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*Established as a Parish in the
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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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

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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

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416-505-4354

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905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 7 Lent 3	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	<i>LIVE STREAM</i> Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY, March 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Mariathas J.	
TUESDAY, March 9	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Johnny Fitzpatrick	
WEDNESDAY March 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Silva	
THURSDAY, March 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle & Family	
FRIDAY, March 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Lucienne Sluis † Aleja Alanes (I) In thanksgiving (I) St. Anthony - in thanksgiving	
SATURDAY, March 13	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Luis Botelho; Frank Vieira; Ernest Gaspar; Giuseppe Falcicchio; Christine Wilcox; Jessie Milton. Int. of John & Maria Branco & Family; Int. of the Cachia Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Bridget Syme.

From the Pastor's Desk

It's hard to believe that the calendar turned the page to March this week and we are already at the 3rd Sunday of Lent! Time certainly seems to be flying by. We are busy here at the parish as well preparing for Holy Week, as well as launching into the celebration of 1st Reconciliation with over 200 of our grade 2 students. We're also looking forward to our Lenten Day of Penance on Saturday, March 20th from 10am-4:30pm. Mark your calendars for that day to receive God's mercy! We are also working on a registration system for the Masses and services of Holy Week like we did for our Christmas Masses. Stay tuned for details. As well, we're moving full steam ahead on the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign!* We were notified that some of the mailings have been delayed due to a disruption at Canada Post, but hopefully your packages will arrive in the coming days. As of last week we have been told that we already have \$48,000 pledged. Thank you so much for your generosity! Have a good week! – Fr. Dave

Tax Receipts for 2020

The charitable tax receipts from Holy Cross have been mailed to the address we have on file for you. If you haven't yet received your receipt, please contact the office. Also, please note that if you made a donation to the parish this year

online through the 'Canada Helps' website, your receipt has been issued by them, and was emailed to you at the time of your donation. If you have lost a receipt issued by Canada Helps, you can go to their website at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/ReceiptDownload.aspx>, enter your email address, and they will send you a new copy. Thank you all for your generosity!

Stations of the Cross

To limit gatherings outside of Mass, unfortunately this year we will not be able to offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings as is our tradition. We will offer this devotion online instead on our Facebook and Youtube channels. As well, there is a version of the Stations professionally filmed through the streets of Jerusalem that you may consider using this Lent. It is very well done, and you may find it at: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php>

Lenten Day of Penance at Holy Cross

Lent is always a traditional time of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year we will be hosting a full day of confessions in addition to our regular times for the sacrament of Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Our *Day of Penance* will take place on **Saturday, March 20th from 10am – 4:30pm**. At least one priest will be available at any time

during that window, with 3 priests available from 10am – 12pm. Mark your calendars and plan to come out that day to receive God’s mercy!

One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – We have Launched!

We have now officially launched our *One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign!* We look forward to moving forward with this campaign which will support the goals of our parish, and to also support shared ministries within the Diocese. The amount requested in the letter is a starting point for consideration but it is not meant to be an expectation. Rather, it is an invitation to prayerfully consider a pledge that makes sense for your family. You may receive a call from one of our Campaign Ambassadors over the next week or two to follow up and ask if you have any questions. The volunteers do not know what you have been asked to pledge, they are simply inviting you to participate, and to assist with clarifications about the Campaign. We ask you to welcome these calls from fellow parishioners, and have your questions ready! www.oneheartonesoul.ca/holycrossgeorgetown

One Heart, One Soul Campaign – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What changes are being made to the campaign process because of the current situation?

The options for parish projects that utilize campaign funds are even wider now and can include efforts to stabilize operating budgets. Pastors and parish leaders are encouraged to further review request amounts and their use to be sensitive to parishioners’ changing situations. Also, options have been expanded on how and whether personal visits are conducted. Face-to-face meetings are an important piece of the campaign, but safety is paramount, and a number of alternatives will also be utilized so that every parishioner’s situation is handled safely, sensitively and appropriately.

2. Can our parish use the campaign funds to address operating budget problems?

Yes. This applies to all parishes in coming waves that designate the fund for that purpose. Parishes that have already completed the campaign can use their funds only for the projects for which the money was raised. Those parishes’ challenges are not being ignored, however. The Diocese has created a separate fund to help parishes with significant operating budget needs created because of the shutdown.

3. Given the concerns about safety, can we do the campaign all by mail?

The Diocese’s concerns about safety are among the reasons that the completion of Waves 2 and 3 was delayed for a lengthy period. As we resume, the flexibility built into the campaign processes will give pastors and parish leaders options for adjustments that will allow them to structure their campaigns in a way that promotes safety. This also

takes into account that the campaign is not just about money. There is a significant, positive impact from the “personal” aspect of any parish project, including a campaign. We want the campaign’s goals to be effectively communicated, parishioners to have every opportunity to ask questions, volunteers to have a chance to express their support and, frankly, for parishioners to have the chance to simply talk with and get to know one another, albeit over the phone or from a safe distance.

Easter Basket Brigade - Community Unity

Partnering with other churches in town through the Community Unity initiative, we are asking for monetary donations to go toward buying gift cards for 175 families in need in our community this Easter. You are also welcome to write an Easter Card to a family and share God’s love between us. Please mark an envelope ‘Easter Basket’ with your donation, and it will be used for this purpose. Community Unity will be distributing these Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed

Lunch Hour Supervisor needed for St. Catherine of Alexandria School. This is a one hour (12:05 - 1:05 p.m.) per day 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. Contact Mr. Monaco (monacov@hcdsb.org) or Mr. Albani (albanit@hcdsb.org)

Development & Peace - SHARE LENT

Did you know that Development and Peace supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Colombia? This week in the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development. In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it. Discern and donate at devp.org/lent

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open with limited office hours. We will be open for in person visits on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Voice messages and emails are still being checked regularly. We will respond to any inquiries you may have as soon as they are received.

Lenten Reflection by Fr. Hayden - ‘Saints and the Path of Penance’

Each Thursday Evening at 7pm during Lent a new weekly reflection series by Fr. Hayden will be posted with the theme of ‘Saints and the Path of Penance.’ Be sure to tune in via our Facebook or Youtube pages!

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