Sunday**

This Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **Psoriasis Awareness**

According to the Canadian Association of Psoriasis Patients, psoriasis is a persistent chronic inflammatory condition that affects approximately 1 million Canadians. Psoriasis severity ranges from a few dandruff-like scales to widespread patches covering large skin areas. Psoriasis may flare up and then go into remission. During flare-ups, psoriasis causes itchiness and pain in the inflamed skin. In psoriasis, overactive signals in the body's immune system trigger new skin cells to grow too quickly, and the cells pile up on the skin surface creating painful and itchy red lesions called plaques. Psoriasis is not contagious and cannot be spread from one person to another. Visit [www.canadianpsoriasis.ca](http://www.canadianpsoriasis.ca) for more information.

### **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.

### **Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner & Dance**

In support of the Townsend Smith Foundation, Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Granite Ridge Golf Club Milton. To serve the communities of Milton, Acton and Georgetown, the proposed hospice will be a 10-bed facility built on the site of Hillcrest United Church, which is located on the southwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Side Road and Trafalgar Road. The residence will provide 24-hour palliative care for those with a life-limited illness and support services for their loved ones. Tickets are \$100 per person which includes a fabulous four course dinner with wine, music by Black Creek Music, door prizes and silent auctions. For more information and to buy tickets, go to [www.holyrosaryknights.ca/valentines-gala](http://www.holyrosaryknights.ca/valentines-gala)

### **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.

### **Young Adults Night - Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Waterloo**

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20's and 30's) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

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