



# 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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905-702-8001

## PALM SUNDAY

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, March 24	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 OF HOLY WEEK, March 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Mary Tucker	
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 26	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	5:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>Last opportunity before Easter</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Founders Day Mass (I) Knights of Columbus	
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Giuseppe Brancatella	
HOLY THURSDAY, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
GOOD FRIDAY, March 29	11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
HOLY SATURDAY, March 30	12:00 noon	Blessing of Easter Food	
	8:00 p.m.	Solemn Easter Vigil	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Jerry Waskalik.

### From the Pastor's Desk

We commemorate Palm Sunday this weekend as we journey the road of Holy Week. Our faith culminates with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, but there would be no resurrection without the cross. This is the most important week of the year for Christians. We reflect and contemplate the passion and death of our Saviour to fully understand the depths of his love for us. He went to the cross for you. He went to the cross for me. Even if you or I were the only one that needed to be saved from our sins, he would still offer himself in sacrifice for just one person. That is the Divine love. Let us not let this week pass by like any other week. Let's enter into the mysteries of our faith, fully contemplating the price of our salvation – fully contemplating the depth of Christ's love for us. The glory of the Resurrection is our hope – our Lord's Passion is the price of our redemption. It is the concrete act of His love for us.

### Quote of the Week

"It is love alone that gives worth to all things." — *St. Teresa of Avila*

### Sunday Smile

I've decided I want a pet termite. I'm going to call him Clint. Clint Eatswood.

### Final Lenten Confession Time in Holy Week

There will be one remaining scheduled time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Triduum. **Tuesday,**

**March 26 - 5:00pm - 6:45pm.** There will be no confessions on Holy Saturday at 4pm.

### Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) – 7:00pm  
 Good Friday (The Passion of Our Lord) – 11:00am & 3:00pm  
 Good Friday (Stations of the Cross) – 7:00pm  
 Holy Saturday (Blessing of Easter Food) – 12:00pm  
 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) – 8:00pm  
 Easter Sunday – 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm *(Note the addition of a 7:30am Easter Sunday Mass for you early birds!)*

### No Mass Easter Monday

So that Fr. Carlos and Fr. Dave can be away to celebrate Easter with their families, please note that there will be no Mass on Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Chrism Mass – Mon, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton will be celebrated on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. The Chrism Mass is the special Liturgy where the bishop of a diocese will bless the Oils (Oil of the Sick; Oil of Catechumens; Oil of Chrism) that will be used in the various Sacraments throughout the year, surrounded by all of his priests. All are welcome!

### Have You Moved Recently?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

**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. **Mon. Aug. 19 – Fri. Aug. 23 from 9 am to 12 pm** at Holy Cross Parish. Registration begins after Easter.

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

**Seniors Spring Social**

The Health and Wellness Committee warmly invites all Seniors in our Parish to attend a 'Spring Social' on **Friday, April 12th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in Cote Hall for an afternoon of relaxation and fellowship. Enjoy entertainment provided by the Children's Choir conducted by Lily Muir and a 'sing-along' led by Malcolm MacDonald and Pierre Arsenault. Light refreshments will be served. We are looking forward to seeing you and any family members who would bring you to and from this special get-together!

**HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

**March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day**

The 21st day of March was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always existed and is universal across racial, gender, and socio-economic lines. One in every 781 babies born in Canada has Down syndrome. The chance of having a baby with Down syndrome increases with the mother's age; however, about half of babies born with Down syndrome are born to mothers under 35 years old simply because more young women are having babies. People with Down syndrome might look similar and share some common physical features, but most of all, they will look like their family members and will have their unique personalities and talents. For more information, visit [www.cdss.ca](http://www.cdss.ca).

**Thank you from Community Unity - EBB 2024**

Thank you, Holy Cross, for a tremendous response with Easter Basket Brigade this year. Together, with the other churches in Georgetown, we were able to raise \$33,000 to purchase grocery store gift cards for those in need. We helped 200 families for a total of 425 people with this Easter Basket campaign. Thank you to those who donated funds, helped out at Masses, delivered baskets and to the children whose artwork gave a personal touch to the basket delivery. We are truly blessed. May God continue to bless you and your families in this Easter season.

**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)

**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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**The Fine Art of Being Happily Married**

In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in a relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am - 3:00pm at the Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext.2249.

**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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