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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

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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 - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League
Marleen Cushing, President
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Katie 416-433-4324

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905-877-1779

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905-877-4451

Saint Catherine School
905-702-8001

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 26 <i>Lent 5</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 27		No Mass	
TUESDAY, March 28	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Gosia Pok	
WEDNESDAY March 29	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Boris Massis	
THURSDAY, March 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Reynaldo Bumanlag	
FRIDAY, March 31	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Andria Freeman (I) Lily Muir (I) Gilda Brown (I) In thanksgiving	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (followed by the John B. Miller & Friends)	
SATURDAY, April 1	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Lenten Day 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> Jose & Ilda De Melo; Krystal Rogelj; Manuel & Angelina Medeiros; Julian Andre Winter; Lt. Tom Tamayo; Tom Funtanilla & Edgardo Lim.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the dec. mem. of deOliveira, Pavao, Soares, & Silva families.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's gospel we hear the shortest verse in all of scripture: "*Jesus began to weep.*" But as short as that line is, it speaks volumes. It speaks volumes because it shows us that we have a God who cares – a God who shows love for all of us, his beloved children. It can be tempting to believe in a God that is just a higher power who has simply put things in motion, and then sits back to let things unfold as he leaves us to fend for ourselves – a distant God who is indifferent to human suffering. But rather we have a God who wants us to call him 'Father'. His love for us is personal, and he proves his love for us by sending his Son who will give us life for the salvation of the world. As we approach Holy Week, let's renew our Lenten efforts in growing in our relationship with the Lord so that we can fully comprehend his infinite love for us.

Sunday Smile

The guy at the sporting supply store showed me two different paddles which I needed for my new canoe. He asked, "Which one do you want?" I said, "I'd take either/oar."

Quote of the Week

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven." *St. Rose of Lima*

Knights of Columbus Founder's Day Mass – Tue, March 28th

The annual Knights of Columbus Founder's Mass (Mass for our deceased members) will be the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesday March 28, 2023. All family and friends of our deceased brother Knights are invited to join us in prayer this evening.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgy Times

Looking ahead to Holy Week, here is this year's schedule:

Holy Thursday (Apr 6): 7:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (Apr 7): 11am & 3:00pm – The Passion of our Lord

Holy Saturday: (Apr 8): 8:00pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: (Apr 9): 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm

Other Holy Week Times:

Confessions (last chance!): Tue, Apr. 4: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Stations of the Cross: Good Friday: 7:00pm

Blessing of Easter Foods: Holy Saturday: 12:00pm

'Last Chance' Confession Times Before Holy Week

We will have extended Confession times leading up to Holy Week, with the last opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation being Tues, April 4th beginning at 5:00pm. Here are the other added times:

Fri, March 31st – 8:00am – 8:45am

Sat, April 1st – 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Tue, April 4th – 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Lenten Concert with John B. Miller and Friends – Friday, March 31st

Following Stations of the Cross this Friday at 7:00pm, we welcome John B. Miller and Friends for an evening of Lenten hymns and songs. Everyone is welcome for what is sure to be a moving evening of music. Goodwill offerings will be accepted to help offset the costs of the musicians.

Chrism Mass – Mon, April 3rd at 2:00pm

The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton will be celebrated on Monday, April 3rd 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!

Seniors Spring Social

All Seniors in our Parish are warmly invited to attend a 'Spring Social' on Wednesday, April 19th 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 other talented parishioners! Light refreshments will be served. As the Committee would love to know that you are planning to attend, please r.s.v.p. by April 4th to Rita Foxe at 647-518-9401 or email her at foxe-rita@yahoo.com. Please leave your telephone number, number attending from your family (including yourself) and if you need help with transportation.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Due to COVID 19 our meetings ceased but we are now starting up again. Our first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 11th** from 2:00 -3:30pm in the Sacred Heart Room. Bring your knitting needles/crochet hooks. Come and join this wonderful Ministry.

Attention All High School Graduates

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus are each sponsoring one bursary of \$1000 for Holy Cross parishioners who are graduating from high school this year and will be attending a post-secondary school in the Fall. All of the details and the application form are on the Holy

Cross Parish website. The deadline for application is May 15, 2023.

GFORCe3 Families will be Arriving this Year

GFORCe3 is pleased to announce that both Afghan families that they are sponsoring have been accepted to come to Canada this year; one through the United Church of Canada and the other through the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Thank you to all who have supported us and will continue to do so. Thank you for your prayers and blessings.

Online Grief Relief

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. from April 13th - May 18th, 2023 to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look for April 13th under Upcoming Events. To find out more, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

The 2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary

Time is running out! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 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 1 guest if you require assistance). Register now at www.hamiltondiocese.com, or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Young Adults Night

April 1st in Guelph - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, April 1st at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Rosary Repairs

Do you have a broken rosary lying around that you're not sure what to do with? Well, there's good news! We have a parishioner that has the skills and tools to repair rosaries, and is more than happy to do so for you! There is a box in the narthex titled 'Rosary Repairs' – simply take an envelope from the box to insert the broken rosary, write your name and contact information on it and we will let you know when it's fixed and ready to pick up.

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