



# 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**  
Monday 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - Saturday 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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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 10 Lent 4	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, March 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Joseph d'Souza	
TUESDAY, March 12	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † John Wilcox	
WEDNESDAY March 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Christa Williams	
THURSDAY, March 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † St. Joseph	
FRIDAY, March 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Giuseppe Montesano † William Pierson † Bob Lavoie † Michael Reis	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Bill McLean & Pat Melvin	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Armanda & Jose Tavares; Lauro & Lucena Bumanlag; Belle Ponte; Ivan Babic; Marie & Gerald Haire; Mary Tucker; Ron & Betty O'Hearn; Jorge Silva. Intentions of Bianca Jaremko	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Victor deGannes.

### From the Pastor's Desk

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life"* (Jn 3:16) This short verse in today's gospel is famous because it briefly summarizes the entire Gospel - it's about *love*, it's about *mercy*, and it's about belief in Christ as our Lord and Saviour who promises salvation through his sacrifice on the cross. If there was only one verse a Christian should memorize, this is the one. Perhaps make that a Lenten practise - to memorize that verse and repeat it often because it helps us to remember the purpose of Christ's sacrifice which we reflect on for the duration of Lent. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."*

### Quote of the Week

"Whenever you begin any good work, you should first of all make pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection." — *St. Benedict*

### Sunday Smile

I opened my Birthday card and loads of rice came out. I knew right away who sent it. It was Uncle Ben.

### KofC Family Curling

The Knights of Columbus Pieta Council of Holy Cross is proud to present our second annual Holy Cross Family Curling Day. Join us at the Acton Curling Club on Saturday, March 16, 2024. There are 3 time slots that you can sign up for:

DRAW 1: 10:30am – 1:30pm; DRAW 2: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

*Draw 1 & 2 - \$10 Per Person (12<) / \$5.00 per person (11>)*

DRAW 3: 6:30pm – 10:30pm - *\$20.00 per person (Includes Curling & Dinner)*

No experience is necessary as we will have instructors there to teach you the basics. All equipment will be provided. Children under 12 years of age must wear a helmet and everyone is encouraged to wear head protection. You must bring a separate clean pair of running shoes. For more information or to sign up, please contact Daniel Dragicevic at [dandragicevic17@gmail.com](mailto:dandragicevic17@gmail.com) or call 905-302-7336.

**Easter Basket Brigade - March 16th, 2023.**

*Note: this is the second Saturday of March Break.*

CUHH is working hard to provide Easter Baskets for those in need in our community. This is a particularly difficult year for many families and the need for our support is greater than in previous years. We need your help!

**1. Donations:** We are asking our Families in all of our congregations to share Easter with another family by providing funds to your Church Representative. Any amount of money is graciously accepted, to sponsor a whole family we ask for \$100 which will go toward purchasing **(2) \$50.00 Grocery Store Gift Store Cards (which CUHH will purchase on your behalf.)** To sponsor a needy family place cash (in an envelope marked EBB) or cheque (made out to Community Unity Halton Hills) in the offertory at Sunday Mass OR place envelopes through the Church mailbox located at the Parish office entrance. To get a tax receipt include your name and address with your donation.

**2. Volunteers to Assemble and Deliver (Drivers needed):** We will be gathering as a large group with other Churches to assemble and deliver the Easter Baskets at **9:30 am on March 16th.** More details to follow. To sign up to be part of this inspiring ecumenical experience please contact Celia Stokoe at [holycrosscuhh@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosscuhh@gmail.com)

**3. Easter Cards:** We would like to get children involved by making Easter drawings to include with the gift card. Last year those drawings were really effective in making Easter special for those we helped. Please drop drawings and homemade cards into the box marked Easter Drawings in the narthex of the Church. All cards need to be received by Sunday March 10th to be included in this year's campaign.

**40 Days for Life**

40 Days for Life is a focused 40 day world-wide campaign of prayer, fasting, and a peaceful vigil for the first 40 days of Lent, Feb 14 – March 24, 2024. Our area campaign is held near the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street in Oakville. Will you dedicate an hour to changing hearts and minds of all who see you? We keep vigil in a small group, while holding a sign offering help and hope to pregnant women and anyone needing Post Abortion Support. For more information see [www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville) or contact Stephen Germann, 905-333-6472.

**Lenten Day of Confessions - March 16th**

Our annual Lenten Day of Confessions will be this Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am - 4:30pm. We will have several priests available throughout the day to hear your confession. Stop by anytime during that window and experience God's mercy and forgiveness in the beautiful sacrament of Reconciliation!

**Summer Camps 2024 - Save the Dates!!**

**Sports & Virtue Day Camp** is back - for children entering Grades 4-7 this fall. The camp will run from **Mon. July 8 – Fri. July 12 from 9 am to 3 pm** at Christ the King High School.

**VBS – Vacation Bible School** - for children entering Kindergarten to Gr. 4 in the fall. Tentatively scheduled for **Mon. Aug. 19 – Fri. Aug. 23 from 9 am to 12 pm** at Holy Cross Parish.

*For registration information, watch the bulletin, parish web site and narthex in the coming weeks.*

**Prayer Shawl Meeting**

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

**Prayer Shawls**

There will be a display of Prayer Shawls in the Narthex after all Masses on March 16/17. Please stop by and pick up a shawl if you would like one.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

**Glaucoma Awareness**

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that damage the eye's optic nerve and can result in vision loss and even blindness. Half of people with glaucoma don't know they have it. Reduce the risk of vision loss by getting a comprehensive dilated eye exam by the age of 40. It can help catch glaucoma and other eye diseases early. Vision loss from glaucoma usually affects peripheral vision first. Later, it will affect central vision, which is needed for seeing objects clearly and for common daily tasks like reading and driving. Glaucoma is treated with eye drops, oral medicine, or surgery to reduce pressure in the eye and prevent permanent vision loss. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/visionhealth](http://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth)

**Learn About Michael House**

All are welcome to St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, Acton, for a talk and social with Erwin van Laar of Michael House. We'll meet at 7:30pm (after 7:00pm Mass, to which you are also welcome) on Tuesday, March 12 in the church hall. Learn about this wonderful place in Guelph that houses and helps women in need before and after the birth of their babies. Hosted by St. Joseph's CWL.

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

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