



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

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

Jane Santaluca, President
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(905) 873-2519

Holy Cross Youth Group

hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

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(905) 877-1779

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(905) 702-8001

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

| Date | Time | Holy Mass | Parish Meetings |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| SUNDAY, March 5 <i>Lent 1</i> | 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon | Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 49.14-15; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5; Matthew 6.24-34) | |
| MONDAY, March 6 | 6:30 p.m. | | 9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia |
| TUESDAY, March 7 | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour | |
| | 6 - 6:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Lenten Family Mass (Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15) (I) Catholic Education | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | CWL Executive Meeting - Cote Hall |
| WEDNESDAY March 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Jonah 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32) † Elisa Mendaglio | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | Lenten Session #1 - Cote Hall |
| THURSDAY, March 9 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7.7-12) † Silvano Guidotti, Stefan Amella, Maria Gaetano Borges, Maria Savarino, Pina & Pasquale Amella | |
| | 10:00 a.m. | | Lenten Session #1 - Narthex |
| | 6:15 p.m. | | Alpha Course - Cote Hall |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | <i>10:30am Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled</i> |
| FRIDAY, March 10 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Exekiel 18.21-28; Matthew 5.20-26) † Josephine Ennett † Michele Graziani & Linda Heaslip † Bernardo Palucci & Gina Graziani | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Mass at Bennett Centre | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross | |
| SATURDAY, March 11 | 4 - 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick Melvin; Christine Wilcox; Slavko Romic; Martha Genno; Carmela Santaluce; Robert David Parker; Ronald Sagadore. | This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Bridget Syme. |

Message from Father Cull • SEASON OF LENT

The *Season of Lent* begins with **Ash Wednesday** (March 1st). The imposition of ashes is a tangible sign that we are willing to repent and believe in the Gospel. During the 40 days we make sacrifices, take on penance, fast and abstain from non-essentials, so that we might focus more directly on the Lord in our lives. During this season, catechumens (those who are preparing for baptism) prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion – and all of us are invited to recall our baptism and adopt a penitential spirit to prepare for the joy of Easter.

Please prayerfully consider the following ways of entering more fully into the spirit of the Lenten season:

- **Joining me for two sessions of Lenten Reflections.** I will be offering two sessions this Lent. The sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Dates for the sessions are as follows: March 8/9 and March 22/23. I will be focussing on the writings of Father Timothy Radcliffe, OP.

- **Praying** over the scripture readings for each day of the Lenten season. You are encouraged to use the resource

that was made available this Lent entitled "The Joy of Mercy" by Father Joe Kempf.

-Fasting by giving some precious time each week to either participate at Holy Mass on Tuesday Evenings or to gather for the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Please also consider spending less time on social media and devote some additional time for works of charity.

-Almsgiving by setting aside one dollar a day in support of the Share Lent Offering (or some other charity such as Canadian Food for Children).

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 to the depth of our faith.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

– Words from Pope Francis

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS OF LENT

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. 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 to a number of dates and times when the sacrament will be available during the latter part of the Season of Lent, a **Parish Penance Celebration will take place on Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

BIRTHRIGHT MILTON

Baby bottles were handed out last weekend by a Birthright Volunteer. When you insert a cheque or fill your baby bottle with currency or coins you are helping to change the world - one life at a time - a ripple effect that will go on for eternity! Bottles are to be returned at each Mass the weekend of March 18/19. Tax receipts will also be available on March 18/19. If you prefer to donate online, please visit www.canadahelps.org and search for Birthright of Milton. Thank you for your tax deductible gift of life!

MARCH BREAK FAMILY SKATE

Plan to join us on Wednesday, March 15th from 7:15 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. at MoldMasters Arena. Tickets are \$5.00 per family and will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Hot chocolate, coffee and timbits are included.

CANCER ASSISTANCE SERVICES of Halton Hills

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) is looking for volunteers for their April residential campaign. If you're interested in canvassing door to door or putting out door hangers (not canvassing) for CASHh we would appreciate your support. Please contact the CASHh office at 905-702-8666. Thank you!

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