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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

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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

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905-877-1176
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416-505-4354

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905-702-8001

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 14 Lent 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.)	
MONDAY, March 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Pierina Albanese	
TUESDAY, March 16	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Theresa Scholz	
WEDNESDAY March 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Dec. Members of the Morrison Family	
THURSDAY, March 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jean Falzon	
FRIDAY, March 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Souls in Purgatory † Arthur & Onoria Carlesimo † Ada & Quirino Maurati (I) Mary Ellen Falls	
SATURDAY, March 20	10am - 4:30 pm	<i>Lenten Day of Penance</i> - Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Jerry Waskalik; Jim Kavanagh; Giuseppe Brancatella; Concetta Fernicola; Manuel & Angelina Medeiros; Albertina Branco; Jose Tavares, Joao Cabral & Francisco Cabral.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Mora Family.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we continue through Lent, we find Holy Week coming quickly! Like we did at Christmas, we will be requiring registration for all Masses and services during Holy Week in order to control our capacity limitations. You will find more information about this in today's bulletin. Also, we will be offering more times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation including a full Day of Penance on Saturday, May 20th from 10am-4:30pm. Stay tuned. Have a good week! – Fr. Dave

Holy Week and Easter Masses – REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED

Just as we did at Christmas, we will be asking you to register for the Masses that you wish to attend during Holy Week and Easter. We find ourselves having to do this in order to stay below our 30% capacity limit. The registration website will be available starting on **Friday, March 19th at 7:00pm** at: <https://holycrossrc.com/easter-2021>

The available service times will be:

- Palm Sunday** – Sat - 5:00pm; Sun 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm
- Holy Thursday** – 7:30pm
- Good Friday** – 11:00am; 1:00pm; 3:00pm; 5:00pm

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) – 8:00pm

Easter Sunday – 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm

For Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, please only register for one Mass time (don't book Saturday night and Sunday) so that we can make spots available for as many people as possible.

Sacrament of Reconciliation For Lent

Lent is always a traditional time of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to our regular times of Tuesday and Saturday evenings, we will also be offering the following extended times for Confessions:

Every Tuesday – 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Every Saturday – 4:00pm – 4:30pm

Sat, March 20 – 10:00am – 4:30pm – *Lenten Day of Penance*

Fri, March 26 – 8:00am – 9:00am

Sat, March 27 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tue, March 30 – 5:00pm – 6:45pm (last opportunity before Easter)

Please plan to come during one of these scheduled times as Fr. Dave and Fr. Hayden can't guarantee we'll have time during Holy Week for Confession Appointments.

Easter Duty' During the Pandemic Has Been Dispensed

Bishop Crosby wishes it to be made know that he has dispensed everyone in the Diocese of Hamilton from their 'Easter Duty' due to the pandemic. If you are uncomfortable in crowds, be at peace and continue to participate with us online at your homes – you are not required at this time to be present for Mass, or to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation unless you are conscious of grave sin. Let us continue to pray that this time of pandemic comes to an end soon, and that we can all celebrate together in-person again Easter of 2022!

Deacon Patrick Ohl Preaching Next Weekend

We welcome back Deacon Patrick Ohl this next weekend (March 20/21) who will be preaching all of our Sunday Masses. Deacon Patrick is currently completing his last year of studies at St. Peter's Seminary In London. Keep him in your prayers as he approached priestly ordination this May!

One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – We have Launched!

We have now officially launched our *One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign!* As of last week, we have already received \$83,000 in pledges! Thank you for your generosity. We look forward to moving forward with this campaign which will support the goals of our parish, and to also support shared ministries within the Diocese. The amount requested in the letter is a starting point for consideration but it is not meant to be an expectation. Rather, it is an invitation to prayerfully consider a pledge that makes sense for your family. You may receive a call from one of our Campaign Ambassadors over the next week or two to follow up and ask if you have any questions. The volunteers do not know what you have been asked to pledge, they are simply inviting you to participate, and to assist with clarifications about the Campaign. We ask you to welcome these calls from fellow parishioners, and have your questions ready!

www.oneheartonesoul.ca/holycrossgeorgetown

Tax Receipts for 2020

The charitable tax receipts from Holy Cross have been mailed to the address we have on file for you. If you haven't yet received your receipt, please contact the office. Also, please note that if you made a donation to the parish this year online through the 'Canada Helps' website, your receipt has been issued by them, and was emailed to you at the time of your donation. If you have lost a receipt issued by Canada Helps, you can go to their website at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/ReceiptDownload.aspx>, enter your email address, and they will send you a new copy. Thank you all for your generosity!

Stations of the Cross

To limit gatherings outside of Mass, unfortunately this year we will not be able to offer Stations of the Cross on Friday

evenings as is our tradition. We will offer this devotion online instead on our Facebook and Youtube channels. As well, there is a version of the Stations professionally filmed through the streets of Jerusalem that you may consider using this Lent. It is very well done, and you may find it at: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php>

Easter Basket Brigade - Community Unity

Partnering with other churches in town through the Community Unity initiative, we are asking for monetary donations to go toward buying gift cards for 175 families in need in our community this Easter. You are also welcome to write an Easter Card to a family and share God's love between us. Please mark an envelope 'Easter Basket' with your donation, and it will be used for this purpose. Community Unity will be distributing these Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed

Lunch Hour Supervisor needed for St. Catherine of Alexandria School. This is a one hour (12:05 - 1:05 p.m.) per day paid position with duties that include supervising students while they eat lunch in their classrooms, and during outdoor recess time. Interested applicants must have completed a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening that has been dated within the last 6 months. Contact Mr. Monaco (monacov@hcdsb.org) or Mr. Albani (albanit@hcdsb.org)

Halton Alive -Spring Flower Initiative

Volunteers needed to make and deliver 5500 homemade Spring flowers! Select your flower and make as many as you can! Includes discussion starters for parents, teachers and youth ministers. Volunteers will drop off bright, cheerful bouquets for an assigned facility (following all Covid-19 protocols). Sign up at www.haltonalive.ca/inspirehope or contact Tawnya Stanus 905-632-3232.

Mass of Chrism

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29th, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, **attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only**. Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God's holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God's holy people.

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