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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

Catholic Women's League

Leslie Rutherford, President
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905-877-1779

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905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 20 <i>Lent 3</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, March 21		No Mass	
TUESDAY, March 22	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Liam Smith	
WEDNESDAY, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jean Falzon	
THURSDAY, March 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Miguel Vieira	
FRIDAY, March 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † George Sebalj † Manuel & Angelina Medeiros † Our Lady of Family & St. Joseph (I) Georgette Milliere	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross - church	
SATURDAY, March 26	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Victor deGannes; Giuseppe Brancatella; Sante Family Testa; Holy Souls; Mary McLean; Ivan Babic; Julian Bocarro; Jerry Waskalik.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Thomas McElroy.

From the Pastor's Desk

This Third Sunday of Lent our gospel has us thinking about 'second chances'. Jesus speaks about repentance and offers a parable of a fig tree that isn't producing fruit. When instructed to cut it down, the gardener says 'give me one more year'. Our Lord is always giving us another chance, and always welcoming us back. He is not infinitely patient – there will be a day of judgment for all of us – but he always errors on the side of mercy, always calling us back to him. Lent can be seen each year as 'another chance' for us to repent, and to be reconciled to the Father. The Lord never tires of showing mercy, let's never tire of seeking it...

Sunday Smile

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

Ukraine Humanitarian Donations

On behalf of Mr. Francis Doyle, Vice-Chancellor (Temporal

Affairs), please be advised that Parishioners wishing to make a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so online through Development & Peace at https://www.devp.org/en/wp_press_release/solidarity-prayer-s-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/ or by calling 1-888-664-3387. A reminder to please be careful of texts or e-mails seeking donations to support Ukraine. If anyone wishes to make a donation it is better to do so through a reputable agency. Do not click on any links from unsolicited emails or texts. Make sure you are on the organization's secure website before sharing your financial information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

During the penitential Season of Lent, I encourage you to make your peace with God in this graced encounter with the Father of all mercies. Pope Francis so beautifully reminds us: "Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms...How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost! Let me say once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy." There are opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. In addition, a **Parish Day of Penance:**

Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.

Stations of the Cross - Friday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The Stations of the Cross will be offered on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. The Stations of the Cross provide an opportunity to reflect on the depth of God's self-sacrificing love, to join our sufferings to those of Jesus and to become more sensitive to the needs of those around us. This is a wonderful Lenten devotion for individuals and families.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays in Lent

This Lent, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon. It's a great opportunity to drop by to spend some quiet time with Our Lord. Sign-up sheets will be posted asking you to commit an hour of your time during the day to assure someone is always present during this time of Exposition.

2018-2019 Mass Intentions

The number of Masses requested in this parish is much greater than the number of Masses celebrated here. Fortunately for us there are many other parishes where this is not the case. For this reason we are now sending to our diocesan Chancery Office all those Mass intentions requested in 2018 and 2019 which we have not yet been able to schedule for celebration here. These Mass intentions will be sent on to parishes and missions where they can be celebrated in the near future.

Easter Basket Brigade 2022

CUHH is working hard to provide Easter Baskets for those in need in our community. 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 who will purchase **(2) \$50.00 Gift Store Cards on your behalf.** Please place cash (in an envelope marked EBB) or cheque (made out to Community Unity Halton Hills) in the offertory box in the narthex after mass OR place envelopes through the Church mailbox located at the Parish office entrance.

2. Volunteer to Deliver: We are in need of people who are willing to deliver the Easter cards/drawings and grocery store gift cards to families by Holy Thursday. If you are interested please contact Celia Stokoe at cuhhaltonhills@gamil.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.

HCDSB Budget Survey

The Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) is currently in the process of reviewing their budget for the 2022-2023 school year, and we are looking for assistance from the community! Please take a few minutes to complete the 2022-2023 HCDSB Budget Consultation Survey: www.hcdsb.info/HCDSBBudgetSurvey The survey will remain open until **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**. For more information, please visit the HCDSB website at: www.hcdsb.org

School Registration

Register your child for Kindergarten at HCDSB! Kindergarten registration at the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) for the 2022-2023 school year is now open! Parents and guardians who are interested in registering their child for Kindergarten are invited to visit the HCDSB website for more information <https://hcdsb.info/Kindergarten>

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!

Halton Alive

Spring Flower Initiative: Join Halton Alive in touching the hearts of 6,200 residents of long term care and retirement homes through our 2022 Inspire Hope Campaign! Volunteers needed to make and deliver 6,200 homemade Spring flowers! Includes discussion starters for parents, teachers and youth ministers to spark conversation about the value of the vulnerable in our society. Contact Tawnya Stanus at 905-632-3232 or sign up at www.haltonalive.ca/inspirehopeflowers

Online Spring Auction: Support life-affirming education! Participate in or donate to Halton Alive's online Spring Auction. Ideal for finding Easter or Spring decor or that special something for Mothers' and Fathers' Day! Dates: March 21-24. Details: www.haltonalive.ca/springauction or call Tawnya at 905-632-3232.

Life Talks Conference: Halton Alive presents to you an in-person, open air event packed with learning, development, fellowship, and forward thinking. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss! The conference will feature Canadian speakers who are leaders, experts, and advocates in the pro-life movement. Become a more effective ambassador for life this year by attending Life Talks and/or sponsoring a young person! **Date:** April 30, 2022 **Location:** 2054 Mountainside Dr, Burlington **Details and registration:** www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks or call/text Elea 365-366-3232.

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