

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Established as a Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 12 Noon  $\sim$  4:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.  $\sim$  4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m.  $\sim$  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\*\*

(\*\*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	Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 8 Lent 2	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Genesis 12.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.8b-10; Matthew 17.1-9)	
	7:00 p.m.		Parish Mission - church
MONDAY, March 9	2:00 p.m.		Prayer Shawl Mtg Sacred Heart
	6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass before Parish Mission (Dan. 9.3,4b-10; Luke 6.36-38) † Anna Moravac	
	7:00 p.m.		Parish Mission - church
TUESDAY, March 10	***5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Holy Hour	***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAY SCHEDULE***
	***5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAY SCHEDULE***
	***6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass before Parish Mission (Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31; Matthew 23.1-12) 🕆 Lois & Jim McDougall	***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAY SCHEDULE***
	7:00 p.m.		Parish Mission - church
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY, March 11	6:30 p.m. ***	Daily Mass before Parish Mission (Jer. 18.18-20; Matt. 20.17-28) † Margaret Siekierko	***NOTE: NO 9:00 a.m. MASS TODAY***
	7:00 p.m.		Parish Mission - church
	7:30 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, March 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 17.5-10; Luke 16.19-31) (I) In thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
	7:30 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rhrsl - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, March 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Gen. 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matt. 21.33-43, 45-46) † Souls in Purgatory † Leslie Weatherby † St. Joseph for sick & dying † Joe Power	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 14	4-4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Lent  Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Bridget Syme; Louis Botelho; Shannon Connolly; Nunzio Varricchio; Lucena Bumanlag; Michael Norris; Elvira Testa; Catrina Sabatini. Intentions of Patrick McCarthy.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of John & Cecilia Clare Gibson.

\$ 44,872.00

#### **COLLECTION REPORT**

TOTAL COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection • February 2020 \$ 37,095.00

Total number of regular envelopes — 1688

Average envelope donation — \$18.78

Building Fund \$ 7,777.00

#### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

As Lent rolls along, we continue to have a lot happening in the parish. On Sunday afternoon I was privileged to join our 6 RCIA candidates as we traveled to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton to celebrate the Rite of Lenten Renewal with Bishop Crosby, joining all other RCIA candidates across the Diocese. It was a beautiful

celebration as our candidates took the next step toward their reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil as we keep them in prayer! Meanwhile, back at the parish...our Liturgy Committee met Tuesday night to plan our Lent and Easter Liturgies - I thank all those in liturgical ministry for your continued commitment, and for your desire to assist us in our worship all year round. On Wednesday I visited CTK to give the students an opportunity for a Lenten Confession. It's always edifying as a priest to share this sacrament with our young people! On Wednesday I was also honoured to be a judge for the public speaking competition at St. Catherine's school. The choices were tough, but it was clear that we have many impressive young orators in our midst! Wednesday evening we hosted a volunteer orientation for the One Heart, Once Soul Capital Campaign. A big 'thank you' to all who have expressed their openness to assist. Saturday our CWL hosted their regional meeting here at Holy Cross starting with Mass at 9am - a great opportunity to gather so many of our parish leaders from throughout the Diocese! Until next week.... - Fr. Dave

#### PARISH LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR. DAVID PERRIN

We welcome Fr. David Perrin this weekend who is preaching all of our Sunday Masses as a way of launching us into our parish retreat. The retreat itself begins tonight (Sunday), March 8th at 7:00pm. It continues with talks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings also at 7pm. Please note that daily Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm on these days rather than at their regular times. The theme of the retreat is 'Conversion in the Ordinary: Discovering God in Everyday Life'. All are welcome!

### **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 Penance Celebration will take place on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

<u>Fridays in Lent</u> - This Lent, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until 6:45

p.m. in the Sacred Heart Room. It's a great opportunity to drop by to spend some quiet time with Our Lord. You can enter through the Parish Life Centre doors. 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.

#### THE 10:30 a.m. CHOIR IS SEEKING A PIANIST

After many dedicated years of leading the 10:30 a.m. Choir, Susan Baus will be stepping down from that role following Easter. We thank Susan for her years of service! At the same time, we are looking for someone to step-up to fill the void. If you play the piano (organ, or any instrument for that matter) we need your help! Please talk to Father by calling the office, or sending him an email at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com.

#### **CWL NEWS**

Do you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews graduating from high school this year? Graduating high school students who are members of Holy Cross Parish may be eligible for the CWL/Knights of Columbus bursary for \$1000! Check out the church website for more information.

#### MARCH BREAK FAMILY SKATE

Plan to join us on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for skating and hot chocolate, coffee and Timbits. We have rented a rink at MoldMasters from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and we would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5/family after all Masses on March 7/8. For more information or to purchase tickets contact the parish office.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS FROM COMMUNITY UNITY**

The Easter Basket Brigade will be taking place the weekend before Easter this year. For those of you who enjoy helping out please reserve April 3 and/or April 4 on your calendars. The Spring Yard Clean Up takes place in the morning of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends with a BBQ lunch. These are wonderful ways to help those in need by sharing our time and hard work with 22 other local churches while demonstrating the presence of Christ in our community. Hope to see you there.

#### **LOST AND FOUND**

Over the last several months we have had many items left behind in the church. For the next two weeks we will set out the items from our Lost and Found cupboard on tables in the narthex. Please take a minute to go over the tables to see if anything belongs to you. At the end of March any leftover items will be sent to Dr. Simone and Canadian Food for Children.

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