



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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](http://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

### Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

### Knights of Columbus

Michael Simpson, Grand Knight  
[michael.simpson@cogeco.ca](mailto:michael.simpson@cogeco.ca)

### Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

### Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 9 <i>Baptism 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 10		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 11	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † William Sizer	
WEDNESDAY, January 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Albanese & Pannella Families	
THURSDAY, January 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jose de Torres	
FRIDAY, January 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Lynas & Ennet Families † Antonia Galea † Wendy & Richard Valere & deceased family members † Dario Medina (I) the Abbott Family	
SATURDAY, January 15	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Mary Stone; Luis Botelho; Bento Borges; Theresa Muscat; Fred Marks, Steve & Paula Bodnar & families. Intentions of the Ellis Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Mora Family.

### From the Pastor's Desk

We end the Christmas Season this week with the Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord, a great reminder of our own baptisms which truly make us sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. We can never forget the dignity that we all have as Children of God, and as such are called to love one another as God has loved us. As we enter back into the liturgical season of 'Ordinary Time', let's resolve this year to 'grow up' with Christ, following his ministry through the readings at Mass, and truly embracing our status as important parts of God's family.

### 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.

### Thank You!

I just wanted to send a sincere thank you to all who have given me cards, gifts and greetings over the Christmas

season. Your generosity toward me isn't necessary, but it is appreciated! Thank you again so much! – Fr. Dave

### Sunday Smile

Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is"

"This is the Canada Revenue Agency. Can you help us?"

"I can"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is"

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will".

### 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](mailto:dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **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.

### **Have You Moved Recently?**

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

### **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission**

Pope Francis has recently announced that the theme for the next Synod of Bishops in 2023 will be *'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission'*. In preparation for their discussion at this meeting of the world's bishops, the Holy Father has asked for all Catholics to offer their input. Pope Francis said 'Celebrating the Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. *Encounter, listen and discern.* I would like to reflect on these three verbs that characterize the Synod.' To offer your insights, please visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod>

### **'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.

### **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](http://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net)

### **Subscribe to our Parish Bulletin by Email**

Would you like to receive the parish bulletin each week by email? Send a message to [holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com) and we will add you to our mailing list.

### **Links2Care**

- 1.) Need help bathing? Links2care offers free PSW help for Halton Hills seniors and adults with disabilities. Contact 905-873-6502 or email [info@links2care.ca](mailto:info@links2care.ca)
- 2.) Lnk2Care have partnered with The Lunch Lady to offer *'Supper on Wheels'* for seniors and adults with disabilities in Halton Hills. Tuesdays - only \$9.60. Gift certificates available. Contact 905-873-6502 or email [info@links2care.ca](mailto:info@links2care.ca)

### **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!

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer**

Here is a traditional prayer to use to make an Act of Spiritual Communion in times when we are unable to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You are already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

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