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*Established as a Parish in the
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

Catholic Women's League

Leslie Rutherford, President
905-877-1176
Michele Meitz, Co-President
416-505-4354

Prayer Network

Katie 416-433-4324

Saint Francis School

905-877-6928

Christ the King Secondary

905-702-8838

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905-877-1779

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Michael Simpson, Grand Knight
michael.simpson@cogeco.ca

Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 30 <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 31		No Mass	
TUESDAY, February 2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Gord Morton	
WEDNESDAY, February 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Luviminda Lomboy	
THURSDAY, February 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Genoveva Barsallo & Gilda Barsallo de Page	
FRIDAY, February 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Josephine McAllister † Deceased Members of the Beeney Family (I) the Bauldry Family (I) Cristo Vasilaros (I) Personal Intentions	
SATURDAY, February 6	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Jean Robinson; Steve & Damon Vasilaros; Deceased Members of the Doe Family; Tony Pacheco & Juventina Pacheco; Ewa Podoska.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Mora Family.

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday's 2nd reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is one of the most popular readings selected to be read at marriage celebrations: *"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude...It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."* It is a passage I tell newly wed couples to read often, because love isn't always easy. A mature love requires self-sacrifice - a constant giving of oneself to the other. It can be challenging, but that is not a bad thing. The more seriously we take our call to love one another, the more beautiful life becomes. We don't have to look any further than the cross to understand what an 'all-in', totally self-emptying, self-sacrificing love is all about.

Sunday Smile

The church was badly in need of a coat of paint. To save some money, the pastor decided he'd do the job himself. But all he had was one bucket of paint. So, he got a bunch of buckets and some water, and he thinned the paint enough to cover the entire church. Then he spent all day painting. That night it rained - very hard - and washed all

the paint off. The pastor was quite discouraged and asked God, 'Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?' To which God thundered his reply, 'Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!'

Candlemas and Blessing of Candles

On Wednesday, February 2nd we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is a tradition on this feast day to bless candles for you to take to your homes and light throughout the year, a symbol of the light of Christ in your lives. If you wish to bring candles to be blessed on this day, please do so - we will bless them at the beginning of the 9am Mass.

Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats

On Thursday, February 3rd we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Legend has it that while being escorted to prison for his Christian faith, a desperate woman brought her son to him as he was choking on a fish bone. St. Blaise blessed the boy, and the fish bone was dislodged. Because of this event, St. Blaise has become the Patron Saint of Diseases of the Throat, and on his feast day it is traditional to bless throats, seeking the saint's intercession. We will offer throat blessings for anyone who wishes to receive following the 9am Mass.

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

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 13th. 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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