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Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 5 <i>Lent 2</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 6		No Mass	
TUESDAY, March 7	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Greta Spalding Martin	
WEDNESDAY, March 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marica Bukovcan	
THURSDAY, March 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Charles Irvin	
FRIDAY, March 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Robert & Teunis Van Ravens † Joseph Michael Ordanez † Alfredo Cirne (I) In Thanksgiving (I)Patti Birk	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 11	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Third Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria & Frank Vieira; Christine Wilcox; Rich Lorito; Marg Carney; Anna Simonyi; Marie & Gerald Haire; Deodata Almeida; Gaetano & Gerace Assunta Altomare.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Bridget Syme.

From the Pastor's Desk

We hear this Sunday about the Transfiguration of the Lord. It perhaps seems out of place to have a reading during Lent that points to Christ's glory, but by the same token it seems perfectly placed. During our time of penance we are reminded of the goal of our Lenten preparation – the goal of experiencing with great joy the resurrection of our Lord at Easter. For the disciples, the glimpse of his glory carries them through – it gives them the hope they need to carry them through the darkest days of Jesus' passion and death. For us too, at the early point in Lent, we're given a glimpse of his transfigured glory to carry us through, to help us to carry the cross of our penances so that we can fully rejoice in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Sunday Smile

A truck loaded with Vicks Vaporub overturned on the 401 and dumped the load everywhere! What a mess, but amazingly, there was no congestion for eight hours!

Quote of the Week

"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God." *St. Francis de Sales*

Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent

We will be hosting Stations of the Cross each Friday evening in Lent at 7pm. Join us each week as a beautiful way of living out this Lenten penitential journey in our lives!

Daily Lenten Reflections

Looking for a quick, 3-5 minute reflection on the daily readings through Lent? Fr. Dave is still posting a daily video on our Youtube and Facebook pages. You can find our Youtube channel at [youtube.com/@holycrossparish4741](https://www.youtube.com/@holycrossparish4741), and our Facebook page at [facebook.com/HCParishGeorgetown](https://www.facebook.com/HCParishGeorgetown)

Concert of Lenten Songs

On Friday, March 31st at 7pm, we will be hosting a concert of Lenten songs with John B. Miller and Friends (the group that offered a concert for us in Advent). Mark your calendar!

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

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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 25th from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Easter Basket Brigade - March 25th, 2023

CUHH is working hard to provide Easter Baskets for those in need in our community. 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 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 box in the narthex after mass OR place envelopes through the Church mailbox located at the Parish office entrance.

2. Volunteers to Assemble and Deliver (Drivers needed): We are pleased to announce that we will be gathering as a large group with other Churches to assemble and deliver the Easter Baskets at **9:30 am on March 25th.** More details to follow. To sign up to be part of this inspiring ecumenical experience please contact Celia Stokoe at cuhhholycross@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.

40 Days for Life Mass - St. Michael Parish, Oakville

Join us for the 40 Days for Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Lobsinger on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:30pm. St. Michael Parish, 181 Sewell Drive, Oakville. Refreshments to follow.

Young Adults Night - April 1st - 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

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 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 hamiltondiocese.com, or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Hospital Stays

For your information - Due to privacy laws, the hospital does not provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you! If it is an emergency, ask a nurse to contact the on-call priest.


Life Talks Conference

Are you concerned about the expansion of Medical Aid in Dying in Canada? Want to learn how to better support someone making an end of life or pregnancy decision? Do you know the warning signs of human trafficking? Do you struggle to talk to your kids about tough life issues topics? Come learn at Halton Alive's [Life Talks Conference](#): an in-person event featuring Canadian leaders, experts and advocates for life. Discover the education and inspiration you need to become a more effective ambassador for life by attending Life Talks. Register today! **Date:** March 25, 2023. **Cost:** \$40 Adults/\$20 Students (lunch & refreshments included). **Location:** St George's Church, 4691 Palladium Way, Burlington. **Details and registration:** www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks or call/text Elea 905-632-3232.

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