



# 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. ~ 12:00 Noon

## PARISH STAFF

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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
& 12:00 noon\*\*  
(\*\*Please note Mass time changes)

**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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

**Catholic Women's League**  
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905-877-1176  
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905-877-4451

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905-877-6928

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905-877-1779

**Saint Catherine School**  
905-702-8001

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 6 <i>Lent 1</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 7		No Mass	
TUESDAY, March 8	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Mary McLean	
WEDNESDAY, March 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) In thanksgiving	
THURSDAY, March 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Gael Knowles	
FRIDAY, March 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Adelino de Matos, Maria Raposo & Jose Fernando Raposo † Deceased Members of the Bumanlag Family † Cipras & Anne Matelis (I) Fedora Albert	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross - church	
SATURDAY, March 12	4:00 - 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> Sue Kennedy; Maria Gloria DaSilva; Luis Botelho; Marie & Gerald Haire; Christine Wilcox.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Bridget Syme.

### From the Pastor's Desk

With Ash Wednesday having come and gone, we now find ourselves diving into the Lenten season. The gospel passage this Sunday relates to us the story of Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness where he fasted and prayed to prepare for his earthly mission. We have this great opportunity to now journey with our Lord for these 40 days of Lenten preparation, committing ourselves to more prayer and penitential practices to renew our focus on Christ. The Ash Wednesday command to 'Repent and believe in the Gospel' should resonate with us over these next several weeks as we delve deeper into the great mysteries of our faith – of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection – reminding ourselves of just how incredible a sacrifice Christ made for you and I so that we may be freed from our sins.

### Sunday Smile

At a weekly Bible study, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Walt, to open the meeting with prayer. Walt did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" Walt replied, "I wasn't talking to you!"

### COVID Restrictions: Update

The Ontario Government has made major changes to COVID-19 protocols. Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, Churches may now open to full capacity. The ropes have been removed! **Masks continue to be required by all who attend Mass**, with infants and toddlers exempt. Social distancing mandates are no longer in place. The Diocesan vaccine policy for staff and volunteers has come to an end. The practise of those wishing to receive Holy Communion on the tongue coming up at the end in the priest's line remains. Thank you to all for your compliance!

### 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 Day of Penance: Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

MARCH 6, 2022

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

The Stations of the Cross will be offered on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. 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.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Fridays in Lent**

- This Lent, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon. It's a great opportunity to drop by to spend some quiet time with Our Lord. Sign-up sheets will be posted asking you to commit an hour of your time during the day to assure someone is always present during this time of Exposition.

**2018-2019 Mass Intentions**

The number of Masses requested in this parish is much greater than the number of Masses celebrated here. Fortunately for us there are many other parishes where this is not the case. For this reason we are now sending to our diocesan Chancery Office all those Mass intentions requested in 2018 and 2019 which we have not yet been able to schedule for celebration here. These Mass intentions will be sent on to parishes and missions where they can be celebrated in the near future.

**Attention CWL Members!**

Many of the Covid restrictions have finally lifted! On Tuesday, March 15, Holy Cross CWL council will be holding an "in-person" general meeting in Cote Hall at 7:30 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Join us for our first general meeting in over two years!

Please remember to wear your mask at all times, and maintain social distancing. Unfortunately, NO FOOD OR DRINK WILL BE PERMITTED, due to the necessity of wearing masks at all times.

**Morning & Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed**

Morning & Lunch Hour Supervisors are needed for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a paid position with duties that include supervising students while they eat lunch in their classrooms, and during outdoor recess time. Interested applicants must have completed a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening that has been dated within the last 6 months.

**St. Catherine of Alexandria School 8:50 - 9:20 a.m. and 12:05 - 1:05 p.m. daily** - contact Mr. Monaco ([MonacoV@hcdsb.org](mailto:MonacoV@hcdsb.org)) or Ms. Foster ([FosterJ2@hcdsb.org](mailto:FosterJ2@hcdsb.org))

**St. Francis of Assisi School 11:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m. daily** - contact Mr. Mark Witter at [WitterM@hcdsb.org](mailto:WitterM@hcdsb.org) or call 905-877-6928 if interested.

**Eramosa Physiotherapy - Shoulder Pain Webinar**

***Join us by Zoom on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*** Find out how physiotherapy can help improve your pain and restore shoulder function. Join EPA's knowledgeable Registered Physiotherapist, Meryl for a webinar all about what can cause shoulder pain and whether imaging or surgery are necessary. Meryl will go into detail about the following topics: Review of the anatomy of the shoulder; Causes of and risk factors for shoulder pain; Imaging of the back (x-rays, ultrasounds, MRI's); Treatment of shoulder pain (including physiotherapy, exercises, injections, surgery); In this webinar, you will also be provided with the opportunity to ask questions. Join the Zoom Meeting <https://eramosaphysio.zoom.us/j/85753773160> Meeting ID: 857 377 3160 or follow the link on the parish website.

**Halton Alive**

**Life Talks Conference:** Halton Alive presents to you an in-person, open air event packed with learning, development, fellowship, and forward thinking. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss! The conference will feature Canadian speakers who are leaders, experts, and advocates in the pro-life movement. Become a more effective ambassador for life this year by attending Life Talks and/or sponsoring a young person! **Date:** April 30, 2022 **Location:** 2054 Mountainside Dr, Burlington **Details and registration:** [www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks](http://www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks) or call/text Elea 365.366.3232

**Spring Flower Initiative:** Join Halton Alive in touching the hearts of 6,200 residents of long term care and retirement homes through our 2022 Inspire Hope Campaign! Volunteers needed to make and deliver 6,200 homemade Spring flowers! Includes discussion starters for parents, teachers and youth ministers to spark conversation about the value of the vulnerable in our society. Contact Tawnya Stanus at 905-632-3232 or sign up at [www.haltonalive.ca/inspirehopeflowers](http://www.haltonalive.ca/inspirehopeflowers)

**Online Spring Auction:** Support life-affirming education! Participate in or donate to Halton Alive's online Spring Auction. Ideal for finding Easter or Spring decor or that special something for Mothers' and Fathers' Day! Dates: March 21-24. Details: [www.haltonalive.ca/springauction](http://www.haltonalive.ca/springauction) or call Tawnya at 905-632-3232.

**Holy Cross HELPS Donations**

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

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