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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

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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

Catholic Women's League
Marleen Cushing, President
(647) 223-2461

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Katie 416-433-4324

Saint Francis School
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Christ the King Secondary
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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 17 Lent 5	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 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) the Morrison Family	
TUESDAY, March 19	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 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Rajan Victoria	
THURSDAY, March 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Wendy Lynas	
FRIDAY, March 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jean Falzon † Suzanne Raasch † Steve Posavec † Francesco Vallecoccia (I) Marcos da Costa	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † George Sebalj	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick Larade; Mary, Canad & Teresa Veneranda; Armando & Conceicao Raposo; Benoit Michaud; Ed Bunkiewicz; Joe Esteireiro; Joan & Ian McDonald.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Patrick Larade.

From the Pastor's Desk

The beginning of today's Gospel is a simple request to the apostle Phillip: *"Sir, we would like to see Jesus."* It's a simple request, but this reminds us of our deepest inner longings. Every time we come to Mass, read the scripture, spend time in prayer, whether we are conscious of it or not this is our request, *"I would like to see Jesus."* As we approach Holy Week, let's renew this prayer in our hearts, that our Lord show his face to us during our spiritual preparations, and most importantly, that he may show his face to us in and through our lives when we celebrate the Resurrection at Easter!

Quote of the Week

"A constant fidelity in small things is a great and heroic virtue." — *St. Bonaventure*

Sunday Smile

A man asked his new girlfriend to meet him at the gym, but she never showed up. I guess they're not going to work out.

Extended Lenten Confession Times

As we draw closer to Holy Week we have scheduled the following additional and extended times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Fri, March 22 - 8:00am - 8:45am & 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Sat, March 23 - 4:00pm - 4:45pm (both priests available)
Tue, March 26 - 5:00pm - 6:45pm

These will be the last scheduled times for Reconciliation before Easter. There will be no confessions on Holy Saturday at 4pm.

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 or contact Stephen Germann, 905-333-6472.

CWL News

The General Council Meeting will be held in Cote Hall on Tuesday, March 19th after the 7:00pm Mass. Some areas of discussion will include Lenten Practices, honouring Our Lady of Good Council on April 26, Service Chair, and Shifra House, plus plans for the next few meetings. We hope you will join us then.

Life Talks Pro Life Conference

Halton Alive is proud to present a full-day conference that addresses challenging pro-life topics. Join us as we address how we can respond to those in our community with compassion and grace. We hope you will join us for this transformational day! Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024 Time: Doors open @ 8:45am Conference beings @ 9:30am Tickets: \$40.00 (lunch is included!) Location: St. George's Church, 4691 Palladium Way, Burlington. RSVP: www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks 905-632-3232 or info@haltonalive.com

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 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

March 17-23 is Poison Prevention Week

Parachute (www.parachute.ca) is Canada's national charity dedicated to injury prevention including accidental poisonings. 4,000 Canadians lose their lives due to poisoning annually and unintentional poisoning deaths have surpassed transport-related deaths. More than 90% of poisonings happen in the home. Keep medicines and household products in their original containers and out of reach of children. Never mix household or chemical products as this can create a dangerous gas. Have carbon monoxide detectors near bedrooms and furnaces. Wash fruits and vegetables with running water. Wash hands and clean work surfaces before, during, and after preparing food. Learn about poisonous plants in your area.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic after all Sunday Masses on March 17. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help with any of our Blood Pressure Clinics, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

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

Step/Blended Family: Smart Steps for Building Family

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, April 20, 2024. Register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Health and Wellness Committee Invitation

The Health and Wellness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am at Holy Cross Parish. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Linda Motz at linda.m.motz@gmail.com

Help with Access to Health Services Through 1 Phone Number

The Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team wants you to know they have a Health Navigation line that provides:

- **Easy Access to Health and Social Services:** Community members can now call this single number to get information and assistance in navigating the diverse health and social services within Halton.
- **Streamlined Care Coordination:** The navigation line serves as a central point for coordinating care, making it simpler for patients to get the support they need.
- **Availability:** The line is operational, ensuring that assistance is always just a phone call away.
- **Collaborative Effort:** This initiative is a testament to their collaborative spirit, bringing together various resources and expertise within our community.

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