

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

Father David Walter, Pastor
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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**
(*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

Catholic Women's League

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 17 Lent 2	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Romans 10.8-13; Luke 4.1-13)	
	3:15 p.m.	<i>Holy Hour</i>	
MONDAY, March 18		No Mass	
TUESDAY, March 19	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15) † Maria Bunjo	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:30 p.m.		CWL General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY March 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Johan 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32) † Jozefa Sosnicka	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, March 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7.7-12) † Germana Pavao	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, March 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ezekiel 18.21-28; Matthew 5.20-26) † Souls in Purgatory † George Sebalj † Gloria Esperanza (I) Herta Hohendorf	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 23	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Joe Esteireiro; Maria Carreiro; Thomas McElroy; Maria Jesus Tavares; Joseph Cini; Larry Silva.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Thomas McElroy.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • March 3	\$ 8,456.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 390	
Average envelope donation – \$17.85	
Building Fund	\$ 320.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 8,776.00

HOLY HOUR to pray for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Bishop Crosby has decreed that all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton are to host a Holy Hour of Prayer for victims of sexual abuse on the 2nd Sunday of Lent each year. At Holy Cross, we will host the hour of prayer this **Sunday, March 17th from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.** Join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as we pray for the healing of those who have suffered such exploitation, and to pray for an end to this most tragic form of abuse.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & RECONCILIATION

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday Evenings

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays. 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, a **Parish Penance Celebration will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

LOOKING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Are you in Grade 4 or older? Would you like to get a front row seat at Mass? Become an Altar Server! Training for new servers will be scheduled soon - if you are interested, email the office with your contact information and the Mass that you most frequently attend, or speak with Fr. Dave after Mass. We would love to have you on our team!

CWL NEWS

This is just a quick reminder that the next CWL General Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m., following the 7:00 p.m. Mass., in Cote Hall. There will be a report from the Education Committee concerning the revised process for this year's school awards. The Committee has done an enormous amount of work on this, and we are grateful for their time and commitment.

The Health Challenge for March is "Take a break for stress relief," and the draw for those who participate in the monthly Health Challenge will take place at the meeting. The requested food bank donation for the meeting is cereals, cash or gift cards. We thank you for your on-going generosity.

This will be your last chance to pay your 2019 membership dues. If you are unable to attend the March General Council meeting, you can mail your membership dues to the CWL c/o Holy Cross Parish. Please do not put your membership dues in the weekly collection baskets.

And finally, as always, women of the Parish are welcome to join us at the meeting to see if they would like to become new members!

UPCOMING LENTEN RETREAT

St. Michael's Parish, 181 Sewell Road, Oakville is holding a Lenten Retreat with Archbishop Peter Hundt from Sunday, March 17 to Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. See the poster in the Narthex for further details or contact St. Michael's Parish at 905-844-7971.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

Please note I am working on the New Schedule running from April 29/30 to June 29/30. If you know of any weekend you are not available to serve, please email me

at mariebridgetsimpson@gmail.com or call at 905-873-9480. There will be a sign up posted in the Narthex for Holy Week: Palm Sunday, April 13/14; Holy Thursday, April 18; Good Friday, April 19; Easter Vigil Saturday, April 20; and Easter Sunday, April 21. It will be posted the weekends of March 23/24 & 30/31. If you are not going to be around for these two weekends please call me at 905-873-9480 and I will sign you up. Thank you for your consideration of the above requests. Please take time to read your e-mail on a regular basis as I try to keep you informed. *Marie Simpson, Ministry Co-ordinator.*

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

June 9, 2019 - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King 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). Please contact the parish office for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.




'One Heart, One Soul' kickoff is March 25

The One Heart, One Soul Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton is about to reach high gear! The 14 Pilot Wave Parishes have been busy planning the projects of theirs that will benefit from the campaign, and a public kickoff Mass will be held at noon on Monday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby and followed by a reception at the Cathedral.

The Pilot Wave Parishes will be holding kickoffs for their own efforts in April. Three additional waves over the next two years will allow every Parish in the Diocese to participate. Most of the funds from the three-year campaign will go to Parish projects, with a special emphasis on the Parishes most in need. A number of diocesan ministries will benefit as well.

A series of Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign can be found on the campaign website - www.oneheartonesoul.ca



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