

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

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 8 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</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 9		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 10	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Tony Smyth	
WEDNESDAY, January 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Gary Brown	
THURSDAY, January 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Lynas & Ennett Families	
FRIDAY, January 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Souls in Purgatory † Frank Monsberger † Maria Vieira (I) Personal Intentions	
SATURDAY, January 14	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Mary Stone; Doug Hartley; Bento Borges; Elvira Testa & Riccardo Angelozzi; John Walsh.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Paula & Wayne Cull.

### From the Pastor's Desk

Wow! Where has the Christmas season gone?! With the celebration of the Epiphany this Sunday and the Baptism of the Lord on Monday we say goodbye to Christmas and begin Ordinary Time on the Church calendar until we come to Lent in February. However, we should keep in mind that there is nothing 'ordinary' about Ordinary Time. Although we are not celebrating big feast days, we are nonetheless being fed and nourished by the Word of God, allowing us to go deeper in our understanding and love of Christ. As Herod tells the Wise Men in today's gospel to "Go search diligently for the child", so should we continue to 'search diligently' for Jesus – day in and day out – that we may continually grow in faith and love of Him who is our Lord and Saviour.

### Sunday Smile (Epiphany Edition!)

What did the Wise Men say after they presented their gifts of gold and frankincense? "Wait! There's myrrh!"

### Thank You for the Cards and Gifts!

I would like to thank everyone that left cards and gifts for me over Christmas – it was a gesture that was not necessary but very much appreciated! I unfortunately don't have time to write everyone a personal 'thank you' card, so please accept

this little bulletin message as my expression of gratitude to all! May God bless you abundantly in the new year!

### Thank You to Fr. Kevin!

A special thank you to Fr. Kevin Upendran who has been with us for the last couple of weeks. He has been a big help over the Christmas season, and we're especially grateful! His next assignment will be to fill-in for a priest in Labrador City, Newfoundland until mid-February so the pastor there can have some time of vacation. Keep Fr. Kevin in your prayers, and make sure to pray that the weather isn't too cold up there! When his flight landed this past Thursday, the forecast in Labrador City was a sunny but cold -22C!

### Our Seminary Adrian Dieleman

Mr. Adrian Dieleman is a seminarian from our parish currently studying to be a priest for the Diocese of Hamilton. You may have seen him helping out during his Christmas break as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Altar Server. As he goes back to seminary for the winter semester, keep him in your prayers!

### 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.

### **Ministry Fair/Volunteer Sign-Up - Jan 28/29**

Good tidings as we begin a new calendar year at Holy Cross Parish! It is time once again to come together to build our parish ministries and to respond to God's call to each one of us to be good stewards of all God's gifts. God is asking us to make a commitment to share our time, talent and treasure with others in our parish and beyond.

***Saturday, January 28 and Sunday January 29 after all Masses***, Ministry Fair tables will be on display in the Narthex and Cote Hall. There will be many opportunities for you to get involved. Take some time to reflect on how the Holy Spirit is calling you. Do you have the gift of Hospitality? Communication? Mercy? Leadership? Other gifts? How can you best share your gifts? Ministry leaders will be at the tables to answer any questions. Refreshments will be offered. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Youth Fundraising Event**

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 July 2023. Together, they will be raising funds through various activities and will periodically have a table set up in the narthex. The next event will be a COMMUNITY BOTTLE DRIVE. Empty liquor/beer bottles and cans will be collected in the church parking lot at all masses this weekend. For information about the fundraising events or Conquest Youth Organization, see Gabe and Elias after 10:30 mass or email [romeconquest2023@gmail.com](mailto:romeconquest2023@gmail.com) Later in January we will be selling Little Caesar's Pizza kits. You won't want to miss these yummy and easy dinner kits.

### **The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Struggling in their Relationship**

The primary goal is to provide help for couples who live with disappointment and pain in their marriage. The Retrouvaille weekend provides a safe setting where couples learn to communicate in a respectful manner. It helps couples rebuild their marriage and restore a loving relationship. You will find courage and strength in the realization that you are not alone in your struggle. You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain and rediscover each other in a new positive way. The next weekend program will be held in Mississauga on January 13-

15. Please go to [www.torontoretrouvaille.com](http://www.torontoretrouvaille.com) for more 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.

### **Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023**

Boxed sets of 2023 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. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2023 were mailed last week - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish please contact the office.

### **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](mailto:transportation@cancerassistance.org) or phone 905-702-8886.

### **Evenings with His Excellency**

Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

### **The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is Back!**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

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