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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

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

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Knights of Columbus

Francis St. Pierre, Grand Knight
905-873-6455

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 31 Ordinary 4	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, February 1	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Vincent Gaudon	
TUESDAY, February 2	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 † Barb Egan	
WEDNESDAY, February 3	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Lucienne Sluis	
THURSDAY, February 4	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass (I) Sick and dying	
FRIDAY, February 5	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Barbara & Marco Babic † Antonio De Frias † Henry the 8 th and his court (I) John & Maria Branco & Family	
SATURDAY, February 6	4-4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	5:00 p.m. (ON LINE at 6am <u>Sunday</u>)	Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Jean Robinson; George & Nina Busuttill; Jim Kavanagh; Ed Moore; Steve Bodnar.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the deOliveira family.

From the Pastor's Desk

It has now been a month since Boxing Day – the day that the provincial lockdown order was imposed. It has been a difficult time for all of us and the pandemic continues to be at the front of everyone's mind. I am aware that I am beginning to sound like a broken record, but I think we all need to remind ourselves again and again that God is in charge. What will things look like today, tomorrow, next month, next year? We really have no idea. But what we do have is hope in the Lord – he gives us hope, because he continually reminds us throughout scripture to 'not be afraid' – to place our lives in His hands, and he will take care of us. We end up questioning this from time to time but let us still offer our anxieties back to God, placing ourselves in his care, come what may. We will some day be able to look back and see clearly the trials of this life and then be able to rejoice even more when we finally see how and why God has led us through the storms of this life. Have a great week everyone! – Fr. Dave

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

We continue to plan for the upcoming One Heart, One Soul Campaign which will launch at the end of February! We have many needs as a parish and look forward to addressing some of our needs through the funds raised in this Campaign. On

February 21st, Fr. Dave will preach about the campaign, outlining our goals and how it will work, and inviting all of you to participate. Each household on our mailing list will receive a campaign package, and we will follow up to answer any questions you may have. We encourage you to pray for the success of this Campaign, and we look forward to any support that you are able to help with!

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 Soul Campaign – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are parishes in a position to take on needed projects?

This, of course, varies from parish to parish, but in general most parishes are not in a strong position to take on major projects (those of \$250,000 or more), and many projects have

been delayed because of a lack of funding. Initially, one of the main reasons for the diocesan capital campaign was to assist parishes big and small to gain more solid footing for the future – whether that’s by completing an overdue project, retiring debt, building a contingency fund or looking ahead with a new ministry or new staff. In the wake of COVID-19, parishes in the later waves of the campaign may need to use funds primarily to balance their operating budget.

2. What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?

Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2018 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese’s financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.

3. What kinds of things does the Diocese do for parishes and others already?

The good work of the Diocese of Hamilton is widespread. Here are a few examples of the ways diocesan offices enhance the life of our parishes and people:

- Advocating for the dignity of all life and supporting and promoting marriage and family life.
- Encouraging vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life.
- Programming and support for youth and young adult ministry.
- Adult faith formation, catechesis, religious education and sacramental preparation.
- Assistance in the relocation and resettlement of refugees.
- Advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized.
- Assistance for parishes in all aspects of sacred worship, including formation for liturgical ministers.
- Support for parishes in the areas of human resources, building maintenance, financial reporting, stewardship, charitable giving and parish development.

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.

Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

March 5 – 7, 2021 In these stressful times, give your marriage a *booster shot!* Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925 or visit www.wwme.org

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