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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
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

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905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 3 Lent 3	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, March 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Special Intentions	
TUESDAY, March 5	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Leslie Rutherford	
WEDNESDAY March 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Branco	
THURSDAY, March 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Bill McLean	
FRIDAY, March 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased of the Van Ravens Family † Luis Botelho † Maria Bukovcan † Lucia Lapierre & Jacinto Gomes	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Victoria & Guilherme Alves & Sons	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria & Frank Vieira; Georgette Milliere; Christine Wilcox; Ronald Sagadore; Cristovao Cabral; Kata Babic.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Bridget Syme.

From the Pastor's Desk

We hear today the famous story of Jesus overturning the tables of the money changers and corrupt vendors operating within the temple. We can learn a lot from Jesus' righteous anger, seeing in his actions the passion he had for the House of God. Do we have that same passion for our faith? What are the 'tables' that need to be overturned in our lives? What are those things that hold us back in our relationship with God that we need to eliminate from the temple of our souls? Think about that question, pray about it, and humbly invite our Lord into your heart to begin the process of 'cleaning house' this Lent.

Quote of the Week

"We shall steer safely through every storm as long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God." — *St. Francis de Sales*

Sunday Smile

Dad: "How are your grades, son?" Son: "They're underwater, Dad." Dad: "What do you mean, underwater?" Son: "They're below C level."

KofC Family Curling

The Knights of Columbus Pieta Council of Holy Cross is proud to present our second annual Holy Cross Family Curling Day. Join us at the Acton Curling Club on Saturday, March 16, 2024. There are 3 time slots that you can sign up for:

DRAW 1: 10:30am – 1:30pm; **DRAW 2:** 2:00pm – 5:00pm

DRAW 1 & 2 - \$10 Per Person (12<) / \$5.00 per person (11>)

DRAW 3: 6:30pm – 10:30pm - \$20.00 per person *(Includes Curling & Dinner)*

No experience is necessary as we will have instructors there to teach you the basics. All equipment will be provided. Children under 12 years of age must wear a helmet and everyone is encouraged to wear head protection. You must bring a separate clean pair of running shoes. For more information or to sign up, please contact Daniel Dragicevic at dandragicevic17@gmail.com or call 905-302-7336.

Easter Basket Brigade - March 16th, 2023.

Note: this is the second Saturday of March Break.

CUHH is working hard to provide Easter Baskets for those in need in our community. This is a particularly difficult year for

many families and the need for our support is greater than in previous years. We need your help!

1. Donations: We are asking our Families in all of our congregations to share Easter with another family by providing funds to your Church Representative. Any amount of money is graciously accepted, to sponsor a whole family we ask for \$100 which will go toward purchasing **(2) \$50.00 Grocery Store Gift Store Cards (which CUHH will purchase on your behalf.)** To sponsor a needy family place cash (in an envelope marked EBB) or cheque (made out to Community Unity Halton Hills) in the offertory at Sunday Mass OR place envelopes through the Church mailbox located at the Parish office entrance. To get a tax receipt include your name and address with your donation.

2. Volunteers to Assemble and Deliver (Drivers needed): We will be gathering as a large group with other Churches to assemble and deliver the Easter Baskets at **9:30 am on March 16th**. More details to follow. To sign up to be part of this inspiring ecumenical experience please contact Celia Stokoe at holycrosscuhh@gmail.com

3. Easter Cards: We would like to get children involved by making Easter drawings to include with the gift card. Last year those drawings were really effective in making Easter special for those we helped. Please drop drawings and homemade cards into the box marked Easter Drawings in the narthex of the Church. All cards need to be received by Sunday March 10th to be included in this year's campaign.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a focused 40 day world-wide campaign of prayer, fasting, and a peaceful vigil for the first 40 days of Lent, Feb 14 – March 24, 2024. Our area campaign is held near the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street in Oakville. Will you dedicate an hour to changing hearts and minds of all who see you? We keep vigil in a small group, while holding a sign offering help and hope to pregnant women and anyone needing Post Abortion Support. For more information see www.40daysforLife.com/Oakville or contact Stephen Germann, 905-333-6472.

Thank You from Mission Youth

Dear Holy Cross Parish Family - We, the youth mission team, would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the support and generosity you've shown towards our upcoming missions trip to Montreal. Your encouragement and contributions have not only fueled our fundraising efforts but also helped us to see how brightly the light of Christ burns in Holy Cross Parish. Through your kindness, you've shared a vision for spreading love and compassion beyond our parish walls. Your belief in our mission gives us courage and deepens our commitment to serving others. As we prepare to embark on this transformative journey, your prayers and

support will remain as guiding lights, inspiring us to serve with humility, compassion, and grace. With heartfelt appreciation, *the Youth Mission Team Members.*

GFORCe3 - Almost There!

GFORCe3's second Afghan family could be here by mid-March. A 3-bedroom apartment has been rented. If you can help with any of the following items, please contact Susan Tupling at 416-200-8675. Set of dining room chairs, coffee table, coffee maker, microwave, kettle, Corelle (or similar) baking dishes, tea pot, sugar bowl and cream pitcher, bedside tables, single or double bed sheets, single or double blankets/duvets, sleeping pillows, metal storage rack.

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 **Lenten Day of Penance will take place on Saturday, March 16th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Congenital Heart Disease Awareness

According to Heart & Stroke Canada, congenital heart disease (CHD) is a heart condition you are born with. CHD can range from very minor conditions which never cause problems, to more serious conditions that require treatment. A CHD happens when the chambers, walls, or valves of the heart – or the blood vessels near the heart – don't develop normally before birth. It is important to know that the outlook for children with CHD has improved thanks to medical advances in Canada and around the world and that many adults can avoid or manage complications and improve their quality of life because of improvements in the management and care of CHD. Today, 9 in 10 children with congenital heart disease survive to adulthood. For more information, visit www.heartandstroke.ca

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

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