



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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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 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
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 - Contact Father Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League

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PALM SUNDAY

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, March 25	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Mark 11:1-11; Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Mark 14.1 - 15.47)	
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 26		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 27	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 49.1-6; John 13.21-33, 36-38) † Isilda Goncalves	
	7:30-8:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 50.4-9a; Matthew 26.14-26) † Josip Spudic; (I) Special Intentions	
	9:30-10:30 am & 6:30-7:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.		5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm.
HOLY THURSDAY, March 29	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
		Adoration until 10:00 p.m.	
GOOD FRIDAY, March 30	11:00 a.m.	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
	3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
HOLY SATURDAY, March 31	12 Noon		Blessing of Easter Food - Church
	8:00 p.m.	Solemn Easter Vigil	

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES

During the Easter Season, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes express our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life and help to beautify the church. Forms are available in the narthex for all who wish to make a donation. Envelope users may simply use the special envelope provided in their box. The names of all the deceased will be placed near the altar and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Octave of Easter.

CHURCH BUILDING SECURITY UPGRADES

The new security system of key entry and securing the church has now taken effect outside the normal office hours. All parish ministry leaders who attended a training workshop will be using the new church protocols. For parish ministry leaders who were unable to attend a training workshop, another workshop will be offered in the future. All ministry leaders who will be issued the new key FOB **MUST** attend a training workshop. If you currently have a key to the church, please return the key to the parish office. Using an

"old" key with the new security system, after March 4th, could activate a security alarm. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

WEST SIDE STORY

The parish Social Committee is planning a trip to St. Jacob's Theatre on Thursday, May 10th to see *West Side Story* at 7:30 p.m. We will travel by coach bus, leaving the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and returning at approximately 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$70 and are available from the parish office. Tickets must be purchased by April 8th.

CYBERBULLYING

Does Cyberbullying concern or worry you? Please plan to attend a presentation, hosted by our Health and Wellness Committee, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11th for all interested parents and students from Grades 7 - 12 in Cote Hall. Representatives from the Halton Regional Police and the Halton Catholic District School Board will provide information and strategies to help you deal with this troublesome issue.

THE SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, we enter into the three holiest days of the Church year with the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**. In his Gospel, John does not mention the institution of the Eucharist. Instead he, and he alone, tells how Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and said "I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done to you." The ceremony of the washing of the feet, following the Gospel, teaches us that the Eucharist must mean giving up our lives "in memory of Him."

The Holy Oils, blessed by Bishop Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica earlier in the week, are given a special place in the Holy Thursday Mass. The Oils of Catechumens, Chrism and the Sick are used during the celebration of the sacraments, in which Christ continues to pour out His love in the new and everlasting covenant that He established with us on the eve of His death.

Following Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession throughout the church and will repose in the Sacred Heart room. You are invited to remain for Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus said "This is My body which will be given up for you." On Good Friday, He DID it. The simple, austere **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** calls us to watch and pray in hope of the resurrection.

The Proclamation of the Passion is always from John who portrays Christ as the conqueror of sin and death. The General Intercessions, especially solemn today, are for the world which Jesus redeemed. The Cross is carried in solemn procession and we adore it as the symbol of Christ's victory.

Although Holy Mass is not celebrated, we do receive Holy Communion (from the hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday). Holy Communion is the pledge of our union with Christ as we daily die to sin and rise to new life. Sacraments are not celebrated (except in danger of death) until the Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection. The holy water and votive candle are removed from the church.

HOLY SATURDAY

It is the tradition of many cultures to ask for God's blessing on the festive foods to be used at Easter. The **Blessing of Easter Food** will take place on Holy Saturday at 12:00 noon in the Church. There will be blessings of meat, bread, dairy food, eggs, cakes and pastries, other foods and wine. Please gather to pray for God's blessing upon these foods and upon us.

On Holy Saturday evening, we arrive to take up our vigil at the tomb. The sun is nearly setting as we assemble for the **Easter Vigil** on this holiest of nights. In gathering, we recall that before Christ's death and resurrection the world was in darkness: "From the sixth hour, darkness covered the whole earth."

The Easter Fire is lit. The procession with the Easter Candle into the darkened church and the singing of the Exultet, are not only the entrance into our Mass but a vivid reminder that the light of Christ has come into the world. All we say, do and sing repeats the theme: "Christ is risen!" We celebrate our Passover with Christ: from darkness to light, from death to new life! By the baptismal symbols of light and water and by the Eucharistic sacrifice we celebrate, we proclaim the Mystery of our Faith.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Additional Reconciliation Times

Tuesday, April 11th - 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. & 7:00-to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12th - 9:30-10:30 a.m. & 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th

7:00 p.m. *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th

11:00 a.m. *Solemn Celebration of the Passion*

3:00 p.m. *Solemn Celebration of the Passion*

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th

12:00 Noon *Blessing of Easter Foods (Church)*

8:00 p.m. *Solemn Easter Vigil*

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1st

7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Note additional Mass for Easter morning.

DIVINE MERCY

All are welcome to join a Holy Hour in honour of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 8th starting at 2:15 p.m. Gathering songs and the Holy Hour starting at 2:30 p.m. Sacre Coeur Church, 39 Guelph St., Georgetown. The Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday and can be accessed at EWTN.com The Divine Mercy Novena.

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