

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

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905-877-6928

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905-877-1779

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905-702-8001

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 29 <i>Ordinary 4</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 30		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 31	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	† Josephine Ennett	
WEDNESDAY, February 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Roche & Gardiner Families	
THURSDAY, February 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Lynas & Ennett Families	
FRIDAY, February 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Lenoree Huarte † Renny Whipp (I) Linda Rainville (I) In thanksgiving	
SATURDAY, February 4	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria Branco; Jean Robinson; Art Lanigan; Flor Maria Aguilar; Kevin Burke; Marina deLeon.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Steve Posavec & deceased family members.

From the Pastor's Desk

We hear about the Beatitudes in today's gospel, Jesus' great moral teaching that attaches promises to virtuous conduct. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." These 'Blessed' statements continue and help us to see that God doesn't forget our struggles and efforts to do his will. It's worth taking a bit of time to pray with each statement and see how God is present in your life. He calls us 'Blessed' in so many ways, how are we experiencing the connected promises?

Sunday Smile

"Mom, are bugs good to eat?" asked the little boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his mother replied. After dinner the mother inquired, "Now, baby, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

Quote of the Week

"The measure of love is to love without measure" – St. Francis de Sales

Ministry Fair Weekend

This weekend we have our ministry fair with tables in the narthex and in Cote Hall. As we continue to rebuild our ministries following a few years of pandemic restrictions, I hope you take some time to visit the booths, speak with the volunteers, and prayerfully consider helping out in some way. The more people we have willing to 'plug' themselves into the parish, the more we can do and the more vibrant the parish can become. Thank you for taking the time to discern how you might be able to offer your time and talents here at Holy Cross!

First Reconciliations

Our grade 2s are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the next few weeks! Keep them in prayer as they learn more about God's merciful love for them, and as they receive this beautiful sacrament of God's forgiveness for the very first time!

Youth Fundraising Events

Two youths from our parish have been invited to participate in a Pilgrimage to Rome with the Milton chapter of Conquest in August 2023. Another youth is heading to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in July 2023. Together, the youth will be fundraising through various activities and will periodically have a table set up in the narthex. Get your taste buds ready for Dominos Pizza cards which give the bearer two free large pizzas PLUS great deals on their favourite large pizza for six months. Information (and pre-orders) will

take place after masses on January 28 & 29. For dessert lovers, there will be a Valentine bake sale after all masses Feb 11 and 12 spoil your sweetheart. For information about the fundraising events or Conquest Youth Organization, see Gabe and Elias after 10:30 mass or email romeconquest2023@gmail.com

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.

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.

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.

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

Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner and Dance in Support of the Townsend Smith Foundation

Looking to enjoy a fabulous meal and an entertaining evening of music and dancing, door prizes, draws and silent auctions and at the same time support a much needed cause? The Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus in support of the Townsend Smith Foundation are having a Valentine Dinner Gala. The proposed hospice will provide a calm, peaceful, home-like environment where individuals with life-limiting illness, as well as their families and loved ones are supported through the resident's final stages of life.

The event happens on Saturday February 11th, at the Granite Ridge Golf Club, tickets cost \$100 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Daniel Varanelli at dvaranelli@bellnet.ca or phone 905 875-6699.

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