



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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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
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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

Leslie Rutherford, President
905-877-1176
Michele Meitz, Co-President
416-505-4354

Prayer Network

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905-877-6928

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905-873-6455

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905-702-8838

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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 3 Ordinary 8	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Sirach 27.4-7; 1 Corinthians 15.54-58; Luke 6.39-45)	
MONDAY, March 4		No Mass	
TUESDAY, March 5	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Sirach 35.1-12; Mark 10.28-31) † Gene Adam	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:30 p.m.		4 th Degree Meeting - Cote Hall
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive - Sacred Heart Rm
ASH WEDNESDAY March 6	9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Mass with Distribution of Ashes (Joel 2.12-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20 - 6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18) (I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, March 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25) † Jocelyn McArthur	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, March 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15) † Margaret Siekierko † Marica Bukovcan † Michele Granziani (I) The Bowskill Family	
SATURDAY, March 9	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - First Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Bridget Syme; Victoria & Guilherme Alves & Sons; Manuel & Joao Araujo & Family; Melanie & Suzanne Luciani & Antonine Landry; Christine Wilcox; Hope Praught; Fred Marks.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttil.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • Feb. 17 & Pre Auth.	\$ 14,276.25
Total number of regular envelopes – 467	
Average envelope donation – \$17.37	
Building Fund	\$ 2,574.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 16,850.25

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *universal fasting and abstinence from meat* for Catholics. The rules for abstaining from meat are simple. All Catholics, 14 years of age and older, may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday as a sign of penance. One may choose to

abstain from meat on Fridays throughout the year or perform some act of charity in place of abstinence.

Fasting from food applies to Catholics, in good health, who are between the ages of 18 and 59 years of age. A fast may simply mean eating less food at the times of day we normally eat.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday Evenings

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays. 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.

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 Penance Celebration will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

LOOKING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Are you in Grade 4 or older? Would you like to get a front row seat at Mass? Become an Altar Server! Training for new servers will be scheduled soon - if you are interested, email the office with your contact information and the Mass that you most frequently attend, or speak with Fr. Dave after Mass. We would love to have you on our team!

FUNERAL SERVERS

We would like to invite any retired men to assist with being a server at funeral Masses. Please contact Knight Joe Mlodozenec at 905-873-7772 if you would like to assist.

UPCOMING LENTEN RETREATS

- St. Joseph, Patron of Canada Parish in Acton is holding a Lenten Retreat with Father Ian Duffy as the guest preacher. Monday, March 11 and Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Confession on Monday and Mass on Tuesday. Contact St. Joseph Parish for further information at 519-853-0784.
- St. Michael's Parish, 181 Sewell Road, Oakville is holding a Lenten Retreat with Archbishop Peter Hundt from Sunday, March 17 to Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. See the poster in the Narthex for further details or contact St. Michael's Parish at 905-844-7971.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

June 9, 2019 - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If

you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King 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). Please contact the parish office for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 6 - April 14 (8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.) Save Lives! Join the peaceful, prayer vigil. Choose an hour and pray as a family this Lent! Near the Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital. Vigil site: Proudfoot Trail & Dundas Street, Oakville. Register at: www.40daysforlife.com/oakville or email: 40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND

On the weekend of March 22-24, the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga will preach a Lenten retreat on the theme: *Every gift reveals God's love: but no gift reveals God's love more than the gift of the Cross.* For further information or to register please call 905-278-5229.

C.Y.O. CAMP BREBEUF

Online registration is currently open for day camp and overnight camp. For program details and dates please visit the website: www.campbrebeuf.ca or call the office at 519-856-4671.

RETRouvaille

A Lifeline for Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 15, 2019**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

GEORGETOWN BACH CHORALE

Georgetown Bach Chorale is pleased to present Handel's most challenging work, Dixit Dominus and JS Bach's motet, Jesu, Meine Freud. These will be presented at the Helson Gallery at 9 Church Street in Georgetown on Sunday, March 10th at 2:30 p.m. Please join us for these powerful and challenging works, as well the Harpsichord Concerto No 5 in F Minor, performed by Ronald Greidanus. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students, and will be available at the door, at our website www.georgetownbachchoral.com or call 905-873-9909.

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