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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

Father David Walter, Pastor
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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

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
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

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416-505-4354

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905-702-8001

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

| Date | Time | Mass | Parish Meetings |
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| SUNDAY, March 22 Lent 4 | 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon | LIVE STREAM - Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (1 Samuel 16.1b2 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5.814; John 9.1-41) | |
| MONDAY, March 23 | | No Mass | |
| TUESDAY, March 24 | 7:00 p.m. | <i>Private</i> Daily Mass (Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12; John 5.1-16) (I) Catholic Education | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | <i>9am Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled</i> |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | <i>KofC Executive Mtg. - Cancelled</i> |
| WEDNESDAY, March 25 <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i> | 9:00 a.m. | <i>Private</i> Daily Mass (Isaiah 7.10-14, 8.10d; Hebrews 10.410; Lk. 1.26-38) † Frank Kolodziej | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | <i>5pm Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled</i> |
| THURSDAY, March 26 | 9:00 a.m. | <i>Private</i> Daily Mass (Exodus 32.7-14; John 5.18, 31-47) † Jean Falzon | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | <i>10:30am Choir Rhrsal - Cancelled</i> |
| FRIDAY, March 27 | 9:00 a.m. | <i>Private</i> Mass (Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22; John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30) † George Sebalj † Anthony Desbottes † Celestine & Gratian Vaz (I) Kathy Moulton | |
| SATURDAY, March 28 | 5:00 p.m. | <i>Private</i> Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday of Lent Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Mary, Canad & Teresa Veneranda; Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar; Clarence & Verna Beaton; deceased members of Kirchmayr & Hausegger families; deceased members of Busija & Banda families; Francesco Vallecoccia; Rick Bowskill. | This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Maggie and family. |

COLLECTION REPORT

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| Regular Collection • March 8 | \$ 6,375.00 |
| Total number of regular envelopes – 350 | |
| Average envelope donation – \$16.39 | |
| Building Fund | \$ 3,353.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTIONS | \$ 9,728.00 |

The Parish Response to the COVID-19 Situation

Out of an abundance of caution, the parish has effectively been shut down until further notice as we cooperate in efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes all Masses, meetings and devotions such as Adoration and Stations of the Cross. Bishop Crosby has publicly given a dispensation to all of the faithful from your Sunday obligation to attend Mass, so be at peace knowing that it is not sinful to stay home during these uncertain times. Check our website, Twitter or Facebook feeds to stay up-to-date on parish happenings as news continues to unfold more quickly than we can update this bulletin.

Stay Connected with Holy Cross Online

During this time of church closure, stay tuned to one or all of our various online channels of communication. Our website, as well as addresses for our Twitter and Facebook feed are listed on the front page of this bulletin. We will update these channels frequently during this time.

Livestream of the Mass from Holy Cross

Fr. Dave will be livestreaming the Sunday Mass (and possibly the daily Mass as well). Check our online channels for further information on how to access this online video source.

Private Prayer in the Church

Unless we are directed otherwise by Public Health, we will be keeping the main **church doors OPEN from 9am – 12pm each day, Monday – Saturday for private prayer**. Unfortunately, we can't open the doors on Sunday, as we would risk attracting a gathering of 50 people or more given this is a usual day of worship. This would contravene the Government of Ontario's imposed prohibition of gatherings greater than 50. Monitor our online channels for the most up-to-date scheduling information.

Mass Intentions

Fr. Dave will be celebrating a private Mass each day, and will be offering the scheduled intentions as listed in the bulletin. Unfortunately, at this time we cannot have public participation in these Masses. If you wish to reschedule your already scheduled intention, please contact the office.

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 were already there and unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.**

Amen.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick will still be offered for those in danger of death. This of course will be subject to the rules that the hospital and long-term care homes may put in place which could restrict Father's ability to visit. If you find yourself in a situation where a loved one is in danger of death, you can access our emergency line through the parish phone number to contact Fr. Dave, as usual.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Further thought needs to be given on how to safely offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation without putting anyone at risk. Stay tuned for updates on this sacrament. Of course, should someone find themselves in danger of death, please do not hesitate to call Fr. Dave on the emergency line which you can access through the parish phone number.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

The clock is ticking . . . time is running out! Get your application ready now to apply for the Catholic Women's League/Knights of Columbus high school bursary for \$1000! Download the application information from Holy Cross Church website, or pick up a hard copy from the Church office. The deadline for applications is March 31st.

CEMETERY WINTER WREATH REMOVAL

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton reminds all families that winter decoration including wreaths on stands must be removed by April 1st to facilitate the Spring cleanup. Wreaths remaining after April 1st will be removed and discarded by cemetery staff. For further information, please contact your local cemetery office.

THE 10:30 a.m. CHOIR IS SEEKING A PIANIST

After many dedicated years of leading the 10:30 a.m. Choir, Susan Baus will be stepping down from that role following Easter. We thank Susan for her years of service! At the same time, we are looking for someone to step-up to fill the void. If you play the piano (organ, or any instrument for that matter) we need your help! Please talk to Father by calling the office, or sending him an email at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020 - Save the Dates!

Once again, Vacation Bible School will be happening here at Holy Cross for one week of mornings in August: Monday, August 10th to Friday, August 14th. All events are held at the church. This year's theme is **Rocky Railroad: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!** Registrations for campers heading into SK through Grade 4 will open shortly. The cost is \$50 for the first camper in a family and includes the music CD. The additional campers in a family are \$40. We welcome energetic volunteers! Please contact Patti at birk@cogeco.ca

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

Please note I am working on the New Schedule running from April 18/19 to June 27/28. If you know of any weekend you are not available to serve, please email me at mariebridgetsimpson@gmail.com or call 905-873-9480. To sign up for Holy Week please contact me at the above email or phone number. Holy Week: Palm Sunday, April 4/5; Holy Thursday, April 9; Good Friday, April 10; Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11; and Easter Sunday, April 12. Thank you for your consideration to the above requests. Please take time to read your email on a regular basis as I do try to keep you informed. *Marie Simpson, Ministries Coordinator.*

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2020 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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